

# **Pack 118 Committee Meeting**

## **1/14/09**

Attendance: Jeremy Lowe, Brigid Millard, Ed Millard, Ed Keenan, Mary Bichler, Suzy Pallotta, Kelley Curtis, Dan Burkhart, Kathryn Mitchell

### **Christmas Caroling**

Christmas caroling was a success. The pack thanks Susan Figlietti for the piano accompaniment. A suggestion was made to skip the 12 Days of Cub Scouts next year.

### **Treecycling**

252 trees were collected this year. \$2087 was raised, including the \$1000 from the city. The only expense was \$98 for gas. The Pack thanks Clay and Emily Spaulding for securing the landscaping trucks.

Suggestions for next year:

- A broom and dust pan are needed for the Bank of America parking lot
- We should charge more for flocked trees
- Having a trailer helps save time

### **Training**

All leaders should complete the online training. In addition, Jeremy will schedule a pack-sponsored Boy Management training. The training will be on Sunday, February 8 if the trainer is available and we have a location to hold it. Suggestions were made to check with Post 550 and JFK Library. The cost is \$20 per person for 3 hours of instruction. Once the training is completed, the Pack can have the trainers facilitate a Pack Meeting at no cost.

### **Open Committee Positions**

The committee decided it would be better to identify and recruit candidates for open committee positions rather than wait for a volunteer.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Pack 118 has \$2184.30 in the first Bank account as of January 12, 2009. This includes \$1047 from the TreeCycle donations. There are no outstanding checks. An invoice has been sent to the City of Vallejo for the \$1000 TreeCycle stipend.

The Pack account at the Scout Store is down to \$4 as of January 12, 2009. The committee agreed to deposit another \$350 to replenish the account.

The signatories on the account have been updated to Mary Bichler, Ed Keenan, Ed Millard and Jeremy Lowe.

### **Meeting Location**

Foursquare Church has generously allowed the Pack to meet in their facility because the Millards are members of the church. Now that Ed and Brigid Millard are moving on to Boy Scouts, we need to secure a meeting location. Ed will speak to the church officials, but we may need to find a new location.

### **Pinewood Derby**

The Pinewood Derby will be held January 25 at Post 550. It will serve as the Pack meeting for January and advancements will be awarded. Weigh-in will start at 1:30 PM.

Pinewood Derby clinics will be held January 17 and January 24 at the Elks Lodge from 1 PM – 3 PM. Please bring woodworking tools. Part of the track will be set up to test your car. Axels and wheels from the kit must be used.

Rules were e-mailed out to everyone. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place from each den will run in the finals. Trophies will be awarded to the top 3 spots in each den, the top 3 spots in the Pack. Trophies will also be given for various creativity categories. All trophies will be awarded at the Blue & Gold party in February.

Volunteers: Mary Bichler offered to purchase drinks to sell at the event. Bob Bichler will be the photographer. Deanna will bring her popcorn maker for snacks. Willie Mitchell will help set up the track. Damon Curtis will run the computer. Ed Millard will run the starting gate. Kelley Curtis will set cars up for the races.

### **VALCORE**

Our next VALCORE dates are February 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. Kathryn Mitchell will create a schedule for the dens participation at the VALCORE events. VALCORE will be changing the yard for improved safety. Adult volunteers will be needed to help with that move. It was agreed that the Webelos IIs would be excluded from the schedule due to their busy schedule in preparing for bridging.

### **Blue & Gold Party**

The Blue & Gold party will be on 2/22/09 at Post 550. The theme is American ABCs. Each den is responsible for decorating their table in the theme. Decorations can be reused for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. Blue table coverings will be provided.

We will put up a projector to show photos of Pack and Den activities throughout the year. Please send your photos to Jeremy.

Each Den will do a skit and the whole Pack will sing American themed songs. We need to secure a PA system for the event. This will be the Pack Meeting for the month and advancements will be awarded, along with trophies from the Pinewood Derby.

The Friends of Scouting representative will be attending the meeting. A suggestion was made to have a craft for the boys to do while the representative talks to the parents.

The original menu was going to include ribs & chicken, but the catering quotes were exorbitant. Suggestions were made to have hot dogs and nachos with toppings.

Volunteers are needed to help with set up (decorations and cooking). Jeremy will request that Post 550 be opened at 1 PM. Set-up will start at 2 PM. The event will be from 4 PM – 6 PM. We will also need volunteers to help run the buffet line. It is expected that everyone will stay and help with clean-up.

### **PA System**

It was again suggested that we purchase a PA system for the Pack for events like the Blue & Gold, the Webelos Bridging Ceremony, etc. The committee unanimously agreed.

### **Upcoming Events:**

Webelos Bridging: The bridging ceremony will take part during the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the March Pack Meeting, from 7:30 PM – 8 PM. The ceremony will take place in the stage room at Post 550. The Pack Meeting will be held on the other side so that the stage room can be set up for the ceremony.

Marksmanship Day: March 28, 2009 is a marksmanship day for scouts from 1 PM – 4 PM. Scouts will learn the safety rules and then be allowed to try archery and BB gun shooting. The committee agreed that this would be a good activity for the Pack. There is also an event for parents only on March 14<sup>th</sup> if any parents are concerned and want to check it out first.

Rock Climbing: Diablo Rock and other facilities offer rock climbing. The committee also agreed that this would be a good Pack activity.

Hiking: Another hike will be scheduled in the spring.