

PACK 301
Meeting Minutes
November 3, 2009

Members Present: Lora Scott, Jim Horton, Lia Martorana, Robert Clack, Beth Warnke, and Christine Edmondson

1. Minutes from 10/6/09 meeting - approved
2. Treasurer's Report
No report
3. Cubmaster Report
 - A. Impressive, fun, and very well organized Halloween Faire
 - B. Jim reported on a meeting he had with Derek Dormandy, Assistant Cubmaster about goals for Pack 301. A big goal last year was to increase parent participation. The goal was accomplished. The most important goal for the present year is to recruit and mentor additional parent leaders so that strong parent participation can be maintained. One strength is that many parents are eager to help and provide good support during events. To move to the next level, we need parents to be more involved in planning and preparing for the event. Presently, the Bear den parents have a strong foundation for parent leadership as they have volunteered to coordinate several of our major activities. We can build on this foundation by bringing parents from Tigers and Wolves dens in supportive roles.
Following Jim's comments, there was a discussion about how to facilitate parent involvement. We decided that one step is to distribute an interest survey during the November pack meeting and encourage parents to discuss the survey with their scout. Christine and Jim will work on the survey. In addition, next month we will discuss how to maintain Bear parent involvement as Webelos and continue to mentor new leadership in future Bear, Wolf, and Tiger parents.
4. Den Leaders
 - A. No Tiger report
 - B. Wolves - have an assistant den leader and a den chief helping. But next year - need to plan for two den leaders. This year's Bear group is a good model for what Wolves is likely to look like next year. Discussion - Do we have any parents, relatives etc. who are first responders and vets who could come to meetings as "real life heros?"
 - C. No Bear report
 - D. No Webelos I report
 - E. Webelos II - trying to recruit an arrow of light ceremony
5. Training
 - A. Roundtable at LDS church between Bullard and Barstow. Next meeting November 12, 2009.
 - B. Fast Start, This Is Scouting, and Youth Protection Training online www.seqb.org
 - C. There was a "Day of Training" on October 17th. Pack 301 had good participation with Robert Clack, Jill Goding, Beth Warnke, Michael Winton and one other person (sorry we didn't get your name - please let Christine know and she'll get it in the final draft of the minutes) attending - thank all of you for your time and dedication to Pack 301!

6. Fundraisers
 - A. Popcorn - about 12,000 as of today. Last year we had total says of \$12,000. Tonight is last night to turn in orders. We will probably go beyond last year in fundraising.
 - B. SHARE Cards - \$38 in September

7. Past Events
 - A. Halloween Faire - very impressive
 - B. Santa Cruz Boardwalk event - well organized, good meals, good time

8. Upcoming Events
 - A. Raingutter canceled because no one volunteered to be the leader for the event
 - B. December Caroling - Needs a leader; Beth will try to recruit someone for this.
 - C. Pinewood Derby - important to discuss at the activities meeting next week. Cars and rules need to go out soon.
 - D. Blue and Gold - needs a leader. The theme will be 100th anniversary of scouting
 - E. Arrow of Light - needs a leader. Christine has e-mailed the Webelos den parents to recruit a volunteer.

9. Awards - Due by Friday November 6th to Bruce Johnson

10. Old Business
 - A. Recruitment going well
 - B. Recharter - Jill Goding distributed recharter letter at Halloween Faire and via e-mail. Parents need to bring check for Recharter to den meeting or pack meeting by 11/26/09. You may also mail her a check - her address is in the letter. Fees \$50 for first cubscout and \$40 for each additional child who is a cubscout .
 - C. Positions to be filled:
 - Arrow of Light Chair
 - Communicate with Lora about ceremony ideas, plan ceremony, contact people to help with ceremony, and work with Lisa to prepare den for the ceremony
 - Crossing Over Chair
 - Duties are similar to those of themselves Arrow of Light Chair
 - Pack Welcoming Committee
 - Set up and be at a table where parents can get information about pack activities, plan an activity for the scouts and siblings while they are waiting for the meeting to begin.
 - Blue and Gold Chair
 - Communicate with Lora and Lia about banquet ideas, plan banquet with the committee (we have one committee member), work with den leaders to recruit volunteers to help with banquet set up, work with den leaders to have cubscouts make centerpieces for banquet tables, facilitate banquet setup with the help of the banquet committee and parent volunteers from dens.
 - Daycamp Chair
 - Contact Jim to learn about responsibilities
 - Assistant committee chair to run meeting if Lora is unable to come
 - Work with Lora to make the agenda, help everyone stay focused on the topic under discussion, monitor time during meeting to make sure agenda is covered.

11. New Business
 - A. No pack meeting in December because of conflicting school activities on that day
 - B. Would it be helpful to change our committee meeting time so that it is easier for den leaders and interested parents to attend?

Proposal - change committee meeting to 7:30 pm on first Tuesday of the month.
Discussion of the proposal. Alternate proposal to e-mail pack committee to get input. If we do decide 7:30 we should consider needs of children who need to stay with parent during the meeting (i.e. space for a "study hall." Jim will e-mail pack committee about this
 - C. Lia did the pack calendar - will e-mail to pack committee
In addition to the calendar, den leaders need to be reminded about their den's duties for the pack meeting.
 - D. Lora distributed forms to pack committee members and den leaders so that they may receive "knot awards" (official recognition from BSA for service).
12. Next Pack meeting November 17th
13. Next Pack Committee Meeting 12/1 - Lora will not be able to attend.