

CAMP KNUTSON VOLUNTEERS

FALL MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 30, 2018

- Members enjoyed lunch prior to the meeting. The group celebrated Kate William's birthday with a song and cake!
- President, Lori Nelson, called the meeting together at 12:35p.

1. Jared gave a recap of the summer:

- "Thank you for an amazing summer. We are very grateful for all the layers of support that CKV give to the camp, campers and staff. Thank you for choosing to be a part of Camp Knutson."
- One camper told him: "I don't have a lot of friends, but thanks to camp I know that I am not alone."
- The camp served over 1200 campers this summer!
- Reminders of upcoming important dates for CKV:
 - September 10- CKV appreciation dinner
 - September 13-Happy Hour for a Cause at Prairie Bay @5pm. Cost: \$15/person. All proceeds go to Camp.
 - September 16- 1st Annual Golf Scramble at Whitefish Golf Club.

* The construction of the new outbuildings and Denny's office has begun.

2. Caitlyn- Summer recap

- Caitlyn expressed how tremendously grateful she is for all of the CKV. She wants all the CKV to know that they do make such a huge difference in the camper's experience.
- Campers really looked forward to many activities, but especially beading!
- Caitlyn shared a few stories about campers to better show how much this camp means to these kids.
- Jared and Caitlyn gave out key chains to the CKV as a "thank you". The key chains are a circle of wood, with the camp logo on it.

3. Elections:

- The nominating committee was made up of six CKV: Linda West, Judy Morgan, Carolyn Forney, Ginny Hersey, Jan Laurel and Kate Williams. The following volunteers accepted nominations for the open positions:

-Vice President: Jeannine Acker

-Communication/Publicity-Marilyn Schoenmann

There were no nominations from the floor.

Motion to approve the nominees:

1-Judy Morgan

2.-Bonnie Benson

* We are still searching for a Chair for NUTS and Sunday Funday 2019.

4. Night Under the Stars Report- Shari Schumacher Chair

- It was a beautiful day for the big event!
- 450 invites were sent out
- There were 360 people at the event; of that number, 256 had dinner, 45 silent auction only, 16 counselors, 37 volunteers who did not eat.
- A few new things were tried this year: recorded music, fewer things to purchase, and a signature drink.

5. A Round for the Kids- Mardy Brodil Chair

- Will be held September 16.
- Still looking for more golfers
- The CKV are sponsoring a hole. If you can donate, please send monies to Mardy.

6. **Finance Report-Mardy Brodil** (Mardy was absent so report was read by Lori N.). The full report is posted on our web site.

7. **Canteen Fund:** This is a fund that was set up 5 years ago that we can donate to, to provide campers who do not have the means to purchase items from the camp store. If you want to donate you can send money to Caitlin.

8. Volunteer Coordinator- Ginny Hersey

- Thank you to all volunteers for your time, talents, interests and concerns. It was an exciting year!
- It was wonderful to see so many new volunteers (joined in the 2017-2018 year) active and inspiring others.
- There were 416 opportunities to volunteer at Camp this summer! This totaled 827 hours of volunteer time!
- Special thank you to her helpers: Gina, Caitlyn and Mary.

9. Communications/Marketing report- Jean Jones:

- Thank you to all who have responded to our survey! We have about 50 surveys returned as of today.

- So far, the survey has told us:
 - 15% volunteer in non-camper related activities
 - 30% say they find their volunteering fun
 - 15% have an administrative role
 - 100% enjoy their volunteer experience

* The final results will be tallied by September 15 and results will be posted on the web site. If you have yet to take the survey, please do so by finding it on the web site.

* We will continue to work on our web site to make it easier to use and feel more like “your” web site. We spent a lot of time revising it this year and will continue to do so into 2019.

10. Strategic Planning- Kate Williams

- Donna Erickson met with the Board several times this past year and we now have a document to work from.
- The board is about 60% through the document and this work will continue into 2019.

11. Membership- Mary Nielsen

- This year we dropped the membership fee as a requirement of membership. However, 80-90% of our volunteers do continue to pay the fee. The fee monies are used to offset the postage and printing fees of our newsletter,
- If the dues collected do not cover expenses, monies will be taken from other fundraisers.
- Membership status is recognized by the interest and level of activity of each person, submission of the required forms, and hours of actual volunteer activity. Members were contacted before removal from the roster.
- Currently we have 138 individual members, 101 family units, 21 new individual members, and 14 family units.
- To offer recognition to our CKV, the records were reviewed going back to 2002. Records were inconsistently kept, but Mary did a great job pulling together the information to track years of volunteering for each member.
- Milestone Anniversaries are:
 - **15+ years:**
 - Kathy Brodin
 - Holly DeVinck
 - Marie Fischer
 - Renee Hanning
 - Donna Keiffer
 - Gail Peterson
 - Jerry Peterson
 - Betsey Simons

- **10+ years:**

- Marlene Anderson
- Bonnie Benson
- Jeff Benson
- Judy Clarke
- Pat Cormaney
- MaryLu Dietz
- Sharon Elmquist
- Dick Elmquist
- Carolyn Forney
- John Forney
- Linda Gates
- Ginny Hersey
- Ken Hersey
- Kathe Lemmerman
- Judy Morgan
- Kathy Morgan
- Bonnie Morris
- Susan Newsome
- Leanne Ommen
- Ron Ommen
- Gwen Orred
- Bobbi Shallman
- Ginger Slind
- Carrie Spitzack
- Jan Strand
- Carolyn Thompson
- Karen Talbot

12. Introduction of the Camp Knutson Volunteers NEW President: Kate Williams

- Kate spoke to the members and gave a brief overview of her many years working at the camp.
- She was here and instrumental to the initial formation of the Camp Knutson Volunteer group.
- In her 20+ years of work at the Camp she has watched the evolution of the CKV group.
- The biggest thing she wants us to hear is that these young people, the campers, see there are other people in the world who care about them. The kids who come here are often on “the fringe” of our society; kids with challenges may often not be accepted in the real world. At some level, while they are here at this camp, the kids recognize that other people do care about them. You have accepted them. The impact all of us together has made is remarkable.

The meeting was adjourned by Kate Williams at 1:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Laurie Ridgley, Secretary, Camp Knutson Volunteers

