

## **Fire Mountain Staff Alumni Association**

### **Meeting Minutes – 7:00pm December 18, 2017 at Mount Baker Council Office**

**Board Members Present** – Cari Burdette, Dave Henrichsen, Brandon Lauterbach, Lynn Strub, Cory Shannahan, George Oxborrow

**Others Present** – Colleen Weeks

- November 2017 Minutes reviewed; Moved by Cory to approve as written, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lynn, passed unanimously
  
- Reports
  - Treasurers Report
    - Lynn submitted the current 2017 Budget vs Actuals as of today 12/18/2017 and the current DRAFT version of the 2018 Budget.
    - Maynard organized a Facebook fundraiser which appears to have received \$280 raised, I'm not sure if that will be doubled through matching, or if \$280 is the matched amount. Expect to receive the donation in 1Q2018.
    - AmazonSmile donation of \$10.97 received
    - Boeing Matching Dollars are being allocated to the Staff Housing Project per a previous Board vote which is why there is no accumulation on that income line item
    - Current Balances 12/18/2017:
      - Checking: \$10,161.79
      - CD: \$5,712.04
      - PayPal: \$162.84
    - Progress towards our \$20k goal toward the Staff Housing Project:
      - Actuals Received: \$10,350
      - Pending Pledges: \$2,100
      - Total Pledge + Actual: \$12,450
      - We owe the Council \$5,000 to complete our pledge to them.
  - Website / Social Media Report
    - Domain registration may be up for renewal in 2018. Lynn provided information to Dave who is going to check on the status and the cost. We previously registered for 5-years.
    - Facebook has been generating good feedback, comments, and interaction. There was talk about doing some additional videos / advertising of camp.

- New Camp Director
  - Dave talked about the new full-time Camp Director recently hired by the council. Rich Szymanski was previously the Camp Director in 1987/88 and has served in various levels of leadership/professional Scouting in the council. He has most recently been the Scout Executive of the Blue Mountain Council in Eastern Washington. He will be starting in the beginning of January. Colleen expects to meet with Rich in January to start knowledge transfer and identify her role going forward. George also plans on meeting with Rich sometime after his start date.
  - Rich is planning on attending the January meeting.
  
- Board Nominations for 2018 (will be closed at January 2018 meeting)
  - Brandon Lauterbach – Chair (previously elected)
  - Charlie Breeden – Chair-Elect or Board Member **(Colleen to check on accept)**
  - George Oxborrow – Chair-Elect **(thinking about accepting nomination)**
  - Lynn Strub – Treasurer (accepted nomination)
  - Dave Henrichsen – Secretary (accepted nomination)
  - Danny Lee – Board Member **(thinking about accepting)**
  - Cari Burdette – Board Member (accepted nomination)
  - Jacob Burdette – Board Member **(Cari checking on acceptance)**
  - Cory Shannahan – Board Member (accepted nomination)
  - Jacob Everson – Board Member **(Brandon checking on acceptance)**
  - Asahel “Ace” Jenkins – Board Member **(Brandon checking on acceptance)**
  
- 2018 Budget Draft
  - Lynn reviewed the draft budget for 2018. One of the biggest changes is the addition of a list of designated funds so that we are better able to track amount of money allocated/donated to specific causes like Crew 407 or Scholarship.
  - There were a few adjustments suggested such as increasing the staff cash award to account for an additional week of camp and to zero out the funding for promotion as we aren’t doing much printing/mailing now.
  - Lynn will make the suggested updates and bring for an additional review at the January meeting.
  
- Projects
  - Crew 407
    - Crew spent a weekend up at Fire Mountain in November planning and doing a service project.
    - They are planning several social outings over the next few months like a movie night and ice skating.
    - \$60 has been donated specifically to the crew and was added to the 2018 budget / designated funds. Dave said additional funding for Crew activities could be received on a by need basis.

- Alumni Staff Building Fundraising
    - Need to follow up with those who pledged money
    - Steven Davis reached out to Dave and Lynn with some fund-raising ideas/suggestions. Dave is going to follow up with Steven.
  - Camp Promotion / Staff Promotion
    - Nothing new to report
  - Camp Stewardship Plan / Merit Badge Curriculum
    - George talked with Duane about his goals for merit badge program at camp. Duane's idea is to reduce the number of badges offered and to focus on the quality of the outdoor merit badges. George plans on revisiting the goals and objectives with the new Camp Director once he is on board.
    - George talked with the Outdoor Recreation program at Western Washington University to find out their requirements for an internship program. It sounds like it would be possible to get Fire Mountain to count for internship credit with Western but they would need to meet with the Camp Director to work out the details. George is going to follow up with Rich on this as well.
- Fall Events
  - Christmas Party
    - Christmas Party is still on at the Henrichsen Home 12/30/2017 at 6pm. Invitations and a Facebook event have been sent out.
- Spring / Future Events
  - Senior Staff Retreat
    - Planning for this event is on hold until Rich comes on board and decides how he would like to see it come together.
- Meeting adjourned 8:15pm