

Fire Mountain Alumni association Board Meeting

November 21, 2022

In attendance: Lynn Strub, Ed Lambert, Wendy Chambers, JoLynn Garrett, Cari Burdette, Bob Dybing

Last meetings minutes – Lynn moves to approve, JoLynn seconds. Minutes approved.

Treasurers report – some checks outstanding, for troop 911

Annual Report – WA still claiming report is not yet filed, but they cashed the check that was with it. Lynn to continue to follow up.

Website & Social media report – Lynn submitted a bunch of Google maps updates for buildings, trails and roads. Some have not yet been accepted, but building updates were accepted. Upcoming buildings are not yet uploaded.

Tree planting – Sven did not know about it, so would like updates in the future. 500 sq ft of blackberries were cleared; about two dozen trees planted.

Alumni Homecoming – 43 Served for dinner. Indoor campfire was fun and entertaining.

Remap of Cultus – worked pretty well. Got maps from DNR and country, CK, Dave, Natalie, Mike Lowry participated. Made it from water filter logging road up to the next logging road connection. Lowry did a GPS mapping trick and got the new path to overlay the map to locate. Next we want to connect with the next logging road to connect to the summit. Need permission from logging company to cross their land (Weyerhaeuser). Revisit in the spring. Get key to access other road.

Haunted Camp – over 500 in attendance. A bunch of folks enjoyed the museum.

Alumni Xmas party – Sat Dec 17, 4-8pm at camp. Sven would like a turkey dinner. Ethan will be there so it can be prepped in Knoll Lodge. Potluck? Side items? JoLynn will personally hunt a turkey come rain, come snow, come gloom of night. Fire Eagles Nest: White Elephant, decorate a tree (real or artificial pre-lit tree). JoLynn will ask Sven and see if storing that somewhere is a possibility. Bring an ornament to donate. Need a bin to store ornaments. This will require a pre-register for food. Random and strange sides or desserts encouraged. FB, EM, Discord, postcard mailings to staff of 2022. Any others? JoLynn and Wendy think yes. Mail to all for whom we have addresses? Cari & Bob are on the fence. We have 481 addresses are on file. About 400 actual addresses available. JoLynn will talk to Dave to see what his take is on this.

Lynn moves that we spend up to \$500 on an artificial tree, pending discussion with Sven if there is room to store it well. Ed seconds. Motion passed.

Museum Update – last year's attendance 1028, this year so far 2,224. Way more events this year with the museum open. Haunted Camp was the largest attendance in one day (400), Woodbadge day was lowest (12). Dean Evans reached out re calendar for sale. Two were sent and he will donate \$18 to FMSAA. Spare patches for sale. Keep the best quality items and sell others. \$2 for sale: gold border Six

Mox Lamonti ghost patch. Worth \$1,500 per Pat Smith. An anonymous person is donating another S2 patch. Two buyers, each for \$2k. Total \$4k for the museum. Over the summer over \$900 has been raised in the sale of duplicate books and patches. That is then put back into the museum. Kevin Nichols to get signed photo of Secretary Gates. Already have President Ford. Permanent shelving in storage unit is a go. Jason Walter will install them. We still have a storage problem. Anticipate 12 more storage bins to be added. Currently have 62 full bins. Dec 3 final measurements. Need a couple of days to accomplish these tasks. Draft museum schedule to Sven for approval. No answer yet received. Cabinets are still needed. Two alumni have been contacted for building custom cabinets funded by Mr. McKinley. We have received quotes. Plan is for two cabinets. Installation planned for first quarter of next year. One of the Kelcema boards from the potlatch room as been removed. A big one still needs to be removed. Relocate to new SM lounge by the first aid station. Current issues on Ed's new phone reading CCs for payments. Need new slider or chip reader or tap. Jacob Burdette would donate a square reader. It does tap and chip reads. Per Jacob – new iPhones have tap technology.

Ed has a personal mannequin in his room. JoLynn has snorted. Bought for \$30 at JC Penny and used for personal seasonal displays.

2023 planning; Events? Projects?

Sock Lottery!

Staff Cash Awards! Currently 2 x \$25 a week. Open for discussion increase to amounts.

Merit Badge Extravaganza?

Ask the staff at Alumni Xmas Event.

Camp fees to increase to significantly increase staff salaries. \$100 per scout, \$30 to \$0 per adult.

Need to invest in our ranger. Marie has moved. Steve will not be there forever. Ethan: Kansas City, MO in January for national camp school, chainsaw safety school. Ideal: basic plumbing and handyman trainings. Ranger job is primarily camp maintenance, not building. 2023 may be Steve's last summer at FM.