

Fire Mountain Staff Alumni Association

Board of Directors Meeting

August 21, 2023 7:04pm

In attendance: Dave Henrichsen, Lynn Strub, Mike Lowry, Edwin Lambert, JoLynn Garrett, Brian Bianco, Kyle McCaffrey

May minutes – JoLynn moves to approve the May minutes, Dave seconds. Minutes approved.

Agenda: How did summer camp go? Museum? Staffing?

Museum saw the most action! Ed – weekly update for all weeks, including Philmont. Bin and books review done. Attendance 60 week 1, \$399, week 2 – 100, \$125, week 3 – 60 \$143, week 5 126, \$481 sales. 36 August 9 event. Total 860 this year total. Down from last year. No 50th anniversary, no memorial weekend, attendance for camp was down. About 400 less than 2022. Sold a lot of personal patches. Sold a bunch of handbooks for \$10 (100% profit).

Up to a dozen Camp Sevenich items now. Up to 50 Camp Black mountain items now. Many great Jamboree items found, framed, displayed. All magazines in protective covers.

Sept 3 – Pat Smith is running museum 9-11am, 1-5pm for family camp.

Oct 7 Neil & Bev

Oct 14 Museum BOD meeting and fall fellowship

Oct 28 1-6 Haunted Camp

Projected attendance is 1800 for the year

Conversation with Rich Goode – where does the \$ come from, what's the goal, solutions? Display case adventure. Mr McKinley may or may not be supporting the museum. Don't count him out yet.

Long term: What if we build a brand new building moved to the parking lot?

Need structure for museum leadership.

Museum has made \$1562 of sales this year. Two checks for framing and magazine covers expenses.

No issues with reimbursements, just takes a bit of time. Paperwork is done beautifully by Ed.

Question – how much to get an outside outlet put on the Salishan? Can we get it done by Haunted Camp? Junction box on SW corner. Ideally, there would be 2. Can perhaps match to the one on the inside wall. Step one – get approval from properties committee now, then find a volunteer.

Scott Marchand lost the office/storage space. New quote needed, but now he needs a place to store the pieces. Ed - can we add a storage rental in the contract? Lynn to follow up.

A/C is great! Keeping 66 degrees for summer. Moving up to 68 in winter.

Understanding is that A/C Unit is to be replaced in the next year's budget. 10 year anniversary of the last renovation.

Got a grant for an amazing erosion table – CK Eidem headed up. \$5,000 grant received – Lummi Tribe.

Ideas from the summer –

1. FM Merit Badge Madness – first week of July. Challenge was leadership – scouts in the campsites, teaching merit badges. Future plan for summer – FMSAA provide some adult volunteers, (particular focus on alumni adults with scout kids), provide merit badge support, form the Aluminati unit. Fall event needs merit badge counselors. Garrett's – cit in society, engineering.
2. Long-term staffing issues – really need 21+ staff. See Dave's Blaze the Trail plan. Issues – out of state colleges, animosity if not chosen – how to handle, what if we don't want them to work there at year 3?, hardship exemptions, how to deal with broke staff who can't afford to repay the scholarship if they bail on the contract? Current year had only 30 staff. Budget was for 65. Peak was only 32.
3. Bob McCaughan – promote a program to get alumni to come and help one day a week each week.
559 youth, 158 adults = 717 total attendance. Last year was 1,086 youth, 314 adults.
JoLynn to summarize the requirements of a one-day-a-week staffer: YP, med forms, training, etc.

Summer camp highlights – JoLynn's last season as program director. She will come back one more year to help train new program director. Perhaps attend as medic. Staff loved boost in recognition fund. New rangers: Tony and wife Rebecca (expecting baby Sept 5). Smoker on property would be cool. JoLynn brought personal smoker up to do scoutmaster lunches – favored. NYLT went great.

4. Two donation already received for next year's sock lottery.
5. Chicken Nugget brick.
6. Baby registry: <https://babylist.com/list/baby-rebecca-maca>
7. Recharter –
8. Christmas Party Date –

Meeting adjourned 8:14pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.