

Pack 77 Parent Planning Meeting Minutes
January 6, 2009
6:30 p.m. Meadowbrook Library

Present: Karen Catura, Pete Joda, Jackie Budelier, Lorenzo Majewski, Brian Birschbach, Deb Hansen, Laura Smolinski, Jennifer Arnold, Jeff Arnold, Joette Muffler, Andy Petersen, Kathryn Taylor, Jim Winfree, Ron Schmirler and Julie Aquavia

1. Treasurer's Report: current Balance is \$13,186.99 however, Pack still needs to pay for Council for popcorn. (Report will be posted on website).

1. December Pack Meeting Review: First half went well and was well organized, a bit chaotic when came back to gym until started with drawings. Ran out of cocoa. Discussion about purchasing our own containers for hot & cold drinks. This purchase was previously discussed but we had not taken action before. Kathryn Taylor moved to purchase 2 thermos containers, not to exceed \$30 each; motion was seconded and passed. Deb Hansen will be our designated purchaser for this item.

2. January Pack Meeting Theme: Amazing Games

a. Drumming Circle:

Lorenzo Majewski gave us an up date on Tom Gill and the Drumming Circle. Mr. Gill is available on 1/20 and can bring drums for 100 people. He would lead a 45 minute session and it would cost \$450. He can scale that back if we want only the scouts to participate and less time. Discussion was had as to whether we have spent that kind of money before and whether we could afford it. Julie gave some figures from past years as far as money that we have spent and how we have not spent all we have made with popcorn, carrying over money the last 2-3 years. Our estimate of the popcorn profit is about \$4,000 and we came into the end of November with \$1,908 which doesn't include any of this year's popcorn profits. We also have had a cake auction in the spring historically to raise money, and we could continue that if we need to raise funds. Motion made by Karen Catura to hire Tom Gill for drumming circle, motion 2nd by Kathryn Taylor. Motion passed.

b. Award Ceremony: any Bobcats ready?/ Bobcats that missed Nov mtg. /Others?
Patch distribution (parade, fall cleanup)

We discussed what other items needed to be addressed at the Pack meeting such as patch distribution (parade, fall clean up) and any bobcats. Kathryn Taylor explained that any scouts that missed the bobcat ceremony in November would receive a modified ceremony - not as detailed. Discussion about Council records that 5 webelos have not earned Bobcat award: All of Web. 2 (Alex Fusco, Henry Laste, Doug Muffler, & Tom Winfree) and Andruw Moncada from Webelos 1. Mr. Winfree indicated that they had earned their bobcats a while ago, and we know that Andruw joined as a second grade

student & probably did not go through the bobcat review. It was decided to catch up with those who earned bobcat but missed Nov mtg (Andy Wesson and we think Cole Klussendorf) at the Feb. meeting. Pete Joda indicated he would go over the bobcat with Andruw and will see if Robert Panek will be ready also. Jim Winfree said he had some pins earned for Webelos 2. He should get a list to Laura Smolinski. Kathryn has some patches for popcorn sellers - at least those who did show & sell. Wolves, Bears & Tigers should get recognition beads in den meetings.

c. Other

Julie mentioned that recharter/registration should occur at the January meeting, but it does not have to be part of the agenda/activities, but will be before the meeting and afterwards. She would like to prepare a "bill" for each scout with amount owed, update/verify contact information and send out by e-mail so that parents can bring to the meeting. It was explained that recharter is the dues paid to the National organization, that none of the money stays with the Pack or the Council and that our Pack "year" is February through January. Kathryn gave some examples how other packs collect this amount at the beginning of the year or pay for it out of popcorn profits. Julie asked if we were interested in paying for each scout's fee (\$10). Pete explained that his position was because it was for the National organization he preferred we did not do so. This was the general consensus. There was also discussion of the Pack paying for anyone who has a financial hardship to paying for dues and it was requested that information regarding that ability be made more clear in the rechartering information.

3. February Pack Mtg - Blue and Gold Update - Kathryn Taylor is spearheading this Pack meeting activities and will be working with the Webelo 2 parents. She would like to have a pot luck meal to share fellowship. We will have the Friends of Scouting presentation which is a fund raiser at the Council level. She may be asking the OA (Order of Arrow - Boy Scout level) to make a presentation or dance at the meeting.
4. Pinewood Derby Update - Julie Aquavia said that she had made initial contact with Mr. Charpentier about March 7 and that date is clear. She will fill out the paper work to use the school. She also said that we need someone to be the leader of this activity as Pete Joda was not able to do so this year. Kathryn asked if we could not split up the roles and we went through the items necessary and people signed up as follows:
 - Timing Software - Pete Joda
 - Track "rental" - Dave Muffler (per Joette)
 - Trophies - Jim Winfree
 - Rules & car distribution - Kathryn Taylor
 - Weigh-in - Andy Petersen (w/advice from P.Joda)
 - Concessions/food - Julie, with Jeff Arnold, Deb Hansen & others (maybe Mr. Coonen)
 - Adult cars - Kathryn
 - Voting for awards (most realistic, scout like, voter's favorite etc) -

We will probably have a mini meeting in a few weeks to review status of Pinewood

situation.

5. Popcorn prize update - no report other than it is not complete for scout's individual prizes. Kathryn & Julie to complete.
6. Camping update - there was some confusion about this item as Julie forgot why it was on agenda. Asked Kathryn for River Rats report. We have 19 individuals signed up for weekend in May (Mother's day weekend). She may be able to get a few more spots. Julie then remembered that it was for an update on a winter camping date at IMR per discussion at December meeting. Kathryn was not able to look at a date. Jeff Arnold offered to call and see what was still available. Karen Catura asked if River Rats was the camping she had signed up for, and it was explained that was for coordinator for Indian Mound Reservation parent/scout camping in the summer.
7. Winter Activity - Winter camping discussion led to update from Joette regarding winter activity. She had a couple of dates and times that there are free or reduced skating at either Eble or Nagawicka ice rinks during the Winter Jamboree. It was decided that she will double check the available dates & times, but that we would probably try for Friday 1/23 as many of the Webelos are signed up for Cub-O-Ree on Saturday 1/24. She will then send an e-mail for a decision so that we can put information out at the Pack meeting.
8. Leader Brainstorm meeting update - Kathryn will check into some dates for bowling and meeting and she has some coupons for the bowling. She will aim for end of January and maybe have a follow up date in February.
9. Next Pack Planning meeting Feb. 3, 2009
10. Roundtable January 7th, 2009 at Butler Middle School
11. A PowWow is being held on January 10th by the Glacier Ridge Council (west) in Deerfield outside of Madison if anyone is interested.

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