

Portland Service Unit Minutes
Leader Meeting - 11/09/09

Opening: From 1940's GS Handbook. How to earn your troop badge (10 ways)
Minutes from 10/12/09 meeting read, minutes amended to reflect accurate treasury amount o \$707.11

Treasury: \$747.11 (\$40 from Service Unit "Undie Sundae" Event)

Business:

Old:

1. "Undie Sundae"
 - Collected 563 items for CPS in Sinton, delivered by Vivian Armstrong
 - Service Unit collected \$40.00 (8 troops involved)
 - Need evaluations to be sent out to all troops involved (Angela Reinhart to send)
2. Cookie Training
 - Training on November 8th in Corpus Christi.
 - Vivian Armstrong is Portland area cookie manager.
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3. Scouting For Food
 - Boy Scouts did on November 7th and will do again on 14th. Girl Scouts to target areas which BS did not get to. Troops can schedule their own time once we know the areas that can be petitioned. Council can advertise IF all troops decide to go out on the same date and time.

New:

1. Regarding the use of St. Stephen's Lutheran Church
 - They have agreed to sponsor one (1) troop without the troop having to pay.
 - Building Committee is to call Vivian 11/10/09 regarding the Storage Building behind St. Stephen's.
 - Vivian is talking to Pastor Amy at Presbyterian Church re: Storage Building being moved there. This church is also open to troop meetings being held there. Mt. Carmel Catholic Church is also open to troop meetings being held there on T, W, & Th (contact Furmon Munoz).
2. Leader Training
 - Maggie Wagner to help Vivian know who had not had training.
 - Vivian Armstrong is a trainer for babysitters (age 14 +). This course can be taken without having to get CPR certification.
3. Cookie Sale
 - Pre-order cookie sales begin January 9, 2010, end 1/22/2010
 - Orders due to cookie manager (Vivian) January 26, 2010
 - Delivery date somewhere between Feb 13-18, 2010
 - Booth sales begin February 20, 2010
 - Booth sales end and cookie sales end March 7, 2010
 - Concern about the incentives not being cumulative, so that if a girl wants a particular prize she'll stop selling at that point instead of continuing to sell
 - Cookie training to be held at the December 14th meeting at Serena Longo's house 216 Shore, Portland. All should attend regardless of having gone to training, as we will discuss more than just cookies.
4. From the floor
 - Motion to change the flat rate of \$5.00/troop fee for Service Unit(SU) events to either (1) charge a per girl fee (\$1-2), or (2) take it on a case by case basis depending on the event.
 - Motion amended to charge to be determined on a case by case basis depending on how much the SU is spending on the event. This needs to be determined 1-2 months prior to the event for posting on the website.

5. Service Unit Christmas Party to be on December 6th from 3-5PM, at St. Christopher's By the Sea Episcopal Church, 820 Wildcat Drive in Portland.
 - There will be Christmas related crafts that each troop is responsible for providing materials for 40-50 girls, and the Service project will be to fill a stocking/gift bag with toiletries, small toys and candy other than chocolate for Portland's Christmas for Kids.
 - Troops bring a HEALTHY snack to share
 - \$5.00/troop fee applies for this event.
 - RSVP so the SU knows how many stockings to tell Portland Christmas for Kids they are to receive.
 - SU to provide hot chocolate donated by Serena Longo and paper goods.

6. Maggie's corner:
 - Register girls before selling cookies
 - Must go to Cookie Training to sell
 - Turn in troop trip forms and evaluations after your trip
 - Remember criminal background checks for adults in troop
 - Car seats must be used for under 8 years or under 80 lbs

7. Penny Crispin - Forever Green
 - Community Action Project program for 100th anniversary in 2012
 - We are a pilot council this year
 - Need 4000 girls participation
 - 5 keys: Water conservation, Air quality, Energy use, Waste management, green space use
 - Suggested to participate in the new Journeys activities to teach the girls to be green and then have them lead at a community level to try to make their communities better (like at school)
 - After girls have done their project, collect data to give a nationwide # about how and what they did to save the environment
 - Can work for bronze, silver or gold awards
 - Needs to benefit a community space or a school and be sustainable
 - Deadline to submit registration to Penny Crispin is December 10th.
 - Completion of activity with data is June 10th, 2010
 - Troops can get letters of endorsement from Principals, etc from Penny to present to your school

Red cross bringing back Jr Aides, called "Club Red". Girls can become trainers for babysitting.

Next Meeting:

December 14th, 2009 7PM 216 Shore (Serena Longo's house)