

GIRL SCOUT® NOTES

Minutes from 11/1/05 meeting:

In attendance: Margaret F., Gerry V., Louise L., Diane O., Monika G., Eileen P., Lina C., Laura T., Michele C., Kelly T., Jeanne H., Jola O. and Pat K. from council.

Margaret went to a meeting of Service Unit Managers of Monmouth Council. They discussed changes that were made to the Mission Statement that is contained in your Blue Book of Basic Documents. You can see those changes yourself on line or there will be a flier contained in The Leader Letter that you could detach and put in your original Blue Book. These changes reflect the original goals in Girl Scouting in a newer more modern way. Encouraging girls to be courageous and strong.

Margaret also encouraged leaders to submit articles to her daughter for the newsletter no later than Dec. 15th. They must be print ready and emailed to Margaret at Pfrank1582@aol.com.

Also troop leaders are needed to sign up for events on the Service Unit Calendar.

There are still openings for a Kindergarten troop to take charge of the Memorial Day Parade. (This involves ordering patriotic things for the girls to hold while they march, maybe including words to patriotic songs or old girl scout favorites to sing while they march.....)

A 4th grade troop to step up and help plan a Family Night or day in Feb. Troop 1128 will assist in the plans. Ideas from the past have included a cultural night with a potluck dinner of foods around the world.

A 3rd grade troop from this year needs to volunteer to run the water stations at the CN 10k run in Sept. 06.

Lastly, We need someone to organize the June Service Unit Recognition Dinner. Places we have had dinner in the past is Christopher's and Marriells in Freehold.

Our Holiday dinner has been kindly organized by Anna Maria Cappelleri and will be at Christopher's Café in Colts Neck. She is shooting for Dec. 1st and will let us know the details very soon. Margaret is planning on honoring our new leaders at this dinner. This will take the place of a formal meeting for the month of Dec.

Lina C. our Troop Organizer stated that Laura S. has stepped up to lead a small PM Daisy Troop. We still have the issue of a Brownie Troop of 8 girls with no leader. There was brainstorming of what to do with them. Some suggestions were to register the girls as independents and to include them in service unit wide events and make sure they know what's going on at council. If you know of someone that is on the fence about joining Girl Scouts as a 1st year Brownie please encourage them to join and encourage the mom to lead! The mothers of these girls don't want to lead but are willing to help run the meetings.

Anna Maria C. went over the treasurer report. She stated that we have \$2031 in the bank and that she has handed out all the checks for the soda booth sale. All total Girl Scouts made \$2068.25. Troops that worked 4 hours made \$284.00, 3 hours made \$ 213.00, and 2 hours made \$142.00.

Gerry V. reported as Consultant that she trained 5 new leaders and has submitted all the paperwork to council She will reach out to Laura Sheehey to coordinate a time that she can be trained. Reminder: if you haven't let her know your troop schedule you need to do so before going on any outings. Her email is gvinggian@optonline.net Also she is trying to compile a proper list of all the leaders emails. If you have not confirmed that you are getting her emails please do so. You can just shoot out a quick "got it" in response to these minutes.

Anna Maria wants to remind everyone that nut pick up is at her house on Nov 9th. All nuts must be picked up this day. If you or your nut mom cannot make it this day you must make arrangements for somebody to pick up the nuts. She will send out a reminder soon as to the time slot. We had a great sale, making \$16000.00 in total sales.

Troop 275 is even having a nut/candy booth sale (Our first ever!) in front of Tutta Italia on November 19th from 9-12. So if you know anyone that needs more nuts put out the word to your troops. Troop 275 is trying to raise money to go to Rocking Horse Ranch!

An email was sent out previous to these minutes reminding everyone that Anna Maria organized a CPR certification class with Jim from TEAM LIFE on Nov. 14th from 7-9 at the First Aid Building in Colts Neck. Prepayment is necessary so contact Anna Maria at nacapp1@optonline.net ASAP.

Please check out the website that Louise Lutkewitte put together at www.orgsites.com/nj/cngirlscouts Bookmark it it's great. It has a place to download forms, to check out the minutes and anything happening in our service unit. She can post any news your troop might have as long as it is the proper format. So email her at thelutkewittes@optonline.net with any questions or comments you might have.

Pat K. from council went over council news. She was pleased that we had picked our delegates to represent our service unit at council. These would be Lina C., Gerry V., Margaret F. and Laura T. as an alternate. They will be attending several meetings but she wanted to let everyone know that everyone can attend the Annual Meeting being held on Jan. 19th. There will be displays and goodies to eat before the meeting.

Make sure you check out the Happenings catalogue and let your troops know about Family Outings at council. All are welcome.

Council also holds team-building workshops. They want to let local coaches know that these works shops such as ropes course workshop teach strong team values that can help your teamwork effectively together. They also hold a course called Go Girl Go, which talks about girl issues such as diet and health. So put the word out to your daughter's coach. The girls do not need to be registered Girl Scouts. Any questions call Pat at council ext 25 and she will be happy to make a presentation or answer any questions.

Most of council's trainings are taking place on Tues. If you need a particular class but you need babysitting call Ginny at ext 23 and let her know in advanced. Some training are offered on line at www.mcgirlscouts.org.

Also the new Happenings catalogue will be out by Dec. Check it out on line first before getting it in the mail.

Pat also spoke about Pay It Forward event at council on Nov. 20th from 1-3 at the Program Activity Center. Admission is \$5 and all are welcome. This event focuses on service projects for

the community. People will be able to donate blood, donate their hair to Locks of Love and many other projects. Any child looking for community service hours should look into attending.

Nov. 15th is the kick off for the cookie sale, which starts in January. Lisa G. will be our product person for the cookie sale and she will be participating in training at council. She will be passing out the cookie info at the Jan. 3rd meeting.

Margaret's Venture Out training went well.

Virginia Amend of the Colts Neck Calendar and Dee Burtnick of the Colts Neck Journal are looking for articles about our troops. Their deadlines are usually around the 14th of the month for the next month's paper. Let them know what you've got going on. The recognition is nice and it sparks interest in Girl Scouting.

Reminders:

Dec. 1st will potentially be our holiday dinner at Christopher's Café!!

Jan 3rd is our next formal Service Unit meeting. Please attend, as Lisa will be handing out the cookie sale packets!!

November 9 nut pick up at Anna Maria's house 401 Marl Road time TBA.

November 14th CPR class 7-9