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**MERCER ISLAND GIRL SCOUTS, SERVICE UNIT 430**

**Troop Leader Meeting Agenda**

**Tuesday, February 11, 2020, 6:45-8:00 pm @ MIPC**

1. **Welcome & Cool Things Reports** (Kathy McDonald, 10 min.)
   1. Welcome: Meeting Kapers:

Note Taker Danielle Orr-Bement

Timekeeper Melinda

Closing Ceremony Melissa

* 1. Thank you’s: Jennifer Brenes (Santa Scouts), Lori DeStrowlinkski (Movie Night & Cookie Rally); Kathleen Wilson (Holiday Party & World Thinking Day), Entire Cookie Team! (Michelle Strickler, Susan Griesse, Michele Agosti, Kate Akyuz)
  2. Leader Introductions & Cool Things Reports

-Danielle – 7th & 9th - Christmas Day, serving the homeless community

-Michelle – cookie update: 25 out of 32 troops participating, initial orders 19,692 boxes!, Digital cookies 384 individual orders from 65 girls! 583 donated boxes already, 2/22 cookie pickup, 2/28-3/15 booth sales, 3/10 first troop withdrawal and get 2 receipts for each deposit (tell your Treasurers!), additional materials Susan Griesse, cookie booth kits and costumes from Susan, volunteer pins available too.

-Michele – 2nd gr - went to PNB and did tour & dance class, they have a program for Brownies dance badge

-Megan – 1st gr & 3rd gr – hosted both troops for Super Troop meeting, modified cookie rally

-Pam – 3rd gr – Take Action to tour Treehouse and drop off donations

-Amber – K – firehouse visit – first outing

-Rachel – 3rd gr

-Melinda – 4th gr – Think Like an Engineer and Take Action, hosted take it apart event

-Hui – Brownie –

-Kathy – 8th gr – World Thinking Day BINGO, cabin weekend

1. **SBMI Camp, July 13-17, 2020** (Greta Stednick, 5 min.)

Jump in agenda:

-Day camp on Mercer Island, hoping for Island Park Elem waiting for response from MISD

-3/1 registration, $90/camper, run by HS Girl Scouts

-skills based such as knots, orienteering and crafts, additional HS girls as volunteers

-website will have details

-Kathy will send out email blast when details finalized

-Would love to have more MI volunteers, 30-40 adults needed, prefer full week but will accept ½ days or a couple of days.

-GSWW hired a person focused on GS volunteer-led day camps.

-Open to all campers but must pay $25 GS fee in addition.

-200-250 campers max, usually have 180+

-PA in training (7th & 8th graders) – trained to be a program aid during camp and how to be leader in future

-Program Aid – come up with theme, plan activities and schedules

1. **GSWW Report** (Melissa Curtis & Star Perez, 5 min.)

-Council updates and upcoming programs (handouts)

-Note: Schedule Your Own, Save the Date for Volunteer Appreciation event 4/22

-Note: sporting events at UW, can register on GSWW website

-Placement Specialist – recruitment, placement, rosters, volunteer recruitment and background ck, merging troops to handle placement of girls (Melissa will handle financial), troop information and background data

-Handout: Update Troop Information

-make sure troop membership is updated, make sure volunteer background ck is updated

-Note: go into MyGS and check girls grade level and schools

-Contact Star for any updates on renewals, registrations, troop and membership

1. **Cookie Report** (Michelle Strickler, 5 min.)

-ck Cool Things

-2/22 cookie pickup day, ck eBudde to sign up, volunteers needed, one from each troop to help unload (signup genius blast from Kathy)

1. **Treasurer Report** (Susan Griesse, 5 min.)

-fine 😊

1. **Service Unit Manager Report** (Kathy McDonald, 10 min.)
   1. Annual Meeting Delegate Report

-Kathy McDonald, Kathleen Wilson, Charlotte Thunen (student): voted on Board of Directors and National Delegates, reviewed financials and sold properties

-MI residents on GSWW and National Boards – coming to talk next meeting

* 1. Philanthropy: Weekly Home-Made Cookies for Plymouth House, MIYFS Breakfast

-cookies sign up still ongoing

-MIYFS breakfast is sold out! GS MISU has ½ table

* 1. GSWW Annual Luncheon, April 22 at Hyatt Regency Seattle, MI Girl Scout Table

-hosting a table again this year, free to attend but a $ ask

* 1. Design & Order MI Girl Scout Sweatshirts (Terra Wise)

-designed sweatshirts, around $20-25 orders, group order, 2 weeks to receive, email blast coming

* 1. Volunteer award submissions deadline extended until April 30

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* 1. Programs & Events
* March: Gals ‘n Pals – not happening for 2020

-looking for host troop next year – Troop 45250 8th gr next year

* GNOMS (Girls Night Out for Middle Schoolers, monthly): Thank you Lori & Anne!
* Friday FUN (for elementary scouts): Next one hosted by Kathy Zurawski’s 11th grade troop
* April: Spring Encamporee: April 17-19, 2020 @ Camp Lyle McLeod
* May date TBD: SongFest (Rachel Lowe & Shelley Whelan)
* June 2: Leader-Daughter Celebration (NEED Organizing Troop)

-last year: game night

-Michele’s got it

* June date TBD: Service Unit End of Year/Bridging Event (NEED Bridging Troop)

-Host bridging

-can not do it on Sun @ Presbyterian church, other location? Other weekday? Fee? Potluck?

-history: combining Higher Awards and Bridging ceremonies: younger and older girls together

-6/13 Sat 5-7:30, potluck, Kathy will check if Pres Church is available

1. **HOT TOPIC: SPRING ENCAMPOREE** (ALL, 20 min.)
   1. Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 forms due March 6….

-trade off dates and location

* 1. Registration due March 1, Invoices sent March 6, Money Due March 13
  2. Positions needed: Registrar, Housing Placement, Activities & Programs, Outdoor Champion, Friday Night Mug Up, Saturday Camp Fire, Food planning, Ordering patch
  3. Theme brainstorm
  4. Program ideas around theme
  5. Patch Creation & Ordering
  6. Activities: Boating & Archery (4th grade and up)
  7. Food: Only Saturday Night Dinner or more?
  8. Friday Night Mug Up
  9. Saturday Campfire
  10. T-shirt?

-divide out responsibilities

-Theme ideas: sisterhood with hoodies and camp songs and friendship skits, friendship, G.I.R.L., outdoor skills,

1. **Closing Ceremony & Prize Box Drawing** (Oh, yeah!)

**Troop Leader Meetings**

* + MIPC, Monthly, Tuesdays, 6:45-8:00 pm
  + Please send a rep if you can’t make it or submit a Cool Things Report
  + March 10: GSWW – special guests will be Shelley Whelan and Carla Corkern, both on GSWW Board of Directors
  + April 14: Topic Open – Suggestions?
  + May 12: Recruitment & Planning for 2020-2021
  + June 2: Leader-Daughter Celebration
  + June date TBD: End of Year Celebration

Feedback:

Emails designate as for leaders or send on to Troops