

Fire Mountain Staff Alumni Association

Meeting Minutes – 7:00pm May 18, 2015 at Scout Office Everett

Board Members Present – Danny Lee, Lynn Strub, Dave Henrichsen, Jacob Burdette, Cory Shannahan, Curt Warner

Others Present - Janie Palmer, Brian Lechner, Bob Dybing

- Prior to the board meeting a **VOTE TO APPROVE** was conducted by e-mail; Dave informed the board members that he had received a quote for mattress purchase and that he had gather donations/pledges of the full \$2,000 and was asking for board approval to move forward with the purchase. It was approved by Dave, Lynn, Cory and Jacob via e-mail and **PASSED**
- **MOTION TO APPROVE** the April 2015 Minutes by Dave, 2nd by Curt, **PASSED** unanimously
- Financial report (as of 5/18/2015)
 - Checking \$22,942.65
 - CD - \$5,685.68
 - PayPay \$366.12
 - One additional dues paying member
 - Planning for a big membership push in the next newsletter and over the summer
- Website
 - Lynn working on updates to the website to comply with Google's new "mobile friend design" requirement which affects how we will appear in Google search results
- Fundraising
 - Still no pending payments for Amazon Smile purchases
 - We raised the full \$2,000 in donations for our contribution towards the staff mattress replacement. The council has agreed to purchase the remaining mattresses for staff.
 - We need to focus more on "direct asking" when it comes to gathering donations.
- Camp Projects
 - Curt continuing to work on / finish the bed frames and will spend over the \$500 that the association has provided. There was also some discussion about adding ¼ inch plywood in addition to the bunk slats due to concerns from the properties committee. The cost of that was a concern and Curt would look in to that if needed.
 - ~12-15 people attended the May 9th work party and the painting went well. Almost all of the cabins were completed. The bunkhouse and a couple of cabins are still remaining. Janie is planning on advertising a couple of weekends in June to complete the painting.

- Scott Suchan approached Dave asking for the association to reach out for feedback about the “swim beach of the future”, for us to find out what people want to see in their ideal swim beach. It was discussed that we may want to create a survey to gather feedback from the membership.
- A truck donated to camp from Black Mountain has a large Camp Black Mountain decal on the side. Steve Beccvar found that it would be ~\$375-400 to remove the old decal and have a Fire Mountain one added. Curt mentioned that he has a few car magnet decals on order and they may meet the need. He’s going to follow up on that.
- Summer Camp Events
 - June 27th 6pm – Alumni Staff Week BBQ
 - July 22nd 9pm – Pie Night
 - August 8th 3pm – TBD Social Event
 - August 16th 5pm – Camp sponsored end of camp banquet which alumni is invited to attend
 - Scott Suchan is doing a zipline / BBQ event for council donors on 6/20 and has invited the association to invite those we thought would be appropriate to reengage those who may not have been in camp in a few years as an opportunity to reach out to them. There was some discussion about potential people and Dave will reach out with the invite.
 - For the August 8th event there was some talk about potentially renting a house on Big Lake for the end of the season staff event on the lake. We talked about getting the funds back by having alumni friends / family rent the house.
- Scholarship
 - No applications have yet been received for this year yet.
- Open Forum
 - We discussed merchandising options. Curt mentioned it would be possible for us to cast our own pewter belt buckles if we had the mold. It was also talked about using something like CafePress to do “one off” clothing orders. We wouldn’t make as much money from the sales, but wouldn’t have the inventory costs and would make shipping easier.
 - \$400 was given to camp, per the budget for the staff member cash prize (\$50 per week)
 - \$500 was given to camp, per the budget to help offset the cost of the staff jackets
 - Janie will provide the current list of names so that we can start working on the staff name badges. She will provide updates as needed.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm