

When: December 5, 2007

Subject: December Parent Meeting

Present: The following people were in attendance: Tom Strach; Jill Martinez; Craig Leach; Julie Sitek; Liz Jarvis; Crystal Flood; Mike Soltis; Steve Griffith; Becky Barry; John Sas; Jeff Groth; Mary Quiggins; Sheryl Wittersheim; Jim Rhoad; Andrew Flood; Wells Werden

Tom Strach called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Jill Martinez distributed membership cards, which were issued for all new scouts. She stressed she has told the district we need new cards for all the boys, not just the new ones, as no new cards have been issued since the merger. There is some confusion, but it is being worked out.

FINANCIALS

Julie Sitek handed out a copy of the current Financial Statement. There is currently a balance of \$2493. In January, approximately \$1038 in Council registration fees will be due. We are currently about \$75 short for next year's camping. We are working through the bowling money. The derby cars cost about \$199. These are traditionally supplied to the boys by the pack.

AWARDS/SHOPPING LIST

There is still a hold on the Progress Toward Ranks totems and beads. We hear it should be resolved in January. We have the "1731" patches available; they cost \$3.50 each. If a den leader needs beads, pins etc., they should contact Liz Jarvis.

BOWLING

Bowling is scheduled for **Sunday, December 9**. So far, there are about 109 people registered. Many have not paid, though they have expressed interest in attending. This is frustrating. Jill Martinez offered to post a list of those who have paid registrations. Any others who plan on attending must work it out with their den leader. We need a person to coordinate with the bowling alley when we are there. Maybe Blake can do that. Jill will help Santa to hand out the race cars and candy canes to the boys.

ZOO SNOOZE

There are still three spots open for the Zoo Snooze in Toledo. The event takes place on **Saturday, June 7, 2008**, at the Toledo Zoo. If you want to go, contact Lynn ASAP so you can get your name on the list. More information is available at our website <http://www.freewebs.com/pack1731/events.html> .

JANUARY PACK MEETING

We need a den to coordinate the pack meeting in January. The meeting will take place on **January 17, at 7:00 p.m.** We will work on derby cars. The boys should bring their cars and designs. Cars will be distributed to boys who were not at bowling. Those who are willing to share their power tools should bring them, particularly sanders and saws. Jeff Groth and Den 4 offered to lead the January meeting. There will be a presentation by Friends of Scouting. Becky was commended for the Pack 1731 display at Coolidge. The display could be updated before the January pack meeting. Jeff suggested having Debbie Drury do it. Laurie Muffler should be the one to remove the boats from the display, as she knows whose they are.

OPEN LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

Some leadership positions within the pack will open after Webelos move up in February. These positions are Cubmaster; Webmaster; and Committee Chair. Cubmaster is a PR sort of role, emceeding, giving speeches. Wells will be the assistant Cubmaster, and will continue to help out. If there are several people interested, an election could be help for these positions. Blake Jarvis was nominated for the position of Cubmaster.

The Committee Chairperson interfaces with the council; thinks ahead to what the pack needs to be doing next; maintains the pack calendar; needs to be a “big-picture” type of person.

EVENT DEADLINES / MONEY COLLECTION

The pack will be more adamant about collecting money for functions. Pack leaders should not have to chase people to collect their fees. More of this will be delegated to the den leaders. We will also stress that fees must be paid with registration, otherwise their registration will not be processed.

TOLDEO MUDHENS SLEEPOVER

Jill Martinez will be coordinating this event. It will take place on **July 26, 2008**, in Toledo. It was fun last year, and the pack looks forward to participating again this year. More information is available at our website <http://www.freewebs.com/pack1731/mudhens2008.pdf> .

CAMPING

Mom & Me – it's one night, with the Tiger scouts and their moms. It is scheduled for **May 31/June1, at D-A**. The registration and fees are due by the February District Roundtable meeting. Holly Sas will coordinate this. More information is available at our website <http://www.freewebs.com/pack1731/momandme2008.pdf> .

Day Camp, Resident Camp – Chairs are needed to coordinate these camping events. We don't have dates yet. We will need health forms and registration fees for all the boys. For Day Camp, we need a 1:5 ratio of adults to boys, but we typically have closer to 1:2.

GOLD STARS

The pack asks every family to help out with one event. Not to necessarily chair an event, but to lend a hand. On the web site, those who have helped out will be awards Gold Stars. On the site, <http://www.freewebs.com/pack1731/goldstar.html>, there is a “**Click Here**” button, which will open an e-mail so you can contact the pack about ways your family can help with pack activities. We can all work together to make Pack 1731 a great place to be.

ONLINE ACHIEVEMENT TRACKERS

There are computerized systems available to help den leaders track the activities of the boys in their group. Go to the pack website, and click on Achievement Trackers, or go to (<http://www.madsenco.com/scouting.shtml>) from your browser.

There is also a link for uniforms, and information about how to wear pins and badges.

WORLD CONSERVATION AWARD

This is much easier to for a scout to earn as a Wolf than as a Bear or Webelo. Den Leaders, make sure you help the boys with some of these awards. Note: the Achievement Trackers help to track these awards, as well.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITY AWARD

It is likely that if your scouts attended camp, they have completed their Outdoor Activity Award requirements. Please check on your boys' activities, and see if they are accomplishing the requirements for this award.

CONTROLLED CHAOS

At scouting events, and particularly pack meetings, it is important for parents to model good behavior for their children. Scouts and other children should not be running around, especially indoors. If “Signs Up” has been called, Scouts AND THEIR PARENTS should be silent, and return the sign. Please do not continue chatting, as you may miss an important message. While the pack recognized that “boys will be boys,” we ask for everyone's help in facilitating a short, effective, and attentive meeting. We ask that parents be responsible for parenting their children at meetings, as we have no babysitters available. This is especially important during Opening and Closing Ceremonies, when we display respect to our flag. Thank you!

BLUE AND GOLD DINNER

There is an immediate need for someone to coordinate the Blue and Gold Dinner in February. We need a theme, location, caterer and entertainment. Liz Jarvis volunteered to coordinate the event.

U.S.S. SILVERSIDES

Wells knows someone who is interested in chairing a sleepover on the submarine *Silversides*—Jack Hurick. More information is needed about this event. The pack will investigate, and provide details later.

PINEWOOD DERBY

A chairperson is needed for this event. Team McClintock/Muffler was nominated. The race will take place on **Saturday, April 5**. There will be plenty of opportunities to lend a hand: timing, track set-up, weigh-in, and more. Please contact the pack if you'd like to lend a hand. Set-up will take place the night before the race. Races will take place according to the scouts' ages, oldest to youngest. Ryders Hobby Shop, on Five Mile, east of Merriman, will have a track permanently set up after the holidays, to test your car. They also have all sorts of goodies for your car available. Scouts who have graduated in February will be allowed to come back to race their cars.

The next Parent Meeting will be on **January 2, at 7:00 p.m.**, at St. Matthew's.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Jarvis