

Fire Mtn. Staff Alumni Association
General Membership Meeting
February 19, 2024

Jolynn welcomed everyone to the annual meeting.

Dave moves to approve minutes from January meeting Mike 2nds. Motion unanimous.

Report from Camp - Asst ranger Eathan Garrett is now officially and on the council payroll. Lots of pipes burst in the dining hall. Will be doing a deep clean in a few weeks. Summer camp and Seasonal camp staff have been doing work parties and trainings monthly to help keep camp operational through the seasons. First weekend of each month, everyone is invited. Summer camp staff hiring has begun. Seasonal staff is needed.

Budget report was shared, we will need to write a 2024 budget, we usually have one ready to approve for this meeting but Dave wasn't at the last two board meetings to discuss project ideas. Dave will draft a budget based on discussions from tonight and share it at the next board meeting for revisions/approval.

Discussion about what we want to do in 2024-2025

- Want to do events with upcoming staffers.
- Events with Alumni and families
- Run a week long program (merit badge madness week) where alumni and families are invited to spend the week at camp, mingle with the staff, teach merit badges, etc. Will Be August 12-16. Create a bridge between the younger staff and the older alumni.
- Pie Night - keep the tradition alive - July 31.
- Alumni invited to work parties
- Discussed doing a memorial day family camping
- Lynn will continue monthly board meetings on the 3rd Monday of the month on Zoom, he has a conflict with his new troop's meeting but he will work it out.
- Christmas Party in December
- Last year we hosted the silver beaver lunch - not sure if we will be asked to do that again?
- We want to order more membership pins.
- Want to create a lifetime member membership pin
- Want to create a Generation 2 Staffer patch to go with the Fire Eagle - maybe something like the size of the "trained" patch but with a picture of knee socks and ankle socks....
- Discussed a big hairy idea of a 5 year commitment scholarship program. Could the alumni run it as a pilot program to a larger council program. Have other camps done something similar? Would need to come up with rules/guidelines for the program but the general idea is that an 18 year old staffer is recruited to the program, signs a 5 year commitment to work at summer camp in exchange for a "scholarship" (in addition to their summer camp pay) that can be used for schooling/life expenses. If they complete their commitment - they keep the money, if they don't work for 5 more seasons, the money becomes a student loan that must be repaid. Lots of details to think about, we should get a working group together to A) decide if we can raise the money necessary to

fund a single staffer, B) write the rules for the program, C) get ok with council staff, council attorney, etc. D) select an 18 year old to be a test run, E) see if we can get OA lodge or another organization to join with us on the pilot program.

- Museum report: Ed shared attendance reports, collection updates, Ed's new role with the museum, maintenance projects, new programs in the collection, digital collection start up, and dates for this year's museum openings. Ed has asked for anyone interested in volunteering - he needs help in the museum so please volunteer to help. He also shared a 'wish list' of items to donate to the museum.
- Bob shared information about shooting range training and asked for people interested to volunteer to get trained and help at shooting events and summer camp. We should include information in future alumni publications.

New board takes office tonight:

Lynn Strub- Chairman

Mike Lowrey – Chair Elect

Wendy Chambers – Secretary

Dave Henrichsen – Treasurer

Board Members: Brian Bianco, Cari Burdette, Edwin Lambert, Kyle McCaffery

The pizza is all gone, Cari has snorted twice, and it is dark outside. Meeting adjourned.