

Parent Committee Meeting Notes

Meeting Date: 2/9/14

Present: Wally Zampella, Erik Autor, Mechelle Coppock, Chris Cozadd, Jim Custer, Julie Custer, Anne Davis, Millie Sjoberg, Chris Ross, Wendy O'Connor, Spike Parker, and Andrew Mitchell.

1) Eagle Presentation: Matthew Lowery

- Book Drive to benefit Pediatrics Unit waiting room at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, Contact: Sabrina Putney
- Goal: Collect at least 250 books
- How: 3 large boxes placed at church, school, American Legion
- Time: 1 week for collection
- Help: Work with other scouts and friends to sort the books by age and deliver, mother will drive
- Materials: 3 large boxes, poster paper, markers, packing tape, grocery bags to sort
- Funding: none needed
- Comments for consideration from PCM:
 - Clarify used not new books (won't refuse new books), stressing recycle
 - Check library and Barnes and Nobles for donations
 - Allow more than 1 week, extend as needed
 - Set out more than 3 boxes, possibly at Mt. Daniel, TJ, MEH, library, community center, American Legion box can be moved around
 - Build in time for mending "gently used" books
 - Advertising: get permission from schools, FC Times, FC News Patch, FC Post, FC Common Place
 - Consider supplemental storage location
 - Sorting can occur with logistical ease at American Legion
 - If collect more books than can be donated to WRNMM, give to the Red Cross
 - Consider making book shelves
- PCM unanimously approved Mr. Lowery's Eagle project.

2) Secretary Report: approved as revised.

3) Treasurer Report:

- \$3381 dues collected 2014, some partial and some used scout bucks, Wally will reach out to Thirkill family. Summer camp money not deposited yet.
- Wally working on budget. Need to include trailer tires.
- Tax exempt status – per Mechelle the American Legion (AL) has their own tax exempt number, Troop can't get one thru the AL because their bylaws require veterans status. BSA is tax exempt, but they are not our sponsor. Troop falls in a crevice. We can use AL's tax exempt with their permission.
- Chris Ross has opportunity for donation from Booze Allen, will try to use AL tax exempt #.

- Pay Pal – are all sales taxed? There is a 3% fee for each transaction. Spike will research tax and transaction costs as well as other impacts. Would be easier for parents. Wendy looking for square which we could tie to the Pay Pal account.

4) Old Business:

- Eagle Scout Court of Honor: James Coppock's Court of Honor was very successful.
- Ski Trip: Very successful. Would go back to Seven Springs.
- Valley Forge Campout: Expenses seem high, expect \$100 fee per scout to cover
- March Campout: PLC working on venue
- High Adventure: Philmont in 2015, Upper James River canoe trip in June, or alternative canoe trip in May as camp out if camporee does not happen, Lenhok'sin High Adventure Base may be an option for this year, but would require practice with backpacking.
- Summer Camp 2014: 19 registered so far. May need bikes.
- New Parent Packets: Mechelle will update with Wally

5) New Business:

- Recharter: Melissa reports recharter is on track. Jim Custer will obtain signatures.
- Scoutmaster update: No volunteers, Wally spoke with several parents that seemed like good candidates but would not be available until next year. Jeff Englander is willing to take on the responsibility for a 1 year term. Jim Custer recommends the 1 year term vs. the 3 year term recommended by BSA. Wally asked for recommendations from PLC will ask SPL. SPL/Scoutmaster relationship key. All PC present approved Jeff Englander for Scoutmaster.
- Mulch Sales: Mulch packets have been delivered. Incentive prizes awarded over the next month.

6) Next meeting scheduled for Sunday, 3/9/14 @ Zampella Residence, 108 Lounsbury Place.

