

Mercer Island Girl Scouts

Troop Leader Meeting Notes

January 15, 2019

Note Takers: Jody Kris and Heather Hall

Meeting was called to order at 7 pm

Attendees: Kathy McDonald, Liz Evans, Jody Kris, Lori Kovarik, Heather Hall, Kathleen Wilson, Leslie Shapiro, Anee Hritzay, Melinda Reimer, Patrice Rousell, Michelle Strickler, Meaghan O'Malley, Suzanne Dispensa, Mina Velamoor, Lori D'Stwolinski, Amanda Dayton, Kate Akyuz

Thank you's to Kristi Mehal (Santa Scouts); Lori Destwolinski and Kate Akyuz (Brownies Making Brownies)

Sharing: Amanda (Daisy troop): pursuing Robotics three part

Mina (daisy troop): mom offered to make meals for Sophia's Way (homeless shelter – earned badge)

Kathleen (juniors): girls excited to sell cookies

Megan (Daisy and Brownies): had a big joint meeting with older and younger troop – success

Melinda (helping with letterboxing)

(bronze award – scheduling trip to Waste Management Co for Bronze award)

Leslie: juniors – made care bags for the homeless

Michelle: helping with cookies

Heather (cadettes): (having fun – gingerbread houses)

Jody, Lori, Anne (ambassadors – fun; holiday parties; Lori and Anne – last River Ranch weekend

Kathy: (cadettes): craft project – hot cocoa project as gifts; ran GNOMS craft night)

Cookies: Presale – Jan 18; Island park pickup, Feb 23; same site sales (but not New Seasons); secret tip – digital cookie

First aid – Kathy will send out sign up genius to try to get consensus on good attendance

GNOMS: Feb 8 with Alice Finch

Annual Meeting: 5 people getting awards

MIYFS Breakfast: Girl Scout table for 10

Gals and Pals – March 16

Encampment – March 29 – registration and payment due Feb 12; Kate helping with planning; tentative theme – knives and knots; fish and fire

Hot Topic: Money earning discussion

-have to be a brownie or above

-sell a GSWW fall product or cookies, then you can do another project to earn money

-ideas: cake decorating, offer a community meal, sell a product at the GSWW annual meeting, host a craft activity night

-discussion about how much money you keep for troop activities and how much you donate to charities (Trend to donate 50% of funds, girl led)

-tie donating to an organization into a badge or journey

-use funds earned for travel with your troop (Great Wolf Lodge, Portland, India, etc.)

-use troop funds for kitchen/camping equipment for the troop

Volunteer requests:

-Camping committee 1st meeting today 1/15 8 pm

-Movie night, Songfest in the Spring 2019 (Brownie or Junior Troop) – possibly Lori D.'s troop

-Organize and plan an Archery Day at River Ranch (1 day event) – possibly Lori D.'s troop

-Organize and plan Summer Celebration Parade – Kathleen Wilson's troop

-Need Higher Awards Banquet lead and troop to host (Junior or Cadette troop) or do an end of year Bridging /High Awards combo. Higher Awards event in May 2019

Bridging event either June 2nd or June 9th, 2019 by Patrice's troop

-Sweatshirt design – Lori K. and Anne Hritzay's troop will ask their girls to design

-Snack for Leader's mtg: Lori D.– February, Heather – March, Amanda – April, Melinda – May

Meeting ended at 8 pm with Make New Friends and the Squeeze