

## Committee Meeting 8-24-2020

Present: Adam, Francis, Greg, Mary K., Marlene R., Nico L., Steve De La Rosa, Marcia De La Rosa, Sherri Nielsen

### **Potential Fall Meeting Ideas**

Want to do something for a semi-regular troop meeting, or at the very least a troop check-in  
St. A's gym still closed, need to find an outdoor space to conduct meeting

Will try for Prairie Path Gazebo or Rotary Park

Date: September 14<sup>th</sup>

Not looking for a big activity; want to check-in on needed advancements and try to work out smaller meeting schedule

Maybe try assigning an adult to different scout levels for small meetings

### **Future Outings**

Would still like to do a basic scout skill outing locally – Waterfall Glen or Blackwell

Mary checked, cannot camp at local forest preserves yet

Can still make it a day outing, which can be fun

Need to pick a Saturday in September; Adam busy on 19<sup>th</sup>

September 12<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup> would probably be best options

Need to coordinate with other leaders

Intent is to work on basic scout skills, but older scouts are welcome to attend

### **SPL Updates**

Scavenger hunt went well; everyone who attended seemed to have a good time

Planning another one, this time potentially on bikes

### **Fundraising**

Chose not to do Popcorn sales this year

Will be doing Pumpkin Sales again this year

Pumpkins will be delivered October 2<sup>nd</sup>

Last year received about 800, this year ordered 1600

If COVID numbers go up, can cancel at last minute

Try to host a pumpkin carving contest event

Will need volunteers like last year

Discussion about other things to sell alongside pumpkins:

Firewood—a popular suggestion but will take a lot of work and time. Francis has connections to get free wood, but will require pickup trucks going out to get it, splitting, bundling, loading and unloading trucks, and selling. A lot of work, but could be highly profitable

Cookies—Another popular idea, along with other “Bake Sale” goods; Steve D. checked, should not be any health code violations. Will need to check with Fuel to make sure it is okay and we are not stepping on any toes.

Taffy Apples—the other big suggestion. Need to remember COVID and people may hesitate to buy homemade goods from scouts

World’s Finest Chocolate—Jim M. going to look into selling bars

Steve D. suggests everyone bring a sample of what treats they would like to sell to the next committee meeting; Adam seconds

Spaghetti Dinner is questionable for February

Could consider doing a drive-thru

Knights will be conducting a drive through Pancake Breakfast on September 13<sup>th</sup>, see how well they do to gauge potential profits

Need to look into purchasing a lot of the equipment we used to rent

Should still be able to get the food through Jordan’s old connections

Francis votes it is probably not a good idea

Will need to make serious decisions and start planning next committee meeting

Wreaths contacted Martha on 8/24; Greg forwarded email to Adam and Steve

Will be doing wreath sales per usual

Price increased by \$1 again this year

Went up last year too; troop did not increase its price

Need to increase our price by \$1 this year to maintain profits

Can try doing Flower Sale again in the Spring

## **Budget**

TFC increased recharter fee to \$25, taking cost up to \$105 before dues/troop fee

Last year cost was \$72, and troop charged \$150

Adults are now \$55 total

## **NEED TO HAVE A BUDGET MEETING**

Want to develop a payment plan

Want to start taking electronic payments like Venmo/Zelle

Square charges fees for using credit cards; is there a reasonable way to have people pay those fees if they want to pay by card?

What adults can we take off the charter? Who is really necessary?

It is required to be covered by BSA insurance for drivers; Sherri suggest that if we don’t want to rely on that, could take a number of adults off.

Would only be necessary for adults attending Summer camp/High Adventure or signing position specific documents

## **Neckerchiefs**

Mary K. ordering new neckerchiefs for the girls from Class B website. Will also order more for the boys; we ran out

Getting 12 of each

Total cost of about \$450

Committee vote: Approved

Reminded that only first neckerchief is free when scouts join troop; will be charged for extras and replacements

Francis suggest we start making our own

### **Recruiting**

Need to find a way to recruit online—try having scouts make a video for FB page?

Think of other ways to promote our FB page/Website to local school groups

Nico does not think online advertising will get us far; advocates for stronger den chief program as best way to keep Cubs in scouting

Pack 122 has been somewhat active; need to do more with them

Adam has a contact from Pack 157 in Lombard who was looking for Den Chiefs in February, probably still is

Possibly assign 2 scouts to a den to split time commitment

Potential Den Chiefs: Justin G., Hudson D. Josh J. is a den chief, but there has been a failure to communicate between him and Pack 122. Need an adult to step in and arrange an exact when and where for meeting

If we can get Pumpkin Carving Contest going, can use it as a recruiting event

### **Positions**

NEED NEW COMMITTEE CHAIR

Also need new Friends of Scouting Coordinator; Adam somehow still has all the cards

Next Committee Meeting scheduled for September 16<sup>th</sup>.