

Parent Committee Meeting Notes

Meeting Date: 1/12/14

Present: Wally Zampella, Andy Gilmour, Erik Autor, Mechelle Coppock, Chris Cozadd, Jim Custer, Julie Custer, Anne Parker, Jeff Englander, and Millie Sjoberg.

- 1) Secretary Report: To be presented at next meeting.
- 2) Treasurer Report: To be presented at next meeting. Approximately \$20,400 available in troop account as of December 21, 2013. BSA has increased its annual dues from \$15 to \$24. The original motion to increase dues from \$120/year to \$130/year was modified to \$11/month (\$132/year) and approved by the attending Committee members. Scouts not expecting to complete a full year with the troop (transfers or reaching 18) can prorate their payment. Hildy Zampella has offered to assume the Treasurer position; committee members recommended complete transparency with the chair and treasurer operating in the same household.
- 3) Old Business:
 - Eagle Scout Courts of Honor: Liam O'Connell's Court of Honor was a success; his script and program are available electronically on the troop's shared drive. James Coppock's Court of Honor is scheduled for January 26th @ 3 PM. Mechelle Coppock says she will reach out for assistance to those that have offered to help with the court of honor.
 - Ski Trip Update: The ski trip will receive a \$2,000 troop subsidy; there are almost an equal number of adults attending with the scouts. Wally recommended a review of the trip to determine plans for the 2015 trip.
- 4) New Business:
 - Mulch Sales: Parents asked when mulch sales would be announced. Wally said there was discussion to meet over the holidays, but he would send a message to Steve Valley asking to meet and discuss the sales.
 - Journey to Excellence Results: Troop will receive Gold Award for 2013; the spreadsheet with results was sent on a weekly announcement. The 2014 criteria were passed to the SM and ASMs; there are few changed from 2013. JASM Jonathan Gilmour was asked by SM Jason Cothorn to research the SCOUTStrong criteria for troop implementation.
 - Troop Recharter: Due to district NLT February 28. Melissa Dana and Jim Custer have offered to process the paperwork. We will use dues payments (prior to recharter) to help determine whether any scouts might not register for 2014.
 - Review of Troop Membership and New Scout Prospects: Used Jason Cothorn's recent review of scout participation to address troop size projection for 2014-2105. Eight Webelos will join the troop in March, but there may be 10-14 departures based on inactivity, reaching 18, family moves, and reaching the rank of Eagle. Troop likely will pick up a few scouts over the summer. Next year's Webelos group in Pack 657 is relatively small; likely will have to draw from Chris Roussey's pack or other packs.
 - Scoutmaster and Committee Positions: Wally has contacted two adults (Chris and Mike Ross) and they have declined the position. Three other adults are under consideration: Craig

Scheuerman, Andrew Mitchell, and Paul Boos. Wally will highlight that the position should be 1 year with an option for another year. There has been a second notice sent to current parents to determine whether they wish another position within the committee. If there are no changes, the remaining positions will be offered to the new parents. Some of the more critical positions to fill are:

- Scoutmaster (taking over from Jason Cothorn)
- Secretary (taking over from Sharon Robbins)
- Activities Coordinator (taking over from Julie Custer)
- Merit Badge Counselor Coordinator (taking over for Mechelle Coppock)
- Court of Honor Coordinator and Board of Review Coordinator (taking over from Wally Zampella)

Wally is working on the assignments with Andrew Mitchell.

- Contact Roster: Wally asked if there was an updated contact roster. He will check whether the MyScouting.org data base generates a roster with addresses, email addresses, and phone numbers.

5) Next meeting scheduled for Sunday, 2/9/14 @ Zampella Residence.