

LEADERSHIP MEETING

March 5th, 2009

Present: Rob Henry, Dean Vance, Andrea Colburn, John Gordon, John Siebert, Andrea McDonough

Matt from DeVry was in attendance to discuss rebuilding the Pinewood Derby track electronics as a school project. Budget would be about \$150-\$200 if it can be coordinated with the existing Finish Line software. Matt will give John S. an estimate of the actual cost of the project using the Pack's existing hardware. Due to the track size, Matt will check the logistics of where the track will be kept at DeVry and will coordinate with Andrea C. on that.

Blue & Gold

Positive feedback in general. Suggestions for next year: 1) have a buffet-style meal and maybe different food, 2) let the Web 2 choose the menu, 3) a shorter Crossover ceremony, 4) Friends of Scouting discussion during dinner, 5) have the ceremony at a location in Pickerington if size permits, 5) All agreed magician was good but the entertainment could be Scouting-related. 6) give Web 1 s some recognition at the pack meeting. Planning for next years' Blue and Gold will begin in fall.

Treasurer Report:

Another \$200 was spent on Blue & Gold expense. Balance is between \$8000 and \$8500. Dean will check what the balance was last year and get back to Andrea. Andrea will let leadership know to see how the budget compares to this time a year ago.

Monthly Pack Meeting Agenda:

Rank advancement for the scouts. It was discussed that some scouts may not be ready. Moving rank advancement to the April pack meeting was discussed as it is traditionally done at the March meeting. This can be decided later but consensus was to do it in March this year and the scouts finish their work afterwards. Rob volunteered Wolves to do a skit. Tigers will set up and tear down. Andrea will send an email to see which den can bring refreshments and John S. will talk to Bears.

John will give scouts the awards and badges as they are earned (i.e. Arrow of Light will be given when earned and the scout won't have to wait until Blue & Gold).

Dennis needs to know by March 13th who is getting awards.

Carnival – April 24th at Pickerington Elementary School. There will be a small pack meeting to give out awards. Andrea C. will make sure the school is reserved and coordinate a few people to go to PES and hand out flyers to teachers/students in all grades. Each den needs to bring a game and there needs to be some types of refreshment also. We also need to make sure there is

a way to follow up with people who come to the carnival and are interested in scouting. It was agreed that it would be a good idea for the scouts to wear their uniforms to school on that day.

Spring Campout Planning: Rob & Dennis

Any parents / leaders willing to help out?

Rob passed out a list of several good ideas (attached). Having a scavenger/clue hunt was also discussed. Buying flag-football equipment for the pack was suggested. The weather may be a consideration; it was suggested that the campground be reserved for 2 weeks in a row, with activities being held on the scheduled date indoors at Pickerington Elem. and the camping/outdoor activities being moved to the rain date if needed. The need for someone to lead a Sunday service was also discussed.

Leadership Training:

Rob and Susan Henry have it scheduled for March 15th from 1-5 at the Pickerington Public Library. All the leaders needing training have been signed up. Pack will reimburse for the \$20 fee. The email went out – if anyone needs the info, let me know. There is an alternate date Rob will send out. The pack also will now have several rangemasters, which will be needed at Camp Lazarus. The Camp Lazarus date will be reserved in fall. It was suggested that the pack have its' own BB guns and archery equipment. This was put on the agenda for next months' meeting and in the meantime Rob will price the equipment.

Carnival / Auction / Dinner at Pick Elem.

This event is to raise money for the PTO at Sycamore. Beth King suggested if Pack 256 wanted to set up a table, flyers, have a couple of games - could be a recruiting tool. Andrea C. will email den leaders to get some volunteers. Scouts could wear their uniforms to school on this date also.

Calendar of Events:

SUMMER ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE- mid to late April

*** **All leaders** Please invite one to two parents to be on the summer activities committee. First meeting will be held the last week in April so that information can be distributed at the May Campout.

Camporee-Centennial Scouting

Pack 256 is doing Publicity – need a volunteer still. Andrea has contact info for media. The second meeting for this is on Monday, March 30th, 7pm at Minute Man Pizza.

Swim Party- Was generally agreed that this should be done in Pickerington. A Friday night with a rain date of Saturday morning was discussed depending on the pool.

Pack Campout- It was suggested that this could be done with the outdoors Blue Jackets or Tecumseh performances where the scouts can camp and learn

“behind the scenes”. Parades, car wash, bike rodeo, and a Memorial Day flag are also on the agenda.

Misc.

New “Gear Guy” is Mark Wilson – thanks Mark!! Andrea will contact him regarding insurance and getting access to the gear.

New leaders still need to be fingerprinted.

John needs a ceremony book, Andrea will contact Lonnie or a new one will be purchased.

The pack still needs someone to do publicity.

The leader meetings will be held the first Thursday of the month.