

# Camp Knutson Volunteers Spring Meeting

Minutes

May 31, 2018

Meeting was called to order by President, Lori Nelson at 10:21am.

New members were asked to stand and introduce themselves.

Current board members were introduced.

1. Jared Griffin, Camp Director:

- This is the Camp's 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary!
- An estimated 1100 campers will be here annually.
- Jared shared two camper's stories which gave us all a wonderful reminder of just how important this camp and our volunteering is to those who attend.
- Jared extended a sincere "Thank You" to the CKV group. He reinforced that the Camp wouldn't be able to do all that it does without the CKV group.

Caitlin Malin, Camp Program Director:

- This is Caitlin's 3<sup>rd</sup> year at the Camp
- "Thank you from the bottom of my heart for being here and sharing your talents with us".
- Contact Caitlin with any concerns or questions or to share a really great story about your experience with the campers.
- Currently in the middle of a 2-week training session with the counselors. First campers arrive, June 3!

Sam and Josh- Counselors:

- Both counselors have been here before, Sam this is his 4<sup>th</sup> year and Josh this is his 3<sup>rd</sup> year.
- They asked for help with costumes for the summer plays and other activities. Beauty and the Beast, and the Greatest Showman are two types of costumes they are searching for.
- Also, in need of shoe boxes. These all can be dropped off at Pauly's Place.
- Sam said they would make a list of the needs and send it out to the CKV group.

New Logo!

- The Camp logo has been revised. It looks similar to the previous one but has definite meaning behind the change:
- 4 trees= community, accountability, love, growth.

- Foundation line= nurturing our culture
- Sun=
- 3 lines below the sun= freedom, healing, fun
- Crest within the sun= timelessness of the Camp experience.

#### Fundraising and Wish List Needs- Jared

- The goal is to have the counselors spend as much time as possible with the kids.
- We want to maximize this effort year-round.
- Very strong feeling of being good stewards of all the things that are given to the Camp
- The Camp's biggest need right now is to strengthen the shop and improve storage.
- The shop is very crammed with storage items making it difficult for Denny, Camp K Maintenance, to work.
- The basement of Timberlane, which requires use of stairs, is full to the ceiling with storage items; there is no more room.
- The Spokes and Wheels area is very full and unorganized with bikes and boats, etc.
- Jared shared the architectural drawing of the proposed Program Support Building. It will be located on the Trout Lake side of Camp, it will have 3 bays with one having a loading dock. The current garage will be remodeled to enlarge the woodworking shop. Over the winter, Denny along with several volunteers, made all the benches in the dining hall! There will be the addition of a real office for Denny and a much-needed bathroom.
- Estimated cost for this addition is \$170,000. The Camp has already received \$65,000 of this need.
- Ground breaking for the project is to be September 2018, and ready for use by Spring 2019.
- Other needs: Camper scholarships, horseback riding scholarships.

2. Fall CKV Meeting minutes were approved.
3. Mardy Brodil, Treasurer, gave a brief report. Of special note is the Night Under the Stars evening last July, netted the Camp \$90,000.
4. Lori N., asked for volunteers for the election committee: Carolyn Fourney, Judy Morgan, Jan Laurel, Ginny Hershey, Linda West all volunteered. They will work with Kate on this project.
5. Over the winter, the Board worked with consultant, Donna Erickson, on our vision and mission as CKV. This brought changes to two by-laws. A new Mission Statement was proposed:

***“The mission of CKV is to support Camp Knutson through acts of service and fundraising in ways that bring fulfillment and joy to the campers, staff and volunteers.”***

Motion to accept this as our new Mission Statement was approved: Linda West/Judy Morgan.

A second proposed change that came from the visioning work, was to the annual dues for the

Organization:

***“Dues for the organization, which support communication, administration and the Camper’s fund, will not be mandatory, but rather, voluntary contributions are welcome. Voluntary contributions for dues will ensure voting rights to those individuals who elect to pay dues.”***

Motion to accept this change was approved: Kathy Brodil/Mary Nielsen.

**6. Night Under the Stars: Shari Schumacher-Chair**

- The theme for this year’s gala is “At the Hop” and will take place on July 21 at 4:30pm.
- Invitations are here to pick up or they will be mailed out this week.
- Registration begins on June 1.
- Volunteers are asked to donate one bottle of wine for the auction. Also adding craft beers to this option this year.
- There will be a meeting for NUTS this Thursday, June 7 at 2pm. If you would like to sign up to work this event, please come to the meeting.
- Silent Auction- Jan Laurel-Chair
- Help is needed at the drop off times for donated items. Please sign up on line.
- If you are donating an item, complete the form to accompany the item. The form can be found on our web site, under NUTS.

**7. Family Sundaes Funday- Carolyn Fourney-Chair:**

- This was a free community event to familiarize the lakes people with the Camp.
- There were tours via golf carts and activities with the counselors.
- An estimated 230-250 people attended despite the rainy weather.
- Donations were around \$700.
- This event will continue annually. If you are interested in chairing this for 2019, please talk with Lori Nelson.

**8. Golf Scramble- Mardy Brodil and Bonnie Morris Chairs:**

- Looking for hole sponsors. Currently have 16 of the needed 18!
- There is a Hole in One contest with a \$10,000 cash prize!!
- Looking to have 25-4 some’s.
- Looking for donations of raffle baskets; they would love to have CKV help out with this.
- A motion to have the CKV organization sponsor a hole was passed; Judy M/Shari S.
- Any donations toward the hole sponsorship should be sent to Mardy B.

**9. Volunteer Information- Ginny Hersey-Volunteer Coordinator**

- Ginny explained the process for signing up for activities to work at camp, both with the campers and some behind the scenes. There were posters at this meeting for each activity with brief explanations of the activity. This information is also on the Camp K web site.
- Ginny reminded all that the Time and Talent sheets are NOT a sign up. It just gives her an over view of talents and availability for the camper activities. All forms must be completed prior to working at Camp. This includes the spouses of CKV if they even work one time such as the Tailgating night.

- Reminder to all volunteers: Wear your name tag every time you are here at Camp and sign in on the notebook in Pauley's Place. Both provide a level of security to the Camp and track the hours of volunteering by us.
- Ginny passed out her calling card. She asked all to write the password for the Camp K web site on the back: ***kidsneedus***.
- This web site also has an address book of all volunteers should you need to contact someone to replace you for work.
- Every Sunday night Ginny will send out a reminder to all volunteers who signed up to work that week.
- You can call or text Ginny with any concerns or need to find a replacement.

Reminders:

- If you are not receiving the email blasts, see Mary Nielsen to make sure we have your information correct on the roster.
- Quilt Show will be here at Camp on August 11, 2018. This is a wonderful event to see.
- June 11,12,18,19 Drop off Silent Auction items at Crosslake Lutheran Church, 4-7pm.
- Night Under the Stars: July 21
- CKV Fall Luncheon Meeting: August 30
- CKV Appreciation Dinner: September 10, at 5pm
- Golf Scramble: September 16

Game/Mixer led by Adele S., Caitlin and Dianne E. started with the question: Where did you go to high school? Groups were formed, and the talking began!!

Meeting was concluded at 11:43am by Lori Nelson.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie Ridgley

CKV Secretary