

## **Pack 118 Committee Meeting February 9, 2009**

**Attendance:** Jeremy Lowe, Ed Millard, Ed Keenan, Mike Featherstone, Suzy Pallotta, Dan Burkhart, Kelley Curtis

### **Pinewood Derby Review**

Suggestions for improving the Pinewood Derby for 2010 were:

- Distribute cars in early December so families can work on them over the holidays.
- Host introductory workshop targeted at first-timers in December.
- Have 2 volunteers to run cars from finish to starting gate.

### **Leader Training**

- Ms. Pallotta and Mr. Burkhart completed the Wolf Leader Training
- Tiger leaders still need to complete training.
- Positive feedback was received regarding Boy Management Training completed on 2/8/09.
- March 7, 2009 is a Basic Adult Leadership Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) training regarding cub camping. It is from 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM in Benicia. The pack will cover costs of leaders who want to attend. One trained leader is required at any camping event.
- Each den has a Den Leader Handbook. Mr. Lowe is going to distribute a list of training resources available to the Pack.

### **VALCORE**

- Ms. Mitchell put together a VALCORE schedule for the year.
- 2/14/09 is the first required date. Tigers will cover the 9 – 10:30 AM shift. Wolf Den 3 will cover the 10:30 AM – 12 PM shift.
- On 2/28/09, the Wolf Den 4 will cover the 9 – 10:30 AM shift and the Bears will cover the 10:30 AM – 12 PM shift.
- Mr. Lowe requested leaders think about other ways we could spend our volunteer hours at VALCORE besides just tearing books. Washing the trucks was one suggestion.

### **Treasurer's Report**

- Pack 118 has \$2821.80 as of 2/9/09. \$1000 was received from the City of Vallejo on 2/9/09 for the TreeCycling. There are no outstanding checks, but there are \$879 in outstanding expenses. \$350 was deposited into the Scout Account on 1/23/08. The current balance is \$215.25 after awards, Den Leader handbooks and Den Chief cords were purchased.
- Mr. Keenan put together a rough 2009 budget. He requested feedback regarding any missing items. Pack-sponsored activities, like trips to museums, are one expense that is not currently projected.

- Suggestions were made for other fundraising activities, if needed, like hosting spaghetti feeds or participating in the popcorn sales. Some dens also collect dues to cover the cost of den activities. At this point, our expenses are not exceeding our revenue.
- The only annual obligation is the registration expense. The Pack keeps approximately \$13 of the \$35 registration fee.
- Treat sales at the Pinewood Derby paid for itself.
- First Bank has informed Mr. Lowe that they will start charging the Pack \$17.50 monthly account fee. Mr. Keenan will research other bank or credit union options that would either be free or lower cost.
- Mr. Keenan requested an annual calendar be published for the Pack.

### **Meeting Location**

- Mr. Lowe is going to meet with the Pastor at Four Square Church in hopes that we can continue to use the church as a meeting location after the Millards move to Boy Scouts. If that doesn't work, he requested we explore other possible locations: the Elks Club, other churches, etc.
- The Tiger Den also needs a new meeting location.

### **Blue & Gold**

- Leaders need to submit all award requests to Ms. Bichler by the end of the week.
- Trophies for the Pinewood Derby have been ordered.
- Mr. Lowe suggested we try to gather a parents' band to accompany the pack while singing our American Songs. Songs will include, Yankee Doodle, America the Beautiful, Grand Ole Flag, This Land is Your Land and a Happy Birthday Cub Scouts. Ms. Pallotta will attempt to organize a band.

### **Upcoming Events**

- The Webelos bridging ceremony is set for March. The bridge needs to be repaired prior to the event.
- Marksmanship Day is 3/28 in Martinez. The cost is \$15 per scout if the Pack registers by 2/28/08. Mr. Lowe will get information to the dens and will take registrations at the Blue & Gold. This cost of this event will not be sponsored by the Pack.
- A Lynch Canyon hike will be organized for April and an indoor rock climbing event will be scheduled for May.

### **Other Business**

- The Pack agreed that we should purchase Class B T-Shirts. Mr. Lowe will order a sizing kit at a cost of \$35 while we come up with the design.
- We still need a Committee Chair and VALCORE rep to replace Mr. Millard whose son is bridging to Boy Scouts next month. Ms. Curtis requested more information about the Committee Chair position and will check with Mr. Curtis regarding the VALCORE position.