Attendees:

Committee

Keith Biegert-Charter Organization Representative

Pat Sweeney-Committee Chair

Danielle Brezina-Cubmaster

Jennifer Dearman-Treasurer

Rachel Sandman-Membership Committee

Barbara Dalberth-Advancement Committee

Cerelisa Burr-Public Relations

Mihai Ibanescu-Training Officer

Dave McCowan- Webmaster

David Ramlal- Incoming Treasurer

Chuck Wesdock-Incoming Training Officer

Den Representatives

Bill Pencola-Den 2

Jim Bishop-Den 4

Rachel Sandman-Den 6

Mihai Ibanescu-Den 8

Dave McCowan-Den 9

Erica Hermanson-Den 10

David Ramlal-Den 13

Materials Provided:

* Meeting Agenda
* Treasurer’s Report
* Updated Pack Schedule (Dated 06 January 14)
* Draft Friends of Scouting Letter

Meeting Convened: 7:05 p.m.

Pat recognized those who were awarded Distinguished Leader Citations at the District Awards/Recognition Event

Pat thanked Chuck Wesock and Den 10 for organizing the Pack’s participation in the Apex Christmas parade. Chuck commented on the following items regarding the parade:

* The kids did not get to throw candy (they had done it at the Cary parade in the past and seemed to enjoy that part of the Cary parade)
* The visibility of the Christmas lights (because it was at night) was a nice feature of the Apex parade.
* There was some concern about keeping track of the Scouts (because it was nighttime)prior to the parade. However, there were a sufficient number of parents walking with their Scouts to ensure positive accountability for all Scouts.
* The parade was run efficiently and there were no delays beginning the parade route.
* Those present discussed the possibility of having a float in the future. The challenge is that it would take a “committee” to build a float. The question was also raised as to whether the Guide to Safe Scouting prohibits Scouts from riding on a float.
* The consensus was that it was a worthwhile event and we should participate in either Apex or Cary next year.

Pat thanked Den 13 and Dave Gurecki for organizing the caroling to the Phoenix Assisted Living Center. Danielle said that she had received a very nice letter from the home thanking us for coming. We have been caroling there for several years, but this was the first time that we received a letter.

Keith Biegert suggested that the Pack track and record the volunteer hours for that event on the scouting website. Keith stated that one person could input a bulk entry for all participants. Pat said that he would figure out how to do that and get the hours logged.

**Treasurer.** Jennifer Dearman reported the following:

**Checking Account Reconciliation (December 2013)**

* Statement Balance: $ 10, 147.90
* Outstanding Deposits: $ 0.00
* Outstanding Checks: $333.73
* Balance: $ 9,814.17

**Popcorn Reconciliation**

* Our net revenues from Popcorn were $ 6,805.19.\*
* Our budgeted revenue form Popcorn was $ 10,000\*\*
* We had a shortfall of $ 3, 194.81

**We will be able to execute all activities planned for this year because of the cash reserve that we had going into this year. However, in order to sustain the quality of the program we will have to balance the budget.**

\*According to a previous email to Pat from Chris Nack, only 50% of Scouts met their goal ($300 per Scout or $ 500 per family)

A recommendation was made that we send out a report to parents stating that the popcorn revenues had fallen short and the long-term implications of that shortfall. Upon further discussion, it was recommended that the Treasurer’s report be made available to parents outside of the committee meeting (which all parents are welcome to attend). It was also recommended that an email or letter be sent to parents keeping them informed on the “business” side of the Pack activities. It was mentioned that it would help parents if they better understood where the money goes and how we spend revenues to support Scouting activities. The Fridge notes explain the activities, but don’t really address the financial side of what is happening.

Ideas were discussed for ways for the Pack to ensure that it met revenue goals in the future. Recommendations were:

* The Pack stop paying for discounted tickets to Pack Activities like the Rodeo, Lemur Center, Circus, etc. for those who do not meet their Popcorn Sales goal.
* Change the method by which we conduct the sale/manage the product (i.e. Each family buys $300 worth of popcorn and sells as much as they can or want to). They could write a check and have all go toward military donations if they do not want to receive the popcorn. Each family would accept financial responsibility for the total amount of the goal or they are not allowed to register.
* Increase registration/activity fees to cover the shortfall and rely less on Popcorn sales.
* Add other fund raising activities.

**Registration Reconciliation**

* Income for January: $ 1,036

**Membership**. Rachel Sandman reported the following:

Preparation for re-chartering is going well.

* Turn-in date for Pack 216 to Council is January 15th
* Rachel will need Pat and Keith to sign paperwork
* Keith and Pat will make themselves available for signature on January 13th
* Rachel will need Jennifer to write one check for the entire Pack to turn-in to Council
* 3 scouts who have not responded regarding their intentions regarding re-chartering; Rachel will coordinate with Den Leaders to get responses from remaining Scouts
* 5 Scouts will drop (These are Weblos)
* Some adult members need to complete their Youth Protection Training prior to re-chartering. Rachel with work with Mihai to get the reports that she needs to confirm that those requiring training have completed it

**Advancement.** Barbara Dalberth reported the following:

* Den Leaders need to update achievements in Packmaster
* Barbara will go to the Scout store on Thursday for awards

**Training.** Mihai Ibanescu reported the following:

* He will generate required reports for re-chartering, as needed
* Pat will forward Mihai an email from Council regarding upcoming leader training event in January

**Website.** Dave McCowan had nothing to report.

**Public Relations.** Cerelisa asked that any input for the January Fridge Notes sent to her.

**Popcorn Committee.** Chris Nack was traveling and sent his update to Pat via email. Pat reported:

* Popcorn is wrapping up (only a few checks yet to get to Jennifer)
* Chris has prizes and will bring them to the January Pack meeting

**Blue and Gold Banquet Committee.** Danielle reported:

* Taralyn has reserved Magician for performance at B and G
* 1 hour is minimum performance; committee recommended that he do ½ hour performance and ½ hour walking around table to table during dinner
* It was mentioned that the Friends of Scouting Briefing given by Jerry Jester will have both parents and Scouts in attendance. In years past, the Scouts were separated from the parents prior to briefing. This will not be possible in the Parish Hall (new location for B & G banquet).

**Pinewood Derby Committee.** Mike Lopez was not able to attend, but submitted update to Pat by email. Update:

* Pack 216 Derby is on schedule. Patches ordered, trophies ordered, and the software has been updated. Pre-race Weigh In is Saturday, January 25, 2014, 10:30am-12:00pm Trinity Center Parish Library, Top Floor, Across from Elevator.
* Pack 216 is in charge of the district Derby this year
* Date is March 8.
* Location is Cary Town Center
* Volunteers are needed

**Committee Chair.** Pat Sweeney reported:

* He thanked those who have volunteered to serve on the committee: David Ramlal, as the new Treasurer and Chuck Wesdock, as the Training Officer.
* We are still looking to fill several roles on the committee that will be vacated in February. Please ask any parents interested in volunteering to contact Pat or the current committee member.
* Danielle Brezina will stay on as Cub Master into 2014, but is willing to step down if there is another volunteer
* The current Popcorn Kernel, Chris Nack, is stepping down. Popcorn Kernel is a key role that we need to fill.
* Pat also mentioned that we should get in the practice of having a primary and alternate for most positions so that we always have someone ready to step in. Just because there is already someone in the role that you think is a fit for you doesn’t mean that you can’t serve as an alternate.
* Big Trip-Original dates (12-14 April) are not available at Camp McNeill, but there are other dates available. Pat has been in communication with Cape Fear Council and was told that all dates in April are taken. They will let us know what dates in March and May are available. Pat will communicate the options and we will make a decision on the new date.
* Pat shared a draft letter that he will send out to parents regarding Friends of Scouting prior to the B & G banquet so that they are aware and can think about it ahead of time.
* Pat will send a letter to parents letting them know how the Pack did in Popcorn sales and how it impacts the Pack’s financial situation for the coming year.

Upcoming Events:

**Pack Meeting.** The will be held at its normal location (The Parish Hall) on January 14th. This is due to our regular meeting date falling on the Martin Luther King holiday. Cerelisa will communicate this to the Pack.

**January Pack Activity.** World’s Toughest Rodeo.

* Dave McCowan distributed tickets to Den Leaders

**Pinewood Derby.**

* Weigh-in is January 25th from 10:00 to 12:00 at St. Michael’s.
* The race is February 1st

Scout Sunday (February 9th). It will be at the 6:00 p.m. Mass. We will have Hot Dogs at Bond Park prior and walk over before Mass (as we did last year).

Rock Climbing at Triangle Rock Club-March 22nd (Den 6) Rachel Sandman will call to make reservation and get details.

Bridging Ceremony-Kiwanis Shelter -May 20th (Den 11) The Kiwanis Shelter is not available. Pat will reserve the North Cary Park Pavilion. The cost is $60.

Defy Gravity-Den 13 (May 17th)

The Big Trip-Jim Bishop will head-up the planning committee and will need help from all Dens.

A motion was raised and the committee voted to provide a scholarship to a Scout is a foster child of one of the families who is active in the Pack. The committee voted to pay the $24 registration fee to council and waive the activity fee to the Pack.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:45 p.m.