

Pack 118 Committee Meeting

12/7/08

Attendance: Jeremy Lowe, Brigid Millard, LeslieAnn Tan-Ragonjan, Deanna Scott, Ed Keenan, Dave Sweet, Mary Bichler, Suzy Pallotta, Kelley Curtis, Mike Featherstone

Scouting for Food

Scouting for food was a success, bringing in thousands of pounds of food for the local food banks.

The bowling activity was fun, though individuals expressed disappointment in the customer service at Kentwig Lanes. Suggestions were made to consider alternate sites for next year, like Stars in Vacaville or Pinole Valley Lanes in Pinole.

Rechartering

Rechartering is complete and Pack 118 did earn the Quality Unit status once again. All 2008/09 scouts and leaders will be awarded the Quality Unit badge at the January pack meeting. 53 patches and 3 pins will be ordered now, even though we won't be giving them out until January, because they tend to run out quickly at the Scout Store.

Volunteers Needed

The Pack is losing our volunteer for Advancement Chair and current Wolf Leader, LeslieAnn Tan-Ragonjan. Her family is relocating. We will need a new Advancement Chair as the current chair, Mary Bichler, will be moving on when the Webelos II bridge in March. The Pack is currently seeking a volunteer. Suzy Pallotta is considering the position.

We need a new leader to step up for the Webelos I den as the current leader, Steve Montgomery, has not been available lately. Mike Featherstone has agreed to help. The Webelos I den will meet with the Tiger den and break apart to work on den activities.

Scout Progress

The Webelos II scouts have all earned their badges and are working on their arrow of light. They are on target for a March bridging ceremony.

Jeremy reminded den leaders to coach parents on tracking scout accomplishments. Some scouts do not currently have their progress tracked. Jeremy will assist in showing parents how to use Scout Track.

Treasurer's Report

Pack 118 has \$2,212.65 in the First Bank account as of December 8. In November we paid all outstanding third quarter expenses up to and including the Halloween Party, a total of \$1,077.15. In November, checks were cashed for bowling at Kentwig Lanes (\$178.50) and the Scout Store Account (\$350.00).

There are two outstanding checks payable to Mt Diablo Silverado Council, one for \$1,072.00 for 2009 BSA Rechartering and Annual Boy's Life Subscriptions. 2009 Rechartering dues have been received from 33 boys. 8 boys still have to pay and Jeremy Lowe is following up with them. The other check is \$0.85 for a 2008 leader registration. This leaves \$1,139.80 for pack activities.

We will be working on a revised Pack Budget to reflect the increase in membership since July 2008.

First Bank has set up online access to the Pack account which will allow us to monitor the daily balance.

The Pack account at the Scout Store has \$280.00 as of December 6. Present signatories are Mary Bichler and Sabrina Kavanaugh. These need to be updated. The Committee agreed to add Ed Keenan as a signatory for the Scout Store.

TreeCycling

We will be doing TreeCycling again this year as it raises so much money for the Pack. We will place door hangers out on 12/13. Each den selected an area for distribution of the door hangers. All hangers do not have to be placed on the 13th. They just need to be up before Christmas, so dens can divide and conquer their areas however they like.

Tree pickups will be 12/27, 1/3 and 1/10. The voicemail has been set up so that customers can call to request tree pickups. We need volunteers and trucks to work these pickup days. This is more a parent activity than a scout activity. Emily Spaulding knows someone with a landscaping business who might be willing to let us use 2 of their large trucks.

Christmas Caroling

Event will be 12/23/08 at Merrill Gardens here in Vallejo from 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM. There are 55 assisted living residents. Everyone will be making Christmas Cards at the next den meeting to give to residents. If each scout makes 2, we should have enough.

Songs that we will be performing are: *Away in a Manager, Silent Night, Jingle Bells, Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer, Santa Claus is Coming, Up on the House Top, Frosty the Snowman (Cub Scout Version), O Christmas Tree, Deck the Halls, Twelve Days of Christmas (Cub Scout Version), We Wish You a Merry Christmas*

We will open with the "I am a Cub Scout" song (to the tune of "Frosty the Snowman"). Each den will also perform the song or skit that was performed at the November Pack Meeting to help fill the hour.

Pinewood Derby

The Pinewood Derby will be held January 25. The Committee agreed to purchase 41 Pinewood Derby cars. They will be purchased for \$4 and sold for \$2. Cars will be distributed at the first den meeting of the new year on January 3. We will need volunteers to help on the day of the event.

Pinewood Derby clinics will be held January 17 and January 24 at the Elks Lodge. It was suggested that as many cars as possible be weighed prior to the

Trophies will once again be given to the top 3 times in each den, the top 3 times in the pack and for various other creativity categories.

Blue & Gold Party

The Blue & Gold party will be on 2/22/09 at Post 550. The budget for this event will remain \$500. Deanna will be chairing this event. An organizers meeting will be scheduled soon to get the running order established. The theme is American ABCs.

Training

Jeremy expressed the need to get new leaders trained on the basics. This can be done online. There will be additional training opportunities coming in the new year as well.

Unit Scouter of the Year

Please submit nominations for Unit Scouter of the Year to Dave Sweet. The award is for any outstanding leader in the unit and the award will be given at the District Dinner at the Elks Lodge on Thursday, April 16th at 6:30 PM. All leaders in the Pack are encouraged to attend the dinner. Tickets are \$15.