

Meeting Notes from Sept 11, 2018
Girl Scout Service Unit 430
Kathy McDonald, Presiding SUM!

Kathy introduced herself, Liz the treasure, Melissa the TPM, Claire the community engagement person. She assigned meeting kapers: An Inspirational Reader(Lori D), Note Taker (Lori K), Time Keeper (??), Brainstorm Helper (??).

Snacks for October meeting will be provided by Kathleen W.
Snacks for November meeting will be provided by Heather.

Around the Horn (a little intro and info on each attendee):

Kathy M: has a cadette troop, been a leader since daisies, girls are now in 8th grade, she was a GS on MI.
Michelle a: leading a 2nd year leader of daisy troop, has 10 girls in 1st grade, from a mix of elementary schools. Was never a GS.

Melissa Curtis: our GSWW TPM, has a daughter in 9th grade, lives in Lynwood.

Yang Y: Never a GS (came her for graduate school from china), has a 6th grader in another troop and co-leads her 3rd grader with Melinda R.

Melinda R: has a 3rd grade brownie troop, co-leads with Yang, was a gs.

Kathleen W: has a 3rd grade Brownie troop, her 4th year being a leader, was a GS, her mom was a leader, and she still has her brownie uniform from 1971!

Kate A: has been a leader for 4 years, her troop is from various schools.

Heather H: has 6th grade cadettes, now that her girls are in middle school, her troop members (from different elementary schools) enjoy seeing each other at IMS!

(Missed this leaders name): leads a 2nd grade Brownie troop, and has 5 girls.

Rachel: starting a new 2nd grade Brownie troop with Shelly W. who is away in Paris. She would love advice who has started a troop with girls in 2nd grade on how to help them connect. She was a GS and her mom was a GS.

Susan S: is the leader of 9 sixth grade cadettes, which used to be led by Kristi and Andrea, they want to do more outdoor activities.

Patrice R: leads a 4th grade Junior troop and has a daughter in a 3rd grade troop, never a GS.

Lori D: has 4th grade juniors, and loves the non-competitive aspect of GS.

Meg O: has two troops - 2nd grade brownies (10 of them) with Mallory L; and other troop of 7 K's with Mina V, was a GS

Tiffany H: new troop leader from Amy Mears and Kristin P's troop., have about 5 or so girls who are 4th grade juniors.

Update on Rosters and forms:

This is the time to check your troop roster through MyGS to make sure they're correct, and also check the parent volunteer roles to make sure they're correct. If you see any errors or have changes, contact Melissa or the GSWW customer care line.

Background checks last for 2 years. Look in MyGS and if anyone is getting close to expiring, let melissa know and shell trigger a background check for that volunteer.

Make sure you have a Girl Permissions and Health History form for each girl (sections 1 & 2 are for meetings, sections 3 and 4 are for extended trips. An Adult Health History form is needed for each adult. You need to have these on hand at meetings or anywhere you go as a troop. They should be updated every year.

Training:

Each troop needs a First Aid trained volunteer at meetings and at camps. Kathy will investigate coordinating a training on MI.

Outdoor Overnight – troops planning to camp overnight at Spring Camp need to have at least 1 volunteer with this training. It never expires. Training dates are Oct 19-21, Nov 10 – 11, and April 12-13.

Service unit activities and plans:

Kathy will be sending out a survey monkey to find out what leaders would like to do this year.

Lots of events coming up. Kathy will send out a signup genius that lists all the event and the volunteers needs for each. She'll send this to leaders, but leaders should send it out to their troop parents in effort to get parents to sign up for volunteer jobs too. Cookies and Camp are the two biggest area that need volunteers, but other events like Brownies baking Brownies, Santa Scouts, Silver & Gold Banquet, need volunteers too.

Kate and Lori D. will co-volunteer for Brownies making Brownies

Communications:

GSWW Site – use as a resource for forms, events,

MI GS (Weebly) Site – use to look up information specific to our Mercer Island Service Unit

MI FaceBook Group – use to collaborate between troops and leaders,

Email – use to make direct contact with leaders

Buddie Troops:

Kathy will send out a Survey Monkey for troops that want to pair up into Buddie Troops. Juniors will pair with Daisies, Cadettes will pair with Brownies. This will allow Cadettes to earn LiA award. If you already have buddie troops, KEEP THEM! When you get the survey Monkey, indicate that you have one on the survey.

Kate needs an older girl troop to be a Buddy Troop for 1 day for an activity they have planned.

Things to look forward to:

GNOMS – Girls Night Out for Middle Schoolers. This is a once a month activity for single middle girl GSs. Does not have to be attended as a troop.

Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards - If you want to learn more about these awards, Kathy will hook you up with a troop that has done it for questions.

This SUNDAY is Troop Formation and Song Fest!

Fall Camp:

JGL Skating Party – will be on Friday (the 26th or 9th) Stay Tuned.

Gals & Pals – Need to decide this week if its go or no

Dates: April 22 Leader meeting changed to April 16.

Brainstorm Exercise:

Matching gifts, talent, and experience with need. Take 3 yellow sticky notes. On one, write down what you have to GIVE (do you know yoga, are you a baker, an expert in knots?); on the next sticky note write down what your INTERESTS; on the third sticky note write what you need HELP with.

Great meeting Kathy!