Three Owls Federation – Council Meeting
September 5, 2018 7:00 pm


Circles not in attendance: Little Thunder Guides, Seminoles, Black Bear

Y Staff Present: Polly Rhodes

Agenda

1. Introductions

2. Honor Points program – Ed Mueller reported on this
   The points are setup so there are max amounts for each item. This allows both small and big circles a chance to earn points on a more equal ground. An idea came up to do averages of points as opposed to max points. In evaluating this option, it will make it more complicated for us and will be less straight forward for the federation. For example, is the size of the circle the number in it, or number that have paid so far? And that can change during the year, and may be hard to get that circle size from everyone.

   Ed will convert Excel to Google Doc and all the Chiefs/council members will have access. The goal is to have chiefs self-report on points but until this takes off Ed/Mike/Polly can populate it. Chiefs can then review or update as needed.

   Mike suggested talking to Colonial Cafe, Chic-Fil-A, or Texas Roadhouse about some type of gift card or party. These would be used at some point for winners for honor points. Zoo also has giveaways for leadership based programs. Action item here is for someone to reach out to them.

3. Upcoming Events

   - Federation Kick-off event & Movies Under the Stars – 9/7 6 pm
     We will have carnival themed games and prizes, popcorn and our showing of The Greatest Showman.

   - Fall campout – YMCA Camp MacLean 10/5-10/7
     As voted upon by the council earlier this year, food is not included for this campout. Circles to pack their own.

     Evening activities to include – torch parade & bonfire, critter hunt, Cookies & Cocoa in the lodge plus Pumpkin decorating/carving contest.
Pumpkin carving/decorating contest - People to bring pumpkin and carve/decorate on own time. Bring to dining room after the parade (or earlier) for judging. How will judging occur? Pick judges (Federation), or people’s vote? Small prize, medal or anything (Favorite, Scariest, Funniest, Judges Choice?)

Trailblazers – Help setup critter hunt, bring cookies to supplement what Polly brings and help with the pumpkin contest. How should they help?

Torch parade and Induction ceremony - Mike Ochs will lead the parade and take on Chief role (meeting spot for kerosene, start parade, some lines in script). Can maybe announce circles leading in honor points and award something to start building it up. The Ceremony Speakers (winds) are - Jai Harpalani, Chip Leen, Cy McMains, Keith Orlowski, Brian Yesutis, and Mike Ochs as backup.

Circles to bring – torches & TP, pumpkins if participating
Federation office to bring – Critters & Cones, Kerosene & Seeds for fire, Cocoa & some cookies

4. Council meetings – please arrange to have a rep at each meeting – December 4th 7 pm offsite, April 9th 7:30 pm at the Y, May 14th 7 pm offsite

5. Federation council positions – Making progress filling roles! Ed Mueller is Federation Chief, Michael Ochs is Assistant Federation Chief, listing with other filled roles to follow

6. Duties as circle chief to the Federation office:
   - Make sure we have up to date information for your circle including current chief and assistant chief contact information (complete form attached)
   - Be attentive to email communications – we place new members in the fall
   - Understand registration process and communicate this to your circle and new members – must register every school year, annual registration required in order to register for events.
   - Promote attendance at federation events

7. Trailblazers update

8. Communications – e-news, google group, Facebook – feedback please

9. Other business?
   - Spring campout patches are owed – Federation office to order
   - We need to confirm some items so we can lock down and publish schedule. Ed will check if Y google calendar is shared, if not will use Three Owls account to create one that can be used.
   - Stem night will include pizza and 30 min STEM activity. Activity is not known yet, we pick.
   - March event is listed as Ultimate Ninja or Funway, but will be Ninja.
   - Polly is looking into museum overnights, or zoo. Also looking into Blackwell or Cantigny.
   - Need to figure out dates for Red Oak Trailblazer scavenger hunt, Trailblazer ski trip, and Trailblazer indoor climbing. All ages are invited to these events.
   - We didn't discuss, but the April event is Mother’s Day gift, thought before it was said that was a quick thing and we need to build that out more. We should discuss at next Longhouse. Do we add more crafts, or add open gym or something?
10. 2018/2019 school year planning – Federation Events, Trailblazers events?

- September – 9/7 – movie night/ Federation kickoff event, 9/29 – Trailblazers Canoeing and camping

- October – 10/5-10/7 – Campout at Camp MacLean, 10/26 - Y Halloween Party,

- November – 11/9 – Late night at SciTech, Aurora, 11/16 – Operation Turkey Drop at Kroehler

- December – 12/8 – Caroling 1 pm

- January – 1/18-1/20 – Campout at Camp Tecumseh

- February – 2/23 or 2/9 – Canoe on Wheels and late night swim (waiting on confirmation of pool availability)

- March – 3/8 or 3/9 Ultimate Ninja or Funway

- April – 4/27 4 pm Stained Glass/Jewelry & Mother’s day gift activity

- May – 5/17-5/19 - Spring campout ay YMCA Camp Benson, 5/3-5/5 - Trailblazers at Devil’s Lake
Circle Name: ________________________________________

Chief: ________________________________________________

Email: ________________________________________________ Phone: ________________________

Assistant Chief (secondary contact): ______________________

Email: ________________________________________________ Phone: ________________________

**Please answer the following based on your anticipated group for 2018/2019**

Circle one:  Guides only   Princesses Only   Co-ed

Trailblazers participants?   Yes   No   Don’t know

Accepting new members for 2018/2019 school year: Yes   No   Unsure _________

What ages are the kids in your group? ________________________________

What schools do they attend? _________________________________________

What neighborhoods or areas do your members live in? ____________________

What support do you need to boost recruiting at your neighborhood schools, sports teams, etc? ________________________________________________________________

Please describe your circle and general meeting day/frequency, type of meetings (outings, in-home, other). Include anything that will help us when matching new members to your group. ________________________________________________________________