

Fire Mountain Staff Alumni Association

December 18, 2023

In attendance: Edwin Lambert, Wendy Chambers, Ryan Larsen, Lynn Strub, Kyle McCaffery, Mike Lowry, JoLynn Garrett,

Wendy to re-request recording of November meeting for minutes.

Ryan Larsen – Tom Herwick needs help with wood for heating. Having a rough year, health-wise. Need able bodies for work party in early January. Lives in Concrete; cutting up downed trees, moving and stacking wood. JoLynn to post on Discord and contact rangers; they come with chainsaws. Lynn will be point for putting out the info from Ryan. Hoping for half a dozen people.

Budget: no report for December. Dave and CK got a \$5k grant from Tulalip Tribe to build/buy the stream tables. Cost is currently \$7,000 each. Request for FMSAA to consider for February budget item to make up the difference.

The council has a contractor (“some woman” as per Lynn) whom they to write grants for larger dollar grants that are available. She is only engaged for larger projects, but there is a contact.

Kyle – adding dimmer switches on the dining hall; council is planning to swap out the fixtures in the next year. Kyle will check with some dude to ensure that the new fixtures will be dimmable.

Boeing is donating new stove/ranges! And paying for the “free labor.”

Museum: 25 attendance during Xmas party. 1,634 annual attendance YTD; 2,224 was in 2022. 2022 had 50th anniversary and Jim Hovis memorial that added to the numbers.

Framed patch sets are now in the museum. Catalogued 2023 Scoutlife collection. Some frames fixed, met with Sven to pinpoint council calendar, not yet officially linked to museum website.

10th anniversary June 22, 4-7pm event, followed by Traditional FM BBQ

Pick 10 items to represent 10th anniversary or Council History; one from each camp and council and lodge

Council event – popcorn sale 9am-12pm June 22

Next project: Phase one - categories for digital archives are set in the catalog; Steve Maurer has 149k pictures and he will match the pics by catalog categories; Pat Smith and Dave Henrichsen pics also need to come in

Phase two: maps, songbooks, staff guides

Ed’s job as curator is to preserve the history for future generations; catalog and safely store the collection

Ed wants to public acknowledge the Alumni Association in its role for helping to make the museum as impressive as it is today and growing; just under \$5k people have been through the museum in the past few years

Cub Scout - 426

Haunted - 214

Council Camporee - 114

Week 5 BBQ 126

Week 2 - 126

Week 4 - 100

Fire Mountain: Wedding & Funeral section in special events – yes; Wendy to contact Amber to send Ed pictures for archives

Watchtower foundation work to start in Jan or Feb; 18x18 foot room at the top for classes

Our zipline has an uncertain future; island is unstable and the cost and feasibility of maintenance is high

Ed: FMSAA - heaters for staff cabins; JoLynn will check with Sven; check minutes of the past few months of meetings to see if FMSAA pledged any dollars toward this. There are 14 cabins; maybe 6 heaters

Kyle – heard there is a plan in the works to provide mini-splits to provide staff cabins with heat and AC; no idea the time line.

Where will annual meeting be held in Feb; Alf's Pizza in Marysville Feb 19, 5pm; Move to Round Table 6pm as they stay open until 9pm; JoLynn will check and see if we can get accommodations there.

Mike Lowry agreed with silent assent to every proposal.

Meeting adjourned: 7:45pm