

Cub Scout Pack 287

Committee Meeting Minutes & Upcoming Events

Meeting: Pack Committee Meeting
Date: Sunday, December 6, 2009
Time: 4 – 6:30 pm
Place: Groves First United Methodist Church
Attendees: Committee Chairman: Brandon Deckert
CubMaster: Maurine LeBouef
Treasurer: Stephanie Goleman
Activities Chair: Donald Hervey
Wolf Den Leader: Martha Romero
Bear Den Leader: Chrissy Bienvenue
Volunteers: Stacey Boucher, William DeLeon, Pat Walther, Traci Edgerly

General Business

Minutes for the November Committee Meeting were not reviewed. Stephanie passed out the Treasurer's Report (attached). The ending balance on Oct 30th was \$3,793, but with additional undeposited funds would be \$4898.

Review of Recent Events

Popcorn Sales

The pack popcorn sales totaled \$8,698, of which the share for the pack was \$2,783. The goal for each boy was \$800, and 2 boys attained this goal. The pack had the second highest popcorn sales out of all packs in Sabine District. All popcorn was picked up except for Brody Custer's, which is in Stephanie's car.

Food Drive

Pack 287 collected 327 bags of food for Val Verde Baptist Food Pantry. 14 boys collected food, the pack received a nice thank-you note. Thanks to Martha for organizing this.

December Activities

Pack 287 Campout: December 11, 12 & 13th at Claiborne Park

Reservations are made. There are no formal activities planned. A den may decide to work on activities from the handbook, or just hang out. Each family will be responsible for all of their own food.

Pack 287 Christmas Caroling: Monday, December 14th @ Magnolia Manor Nursing Home

Date and time are confirmed. We will meet at the Nursing Home at 6:20 and beginning to carol at 6:30 pm. Boys should be in their uniforms. Brandon will make song books for the boys with songs like Jingle Bells, Here Comes Santa Claus, Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer and We Wish You a Merry Christmas. Boys are also asked to make some "home-made" Christmas cards to hand out the cards as we carol around the Nursing Home.

December Pack Meeting: Tuesday, December 15th at 6:30 pm.

We will have a covered dish (each family to bring covered dish, finger foods or a snack). The pack will provide a meat. The Pack will provide paper plates/napkins/utensils/cups. The boys will do a gift exchange. Gifts should cost \$5 and be wrapped. Maurine will read a story and the boys will pass gifts to the left & right depending on words she says in the story. Only boys who bring a wrapped gift will be able to participate. We will pass out awards in Stocking Ornaments. There will not be a game.

Den Assignments

Everyone should bring food for the covered dish.

January Activities

Pack 287 Committee Meeting: Sunday, January 3rd @ 4 pm

District Awards Banquet, Thursday, January 14th at 6:30 pm

The District Awards Banquet is a meeting to recognize volunteers and units (pack, troops, crews) in the district. Cost is \$8 per person which includes a catered supper. This is for adults only.

Pack 287 Lock-In: Friday, January 22nd – Saturday, Jan 23rd

There will be a Pack Lock-In at GFUMC. Donald will get the cost for pizza and bowling in time to announce at the December pack meeting. The boys should arrive at GFUMC no later than 6:30 pm to head to the bowling alley. After bowling, we'll head back to the church for pizza, movies and other activities. Boys will spend the night and be up and ready to leave between 8 & 9 am on Saturday morning.

January Pack Meeting: Tuesday, January 26th @ 6:30 pm

The theme is Power Up this month. Den assignment will be made at the January committee meeting.

Bake & Link Sale: Saturday, January 30 @ 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

The bake and link sale that we normally do the Saturday before the Super Bowl will be moved up a week since the Webelos and Bears will likely be gone to Webeloree. We decided not to sell tickets for this fundraiser, saving it for the bake & link sale prior to the summer camping trip. We also discussed other fundraising ideas (a garage sale, putting out flags for patriotic holidays, mulching), but elected to wait.

Recharter

Recharter is due by the end of January. Pack 86 boys and volunteers who transferred are not on the list, so Donald will get a new copy. Cost per boy with fees, insurance, Boys Life, and pack dues comes to \$40. Without Boys Life the total is \$28.

February Activities

Webeloree: February 5, 6 & 7th at Camp Urand

Webelos I and Webelos II can register at the Scout Office to attend Webeloree. Bears who will be moving into Webelos at the end of the school year are also invited. Engineering, Readyman and Outdoorsman will be offered at the camp.

Pack 287 Committee Meeting: Sunday, February 7th @ 4 pm

Pack 287 Pinewood Derby & Blue & Gold Banquet: Saturday, February 20th

Stacey reported that we are approved to have our Pack Pinewood Derby at the PNG High School cafeteria, and that we can have the Blue & Gold Banquet there as well, so long as we clean up after ourselves. Girl Scout Troop 3231 volunteered to help run the banquet if some of the Cub Scouts and parents would volunteer to help set up for their World Thinking Day the same morning. The Theme will be "Happy 100th Birthday, BSA". Stephanie Goleman will chair the committee, assisted by Richard Bienvenue and Martha. They are planning typical birthday party food (hotdogs) and decorations.

Sabine District Pinewood Derby – Saturday, February 27th

The Sabine District Pinewood Derby will be held at First Baptist Church in Orange (on 16th St).

Next Meeting: Sunday, December 6th @ 4 pm

March Activities

Pack 287 Committee Meeting: Date to be set / Spring Break is week of March 7th

Sabine District Cub Scout Family Camp – March 5, 6 & 7th Claiborne Park

You need to sign-up for this at the Scout Office if you are interested in attending.

Summer 2010 Activities

Cub Scout Day Camp – Dates not known at this time – will be in early June.

Pack 287 Summer Camping Trip – Wed, June 23rd – Sunday, June 27th

Our camping trip will be to Dinosaur Valley State Park in Glen Rose, TX near Dallas. Boys and their families are all welcome to attend. Boys who meet certain fundraising milestones will have part of the cost of their trip covered by the Pack (more details later). The tentative itinerary is...

Wednesday, June 23rd – Drive to Dinosaur Valley and set up camp. Hang out around park.

Thursday, June 24th – Ft Worth Zoo (ranked in top 5 zoos in the country) & Medieval Times Restaurant (jousting, falconry, sorcery, etc.)

Friday, June 25th – National Scouting Museum & Rangers vs Astros Baseball Game

Saturday, June 26th – Dr. Pepper Museum, Comanche Peak Nuclear Power Plant & Brazos Drive In Movie Theatre

Sunday, June 27th – Pack up and head home

Of course, there will be time to hang out at Dinosaur Valley and explore authentic dinosaur tracks, hike and swim in the river. If there are activities that you don't want to participate in, you don't have to – or if there are other things you are interested in seeing instead – feel free to explore the area.

Astros Game: Date(s) to be determined

We will make plans to attend at least 1 Astros game during the summer at Minute Maid Park.

We are currently checking into a special for \$20 (ticket and includes all you can eat hotdogs, popcorn, peanuts).

Other Business

Pack Leadership for 2010

Donald passed out responsibilities for different pack and committee positions (attached). The committee agreed with the breakdown of responsibilities. Volunteers who expressed interest in the different committees were: Maureen in Publicity, Traci in Treasurer or Publicity, Martha in

Advancement, Stacey in Advancement, Chrissy (for Richard) in Cubmaster, Donald in Cubmaster, Walther in Activities. Final decisions will be made at the January committee meeting.

Goals

Donald passed out the pack goals for 2009 (attached) for review and update of their status. The committee will set goals for 2010 at the January meeting.

Complete Scout Award

Donald passed out the requirements for the 2009 Complete Scout award. Brandon has not assembled status of the boys toward achieving this goal. This must be determined in time for the Blue and Gold Banquet, when the awards will be passed out.

Friends of Scouting

Donald brought up that the Friends of Scouting campaign, which raises money for the Council to support everything from Camp Urand to the council staff, would like to raise money at the Blue and Gold banquet. As the council has been hurt by the economic downturn, and with the pack funds in good shape, the committee agreed to support the Friends of Scouting. However, as the Lad N Dad cake auction fundraiser is popular and fun, the decision is to carry it out and donate the proceeds to Friends of Scouting.

Class B Uniforms

Stephanie showed the design for a new Class B uniform which includes an alligator for Sabine District. The committee agreed to use the design. There are a variety of color combinations, and the committee agreed to have Stephanie select 4 for the pack to vote on at the next pack meeting. The pack will order the shirts and sell them when they arrive.

Earning a Uniform

Recognizing that not all families are able to easily afford a Cub Scout uniform, the committee discussed making a scholarship available for the pack to give a uniform to a boy who earns it. Traci related a family in her den whose attendance dropped because they were embarrassed to not be able to afford uniforms for their 2 boys. Donald will suggest what requirements a boy should meet in order to earn a uniform, and the committee will decide at the next meeting.

Pack Thank-You Cards

Martha had asked that the pack purchase thank-you cards. Donald checked, and the cost looks to be around \$60 for up to 500 cards with customized lettering or possibly picture. A recommendation will be made at the next committee meeting.