

Committee Meeting 12/10/19

Re-chartering

- Turning in tomorrow, 12/11/19. 20 youth registering and 26 adults. Among adults – there are 4 new – Marlene, Sean and Doug and Brandon Lisk.
- Alan Arslanian is willing to help out with black powder.
- Concerned about youth. There are a few in the group that will age out, we'll have a bit of a hole. Need to have a good recruiting year this year.
- For scouts who don't re-charter and there is money in their account, it gets absorbed back into the troop.

Scorecard for the year

- Measures things that make a scout program good – we typically over achieve.
- Things we can do better in:
 - Trained leadership – not skills training but committee member training...online or ASM training. If you can find an hour and log in to see what training you need.
 - Leadership and family engagement – suggests we run three courts of honor instead of two. Should we do more? Is there enough earned awards to warrant? Not sure when we would do it. Could do it if everyone feels strongly. Thought: having one every six months it might help motivate them to advance or turn in more stuff.

Where we could do better:

- Patrol method. – had no scouts at NYLT, will have 3 this year
- Long term camp – didn't have 70% of scouts attend because of the 4 that aged out – not concerned
- Building scouting – increasing membership by 10% or having at least 35 members.....also not concerned. Increasing by 10% is difficult.
- Things we did well:
 - Did well on having a plan every year. Could challenge on budget, but we do well on that.
 - Retention – retain most scouts
 - Have a den chief
 - Run recruiting events for webelos – got 5 this year
 - % of boys advancing in rank – doing well
 - Short term camping – we do it every month
 - Service projects – at least 5 reqd. – we do that w/fish fries and family picnic and clean ups
 - Very healthy – meet with Deacon Bill and he says thanks for making this only need to happen once a year. No concerns.
 - If any concerns bring them to John

Popcorn Results - Adrienne

- 12 scouts participated
- \$5,766 total - 66% from store front; 8% online – 26% order form
- Intention to work with Jacob to come up with ideas to help motivate the boys. Will bring to PLC.
- Benefits their accounts mostly, not the troop.

- If you don't sell \$350 you don't get anything from council. She's going to take that back to the council. They should get something for effort. Especially for cub scouts.
- Council overall sales were up from last year.

VA Hospital Collection

- Good collection this year. ~\$1,700. \$800 left from last year. Could buy a lot of stuff at Dollar store. Have some blankets from Senior Center. Maybe we could go up in quality a bit, especially in blankets.
- There's a Starbucks in lobby of VA Hospital– could we give gift cards? \$10? Could people possibly gamble with those? Should call and find out if allowed. If we don't do this, don't feel like we should have to spend all the money for 75 bags.
- Charity for sub zero mission – donate?
- Women's group makes mats about plastic bags for homeless vets to sleep on. – VHF?
- VA contact has been more responsive this year
- Keep ~\$400 in the bank from year to year.
- Can assess after shopping

Quartermaster - Will

- On the 7th fix up sleds for Klondike.
- Buy two new sets of skis, but there are some adults that have some for us to use.
 - Aaron will wax them.
 - Jacob is working on cub scout sled.
 - The 4th one, the Thunderbirds are adopting that to fix up because it's really bad.
 - Mr. Boyd and Mr. Olree have skis.
 - Need bungees and coolers (drinking) also.
 - Rob thinks we need a long, big igloo one too, the other one is broken.
 - May need other coolers too. Will to look at them and assess needs. They're on sale At Sam's Club.
 - Tents are ok.

Scoutmaster Update:

- Need some trained adults. Going to stress over the next few months.
 - Need some of the younger, newer ASM's trained – Need to get them trained to continue current activities
 - Shooting sports - Feb 8 a training, but conflicts with Justin's Eagle.
 - March 14th another one.
 - NRA Instructor training for rifles in April at Camp Fireland.
 - April 24-26 course in climbing - Level 1. Level 2 may only be every other year. For older adults already instructors, would not be required to take level 1. For others who want to become an instructor for climbing and rappelling they have to take Level 1.
 - Greatest concern is we had to skipped this year and fear it will fall off if we skip again.
 - Water sports - need to get on board with merit badge instructors.
- Received email from Mark Kyfas. Asked if we're doing anything for Dave M that he'd be happy to be a part of that. Thought it would be appropriate to do something. Reception? Evening to celebrate Dave? Don't know when, but, doesn't want it to be too

far out.

- Justin's Eagles Scout COH - Painesville Township Park Feb 8.
- Justin D and Scott are aging out in June/July. Will be riding them a bit to get done. Need to get their project squared away by January to have time.
- Jacob, Aaron, Ben and Sean next.

Financial Report – Mr. Benard

- Bank balance \$17,750.
- Scout accounts ~\$7500
- After re-chartering look at inactive scouts and move money from Scout accounts
- Available cash just over ~\$2,000 - not earmarked for anything
- Looking at website at work and his company will donate up to 100 hours to match his time volunteering – they will donate \$1,000 to the troop
- John U has that also and will look into it

Other

- Sign up for Klondike by the 6th for early bird. At PLC decided breakfast only and cook dinners, but that might change. But didn't hear the decision and can't determine amount for campout without that info.
- Uniform bank – get a couple new bins, current ones are old. Asking for 2. Would like to find a new adult to take over the uniform bank..
- Need to re-do our email list –
- Iron Chef and winter sports Valentine's Weekend at Stigwandish
- Mr. Knight said - Been sending reps to men's club meetings and they've been doing a great job. Going over well with them. Troop is in high regards with work they've done.
 - Men's club gave us \$600 for campership in spring because we help at fish fry. This is a donation. They sponsor us and we do work for them. \$250 for VA hospital. We could ask for things. Last meeting is in May and not again until September. If we need more campership funds it won't be a problem.

SPL Update - Scott

- Invitational went well...looking good for recruitment
- VA coming up-Jacob heading up. Next Saturday pack up
- Orienteering campout – new location – thought it was really nice (Firelands) and we should do more stuff there.
 - The hike was too easy because the trails had signs. Could make a new hike, no one went out to look and marked out trails there. Large property, could make our own.
- Great attendance.
- Iron Chef and winter sports Valentine's Weekend at Stigwandish