

Camp Knutson Volunteers  
Spring Meeting  
June 3, 2014

The Spring Meeting of the Camp Knutson Volunteers (CKV) was called to order at 1:40 by President Mardy Brodil. After welcoming everyone and thanking the volunteers, Mardy asked the new volunteers to stand and introduce themselves.

Each new volunteer was assigned a mentor.

Clarise Skalman, mentor Kathy Keeling

Stephanie Houston, mentor Jean Jones

Linda Martz\*, mentor Ginny Hersey

Kathy Strampe, mentor Mardy Brodil

Dianne Engstrom, mentor Lori Nelson

Adele Suomela, mentor Lori Nelson

Ramona Sandberg, mentor Bonnie Benson

Sabrina Batalden\*, mentor Judy Morgan

Jan Lobben, mentor Ginny Hersey

Vicki Kopplin, mentor Sharon Elmquist

Penny Bryce, mentor Shari Schumacher

Ellen "Missy" Gray-Munter\*, mentor not assigned

Cindy Markey, mentor not assigned

Jan Strand, mentor not assigned

Mary Kay Violette, mentor not assigned

Ken Nelson, mentor not assigned

\*Linda Martz and Missy Gray-Munter attended the New Volunteer Orientation but were not able to stay for Spring Meeting. Sabrina Batalden attended both the New Volunteer Meeting and Spring Meeting but did not join.

Mardy then asked the 2013 new volunteers to please stand. She thanked them -- and all volunteers here today -- for "making a difference" and invited the class of 2013 to introduce themselves to the new 2014 volunteers and share their experiences.

**Minutes, Carolyn Thompson, Secretary**

All members are encouraged to read the minutes available on our website. A printed copy was available at the meeting. Gail Peterson moved to have the minutes approved, Lori Nelson seconded.

Minutes were approved as presented.

**Treasurer's Report, Joey Hodgson, Treasurer**

Joey was ill and unable to attend. Mardy gave a brief summary of last year's fundraising.

Night Under the Stars -	\$ 92,774	Income
	<u>&lt;17,519&gt;</u>	Expenses
	75,255	Net profit
	<u>50,000</u>	Donation from an anonymous donor
	<b>\$125,000</b>	Total profit

Taste Luncheon	\$ 8,595	Income
	<u>&lt;1,694&gt;</u>	Expenses
	<b>\$ 6,901</b>	Net profit

Last year (2013) there were 110 paid members.

**Camp Knutson Update**

**Rob Larson, Camp Director**

Rob welcomed all back to Camp. Just days until we welcome our first campers of the year and soon Night Under the Stars will be here. "Camp Knutson Volunteers continue to get stronger and stronger. Your support helps make Camp a safe and loving community for the children with special needs." Rob thanked the volunteers for all we do to help. We have a 'huge impact'.

### **Kate Williams, Assistant Camp Director**

Kate welcomed and thanked the volunteers. Kate explained some of the staff training. The Counselors/Staff come from all over the US. Many go in to medical fields, OT or PT, Psychology or Special Ed. The staff form deep bonds with the campers and work 12 hours a day. Our Camp Volunteers bring another level – paternal/maternal, wisdom, love and concern. Thank you all for your participation. Kate introduced Kaitlyn and Quinn, Program Coordinators and Emily Bilski, Volunteer Coordinator.

### **Volunteer Coordinator Report, Gail Peterson**

Gail passed the clipboard with the 'Cleaning Schedule'. The Volunteers are asked to sign up, group of 4, to clean 4 buildings, usually takes about 2 hours. This is a huge help to all the staff and is greatly appreciated.

Please return your Time and Talent Form. A Background Check and a Volunteer Disclosure Form are necessary every 3 years. Gail will post needs on our website [www.campkfriends.com](http://www.campkfriends.com) Please contact Gail by phone not email.

### **Night Under the Stars, Lori Nelson and Karen Struve Co-chairs**

This year Night Under the Stars is July 19 and will have a Western Theme.

The invitations were available at the meeting. Volunteers were encouraged to pick up invitation to save postage.

Music by: Bridget and Kai Allen is secured. Plays fiddle, mandolin and guitar. Asked to play western music.

Caterer will be Brainerd Lakeland Catering- Serving a Buffet BBQ Ribs, Chicken and chef carved beef with all the fixins. Estimated 300 guests.

Dinner outside under a tent. Silent Auction inside Dining Hall.

Wine bags for wine wall will be made by Crosslake Lutheran quilters, Sue Phillips. Volunteers asked to donate Red and White Wine. Wine should be a minimum \$10. value. NO blush.

99 bottles of beer on the wall – Live auction item donated by Cash Wise Liquor.

Wish List for NUTS:

Rob was asked for Wish List. He suggested beds and furnishings for new boys dorm and a new commercial outdoor grill.

### **Silent/Live Auction Update, Mary Scarborough, Jean Jones**

Advisor and Mentor for new GG position. We welcomed Emily Bilski as the new "GG Assistant", who will oversee the work of Greater Giving. Jean and Emily have been working via conference calls for the past month. An overview of the progress on the development of the GG online registration and silent auction webpages, which is currently in place for 2014, was discussed. The online "donation form", was tweaked from last year, as per suggestions from Mardy and Madelyn.

- a. The categories for silent auction gifts to make placement easier will be the same as 2013.
- b. There will be a short presentation at the Spring meeting that will present the "how-to-do" of online forms to volunteers.

Continue to identify volunteers who have the desire and technical skills to work with Greater Giving. This year, Rob and Emily and Jean will work with 3 or 4 individuals that have shown a desire and interest to become proficient on the check-in/check-out process.

### **Marketing & Communication**

A brief discussion concerning address lists and recent updates on the CampKFriends.com website pointed to the need to have updated and accurate information. The website is a communication tool that many volunteers use, so accuracy and consistency in outreach is critical. Several e-blasts have been sent for the Taste Luncheon, keeping volunteers informed and motivated.

### **Taste Luncheon Update, Jane Reierison, Lynn Olson**

The fifth annual Taste Luncheon will be Sept.18. - 11:30AM at Crosslake Lutheran Church.

The Theme is 'Celebrate the Seasons'. Each trip to the serving table includes an appetizer, main dish, side dish and dessert. More recipes are always welcome.

The Luncheon will have a new cookbook. There will be new items to raffle.

The committee is looking for Co-chairs for each position.

**Camp Knutson history book, Judy Morgan**

History Book Committee – Rob Larson, Kate Williams, Judy Morgan, Pat Postelwaite, Kathy Keeling and Karen Christofferson

“Where Spirits Fly” will be sent to printers this week (June 6). Hope to have the book available at Night Under The Stars. It is about 120 pages, a ‘coffee table’ style book. The book is filled with heartwarming stories, lots of photographs. “...so full of love, so full of joy, such a joyful thing to be involved with” Pat Postelwaite.

**Membership, Sharon Barsness**

Sharon was unable to attend.

In Sharon’s absence Mardy asked all volunteers to please complete a new membership form. This information can change and it is very important that we have the most up to date and accurate information. She also reminded everyone that if they have not yet paid their 2014 dues they can pay today via cash, check or online at [campkfriends.com](http://campkfriends.com)

**Election Committee**

Five Volunteers will be needed to serve on the Election Committee. Two positions will be open Vice President and Secretary. If interested in volunteering for the election committee please see Shari Schumacher or mardy.

**Thank You**

Mardy thanked the Volunteers and invited all to circulate through the tables and sign up for volunteer opportunities. Snacks were available.

Meeting Adjourned 2:40 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Carolyn Thompson, Secretary