BSA Troop 182 Wellesley

Parent/Troop Committee Meeting; Sunday, August 26, 2018

Attendance: Paul Hurney, Nicholas Hurney, Michael Matzka, Will Gray, Sanjay Jain, Bettina Eikeboom, Nancy Mukundan, Susan Cracraft, Jim Cracraft, Sarah Paglione, Ruthie Klinck, Bruce Siegal

After a welcome, the meeting started with a discussion about the September 23rd “Open House” and how we can advertise the event to encourage 5th and 6th grade boys in Wellesley and Newton (and surrounding towns) to join our troop. A double-sided flyer was created (thanks to Ann Jenness) using material from past years and enhancing. Ruthie made 60 copies at Staples and parents at the meeting took copies home. More copies are available from Ruthie.

* Bettina will take flyers to Pack 140 Wellesley
* Will Gray will up a flyer at Starbucks coffee shops around Wellesley and will email the 5th grade room parents (or teachers?) in the Wellesley Elementary Schools with a copy of the flyer / invitation to the Open House. (Ruthie will send document to Will).
* Paul, Nicholas and Michael will work on getting flyers to the Newton Cub Scout Packs.
* The Cracrafts will put a banner on the website with the flyer link as well as uploading the dues form (Ruthie will send to Jim). Jim will also look at setting up a Paypal account – in collaboration with the treasurer (Ruthie).

Paul indicated that the Permissions Slips will be at the next meeting.

There is no meeting on 9/2 due to Labor Day. Our next meeting is Sunday, September 9th.

September plans: a Freedom Trail hike 9/8/18; Court of Honor 9/16/18; Open House 9/23/18

The troop is considering a “Zombie” outing/program on 10/20/18.

Yawgoog update: 7 scouts attended. It rained during 3 of the days. The scouts earned a lot of merit badges and got along very well. Unfortunately, Ahrav did not attend at the last minute. It was another fun filled year at Yawgoog.

We discussed fundraising. At this point, the plan is to continue wreath sales and that those scouts who choose not to fundraise in this way can either design another fundraising effort or perform some community service. Paul will speak with Gary about perhaps that service being in connection with our sponsor, the Kiwanis Club of Wellesley.

With regard to dues, Paul reminded us of how the costs break out: $33 to BSA; $12 for Boys Life, etc.; $30 to Mayflower Council. From our $120 dues that leaves us with $45 per scout for our own expenses which include food for camping trips, Court of Honor, merit badge purchases, etc.

Philmont – due to the fires and change in plans this summer 2018 and the fact that scouts who had to cancel due to the fires will be able to have a ‘do over’ next year, etc. we are not planning to enroll scouts in Philmont for 2019. Nicholas mentioned the Maine High Adventure program as an option and will look into our participation in that program next summer or some other time.

The meeting ended circa 8pm.