

HIGHROAD'S LEADER MEETING MINUTES

February 6, 2007

Meeting called to order at 6:45 p.m.

Pledge & Promise said.

Roll Call taken.

No Treasurer's report. Only activity since last report was Daddy Daughter dance on Feb. 3rd. Information not in yet.

Council Liason unable to attend. Information noted from Calumet Connections.

- Program Aides needed. Any girl who has completed 6th grade and up. Weekend training -March 9-11, 2007. Minimum 8 girls needed. Currently only 4 signed up. Deadline is Feb. 16th.
- Service Team rally on third Tuesday of March at Service Center. All Service Team members invited. Watch for invitation in mail.
- Adult Recognition dinner event. April 12, 2007 at Chela's in Highland. Cost is \$13.00. Nominations for volunteer awards (any registered adult) are due to Council by March 1, 2007. *Additional note: if you are eligible for a Years of Service Pin, deadline is March 30th. Include # of years registered both as a girl and adult.*
- Program Event Director Training on Monday, Feb. 19th. Call Service Center to register.

Junior Achievement – we would like to have the kits available at the March meeting for those troops interested. Please contact a Coordinator.

Program Updates

- Daisy Stuff -n- Fluff: April 21, 2007 Location TBA. Committee meeting will be on February 14, 2007. Contact Debbie F to join the committee. Flyers out in March.
- Information on Brownie & Junior events to be available in March.
- Additional Brownie event to be held in late March. This is a Silver Award project by Troop 238 with an animal / pet theme. Watch for flyers or contact Annette G.

QSP Sale starts this Friday, 2-09-07 and runs two full weeks. If you still haven't received your packets, please contact Melynda M. Remember, parents are to be given the choice on whether they want their daughter to participate. Troop should not make this decision for them. Also, if you plan on raising additional funds in the upcoming year (07-08), you will need to have participated in both Cookie & Spring Product programs.

Membership Report

- Still 117 girls short of our goal of 531.
- New Daisy troop just started! Ten new girls registered.
- Mid-Year recruiting push. Flyers for Kindergarten registration are available at Council. Suggestions of also using the upcoming school Book Fair's and Fun Fair's as recruitment avenues.
- Junior troops can "host" a Recruitment event as a Leadership project / Bronze Award project at their school for non-Girl Scouts to promote scouting.
- Need for "temporary" Retention Specialist. This is primarily a "Phone Job" contacting the girls who did not re-register this year. Several entire BROWNIE troops were lost due to leader issues.
- Mention was made of the Child Safety Fair at Central Park in May as a recruitment tool, and also for community involvement.

A handful of troops STILL have not collected their Cookie Incentive prizes. Contact Theresa V ASAP to get those. Someone earned a very large stuffed animal that is still in Theresa's basement!

Spotlight! on camping. In addition to Apple Acres, there are many other camps to look into. Camp Tecumseh & White Pines are great for the "non-camping" leader since all activities are planned for you. Book early as best dates are usually booked quickly.

Girl Scout Sunday / GS Week

- Discussion on sending Thank You cards to all organizations that have supported us in the past year; schools, churches, municipal, etc. Those will be mailed out to arrive during Girl Scout week in March.
- Girl Scout Sunday is March 11th. Girl encouraged to attend church in uniform that day, to help out where they can. (Be greeters, etc.) Information on a Girl Scout Sunday mass will be sent out via e-mail.

American Legion Scholarship for graduating Senior who has earned her Gold Award and the Religious Award for her faith. For more information, contact Gail Galich.

Service Project Challenge:

Looking for ideas for a service project that we can do as a Service Unit. Something more than collecting food at an event. Something that will get us "out in the community". Any and all ideas and suggestions will be taken into consideration. Please e-mail a Coordinator with your ideas! We'd love to hear them all.

Leader Day event for adults only being looked into for The Studio ceramics. Flyer out in March.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.