

Pack 118 Committee Meeting

Monday, November 10, 2008

Roundtable Pizza, Springs Road

Attendance: Mike Ragonjan, LeslieAnn Ragonjan, Kathryn Mitchell, Mary Bichler, Emily Spaulding, Brigid Millard, Deanna Scott, Suzy Pallotta, Jeremy Lowe, Ed Keenan, Ed Millard

Apologies: Kelley Curtis, Mike Featherstone

Cubmaster Report

The Halloween Party was a great success. Thanks to Brigid Millard, Mary Bichler and Deanna Scott for organizing the evening.

On November 8, about 28 Cub Scouts helped distribute door hangers for Scouting for Food in the area between 80 and Columbus Parkway, Tennessee and Georgia. The following day we had 20 boys join with other Scouts from Vallejo, Benicia and American Canyon to place flags on Veteran's graves.

A letter of appreciation was received from American Legion, Post 550 thanking Pack 118 for keeping the parking lots around the Veterans Memorial Building free of trash.

We are continuing to recruit boys in all dens. The Bears will have to consider splitting as they now have 11 boys; this follows the successful split of the Wolves last month. More den chiefs are being recruited; one, possibly two, from Troop 77. Mike Featherstone has stepped up to be Assistant Cubmaster and LeslieAnn Ragonjan has stepped up to be Advancement Chair.

All new Cub Scouts are working on their Bobcat Awards and we hope to have the majority awarded at the November Pack meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Pack 118 has \$2,078.39 in the First Bank account. In addition there are \$959.19 of checks to be deposited, giving a total of \$3,037.58 as of November 10, 2008. Of this amount, \$418.00 is for 2009 Registration and \$495.16 is in Scout Accounts. This leaves a net \$2,124.42 for Pack activities.

All financial records of the Pack have been passed from Sabrina Kavanaugh to Ed Keenan. Signatories of the First Bank account were changed on November 8 to be Mary Bichler (Advancement Chair), Ed Keenan (Treasurer), Jeremy Lowe (Cubmaster) and Ed Millard (Committee Chair).

First Bank acknowledged that they have been wrongly charging the Pack a service fee of \$7.50 a month since January 2007. We will write a letter to the Branch Manager asking for repayment of \$175.00. No fees will be charged from now on. First Bank are setting up online access to the Pack account which should be available by November 20. This is a free service.

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

First Bank have offered to take the Cub Scouts on a tour of their Bank. They have special program teaching kids about personal finance. We should discuss how best dens can make use of this.

The Pack account at the Scout Store has \$31.51 as of November 4. It was decided to add another \$350 to the account.

Rechartering

This is the 56th year that Pack 118 has been chartered by the American Legion. Annual rechartering is underway led by Jeremy Lowe and Ed Millard. Lists of boys in each den have been compiled and requests have been made for \$35 annual dues. At this time we have had a 60% response. We are aiming to recharter on November 22.

TreeCycling

The City of Vallejo is once again organizing a TreeCycle pickup service to take away dispose of Christmas trees. This is a major fundraiser for the Pack, last year we made \$1,100. As last year there will be a stipend from the City, in addition to any donations we get from picking up trees, and this has been increased to \$1,000. Our area is slightly different from last year, from 80 eastwards to the city limits, and from Tennessee to 780.

Jeremy Lowe has set up the phone line, will monitor the voicemail and collate the collection lists; the City is printing door hangers and will advertise in the local media. Door hangers will be distributed by the Pack on the weekend of December 13/14. Ideas for advertising included distributing flyers to friends and at Christmas tree lots. Adults and trucks will be required on three Saturdays (12/27, 1/3, 1/10); Emily Spaulding volunteered to talk with a friend who owned a landscaping business and may be able to help.

Upcoming Events

Bowling will be at Kentwig Lanes at 2pm on November 15. It was agreed that boys who had helped with the Scouting for Food door hangers would have two games paid by the Pack at \$8.50 per boy. Thanks to Emily Spaulding and Ed Keenan for organizing.

Christmas Caroling in December was discussed. The date was set as Tuesday December 23 between 6:30 and 7:30. It as suggested that Merrill Gardens would be a good place to go; Mary Bichler is to make arrangements. Dens should work on Christmas cards for the residents. A song sheet will be developed based on the one from the 2007 Christmas Party.

The date of the Pack 118 Pinewood Derby was discussed. It was decided to provisionally set it as 2pm, Sunday January 25 at the Veterans Memorial Building. Jeremy will contact John Baptista to confirm and send round an e-mail asking for volunteers. This year Derby car kits will be sold at \$2 to encourage "ownership" of the car and discourage wastage.

The Blue and Gold will be held in late February or early March. Deanna Scott, Kathy Koford and Suzy Pallotta have stepped up to organize the event. They will meet with Jeremy Lowe to set a date and confirm booking the Veteran's Memorial Building with John Baptista.

Next Meeting

The next Pack 118 Committee meeting will be 6:30pm on Monday December 8 at the Roundtable Pizza on Springs Road.

Jeremy Lowe