



Girl Scouts of Western Washington
SU 245

Volunteer Meeting Minutes
September 17, 2018

Meeting Called to Order at 6:45 p.m.

Get acquainted game-Volunteers circulated to talk with matches on their cards that were given to them randomly.

Introduction of service team.

Pass the Hat-Volunteers were encouraged to donate a small sum to cover the costs of having our meetings at St. Thomas More. We will be collecting during September and October.

A Rededication Ceremony was led by Elliott Gustafson's troop and volunteers asked to participate. There were candles and phrases of rededication.

After the ceremony we shared ideas on what would be a meaningful ceremony and what would be appropriate for age level. Suggestions such as GORP ceremony, using flowers to symbolize, candles, etc. There are numerous ceremonies that can be found on line.

Two volunteers are needed to help set up our meeting at 6:20 and help take down. Contact our SU Managers to sign up.

Our new Community Manager will be Michele Dick. Michelle will be taking care of our longer trip/high risk and money earning authorizations, as well as, community engagement. Michelle also led a Hot Topic on parent meetings. This is a perfect time to: Set goals, establish means of communication, fill out forms (they need to be updated each year), volunteer roles, cookie manager recruitment, parents setting up meeting and leading a portion.

How do you get parents to reply? Find out their best form of communication. There are many ways to do this on the internet for example: facebook, shutterfly, band, groupme, remind me, etc.

Make sure and respond to the request for email verification when sent to you. This will insure that you are a part of the Google Groups for emails. If you do not get emails from the Service Unit, please contact your SU Managers.

There is a new Health History Form available that covers everything and is easier to use. Check out the Volunteer Tool kit. Make sure your Troop Roster is up to date.

If you have a friendly contact at your school, let Michelle Dick know so that we can get the word out to parents for recruitment. We are putting handouts in the schools for Troop forming events.

Meetings will be switched to the first Monday during the months that a holiday is on the third Monday. Check out the calendar on www.cedarandsound.com and watch for an email.

Shout Out to Linda Otto for doing such a great job as director of Twilight Camp. Thank you for all your time and efforts.

Event Calendar was presented to the volunteers. Each traditional Service Unit event was described: Founder's Day, Cookie Rally, Thinking Day, Bridging. Of the events, Founder's Day and Cookie Rally are still open. If you have a binder that is a guide for a particular event, please return to the SU Managers.

Fall Product will be sold 9/28/18-10/15/18. This is a great money earning activity for troops. No site sales, just family and friends. Each item sold earns the troop \$1.00 and Magazines earn \$2.00/item.

Troops are welcome to do opening ceremony at the Volunteer Meeting, lead investiture ceremony, teach a song, report on activities that they are doing. Just let the Service Unit managers or Ariel Groening, myhugbee@gmail.com know and they are welcome to contribute to our volunteer meetings.

Advertisement for Women's Weekend to be held January 25-27th at Camp Lyle McLeod. The theme is "Stretch Yourself". Flyers can be found at www.cedarandsound.com

Meeting adjourned 8:15 p.m.