

Troop/Crew 56 Adult Committee Meeting
10.29.20

Present: Jim Wheaton, Neil McCullough, Susan Stewart, Robin Bonner, Michelle Holmes, Sue Kriegsman, Colin Zick, Gerry Katz, David English, Jeni Pereira, Shannon Taylor

Fall Activities: Hike in Fellsway next weekend at noon or 1pm; on Sunday 11/1 meeting with SPL's to plan next 6 weeks: day trip every two weeks.

Other ideas: Outdoor sculpture park. Snow shoes/cross country skiing. Historical scavenger hunt. Freedom Trail. Black history museums. Bird-watching activity by UMass Boston in January.

Food drives/service for church: Michelle - Several dates available for food drive. Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb food drives to organize. Need Scout leader to chase other Scouts to get them to sign up. Required service must be community service to St. James church, not to other organizations. Need parents to organize for February food drive date. Neil will encourage adults to sign up.

Other service option: Sell wreaths/donate proceeds for 5 wreaths. Zero Scouts signed up to sell wreaths thus far. Connect with St. James community for wreath sales. Contact list, Venmo and PayPal - online form. Spoke with youth this past meeting.

Date of next Court of Honor: December? David will work with Scout leaders to confirm date.

Advancement: Gerry – circulated merit badge counselor sheet, will talk with council to make sure we are providing MB counseling for our own troop, not others. Need to get everyone on Scoutbook.

Eagle Scout Courts of Honor will be separate from regular CoH. Kavita almost done with her video-based project. Contact newspapers etc. to publicize first girl Eagle. Kavita will talk with Michelle. All girls awarded Eagle on BSA birthday, early February.

Philmont 2021: Robin – no update. Still prepping to run full summer of treks in 2021. Next payment due March. Deposit went in. Got grant from Trust. One lead advisor: Gerry, accompany youth leader to all orientations. Can we do weekend backpacking trips to prepare? We hope by April to be able to do some overnights. Philmont dates: 6/28-7/12; trek begins 6/30.

Treasurer: fundraising email went out today

Recruitment: Susan - anyone can edit recruitment Google doc. Questions to answer: still called Scouting Collective? Do we register everyone as Venturer? Shannon says not right now, but some benefits to keeping our Venturer status – such as going to Philmont co-ed crew; otherwise must be boy troop and girl troop. Accept youth up to age 20 for Venturers. No longer Explorer post. So go back to using Troop/Crew rather than Scouting Collective. Who is Venturer crew leader – Robin Bonner? Liz McNerney?

Robin can edit website. Susan needs some adults familiar with troop historically to help edit Q&A document. Letter will go out to St. James this weekend. Publish adult individual emails or use troop email? Update photos in brochure? Photo waiver signed with health forms – in part A. Parents notified if photos published on Facebook?? Larry will work on spreading word on social media.

Rechartering: Shannon - will identify Venturer crew leader, Scoutmasters; some adults still need to do Youth Protection Training through BSA; Charlie and Teddy are new Scouts. Shannon has only received paperwork from Charlie. When sending emails, always copy and past emails from the contact spreadsheet. Do not just reply to old emails.

Order of Arrow: Jim - next ordeal in May (not virtual) Gerry and Lizbeth adult OA

Next Adult Committee meeting 12/3.