

MINUTES
CAMP KNUTSON VOLUNTEER FALL MEETING
AUGUST 31, 2017, 10:30 AM
DINING HALL

President Adele Suomela called the meeting to order at 10:38 am and offered a prayer of gratitude for a successful CK season. There were approximately 22 people present.

The secretary's minutes of the June 1st, 2017 were available and Susan moved that they be accepted and Judy seconded. Minutes were approved.

Mardy Brodil, treasurer, reported that there are 79 paid members. We saved \$100 because many members were willing to receive the newsletter electronically rather than incur the cost of postage. NUTS netted \$97,000 with that money going for the updating and renovation of the waterfront, horseback riding, which is a favorite activity and new programs, in particular for RED, the camp for burn survivors.

Adele Suomela reviewed the three goals that she set for our 2017 camping season. First, she wanted to create an atmosphere of acceptance, encouragement, socializing and the importance of our roles as volunteers. Adele said she received only words of encouragement and good advice. The potluck lunch on June 1st provided an excellent time to socialize, encourage new members and a positive kick off. There is a new energy from all members, especially new members. Secondly, Adele wanted to provide support for easier coverage for all volunteer duties and ensure a meaningful experience for our volunteers. We did not always have adequate coverage for cabin cleaning and the board has discussed ways to make this more social and appealing. Thirdly, Adele wanted to establish leadership in many positions, from greeting people at our meetings, members speaking at our meetings and taking on leadership roles. Thankfully we have had old and new members step forward in leadership roles. Thanks to Shari Schmacher who planned and coordinated several new member events, such as coffee time at Camp Knutson. Our nomination committee, headed by Lori Nelson put forward a full slate of appointments and nominations. Our efforts to include people were best met by word of mouth and advertising in the local newspapers, especially the Northland Press. Adele felt this opened our camp and does not make it exclusive but inclusive. In conclusion, it takes many voices to make this volunteer organization operate and to be effective. Thanks to all who stood out.

Jared Griffin offered his thanks to all the Camp K volunteers and Camp K staff and loved the new energy he saw. All this provided 1,204 campers positive camping experiences. The 2017 NUTS, Run For The Roses, and the Quilt Auction were record setting events. NUTS netted \$97,652 and the Quilt Auction \$65,700.

Jared reminded us of the upcoming Pancake Breakfast on September 2nd and of the Volunteer "Thank You" Dinner to be held September 11th. Speaking of food Jared had a fun fact: Camp K Cooks served 20,000 meals in a season. Jared took questions of

the attendees and Kathy made the suggestion that we make use of LSS staff to help publicize camp events. Kathy also mentioned concern of the loss of one funding grant and Jared said that they are already seeking another promising grant. Another question was how many homeless youth participated...there were 18 participants. As for the average cost to fund one camper is \$600.

Caitlin Malin applauded the enthusiasm of the volunteers and the camp counselors. She noted that the campers really appreciate the volunteers and sometimes mention how they added to the experience.

Gail Peterson reported that she had ample volunteers except for cabin cleaning. Three additional dates for cabin cleaning were being sent out via e-blast. Then Adele Suomela presented Gail with flowers, a card and a visa gift card for the appreciation of Gail's 14 years as volunteer coordinator.

Mary Nielsen presented the 2017 NUTS, Run For The Roses, results: 370 people were on the CK campus, 262 paid dinner reservations, 50 paid silent auction tickets, 16 counselors and 43 volunteers who worked but didn't dine under the tent. The net income was \$103,028.08 with a total net income at \$98,028.00. Mary has a detailed summary for anyone who would like to look at it.

Lori Nelson, chairperson of the nominating committee presented the slate of nominations. Adele asked the members for any nominations from the floor and there were none. Susan moved that we accept the ballot as is and Kathy seconded it. The majority voted to approve the ballot:

President: Lori Nelson

Vice President: Kate Williams

Secretary: Laura Ridgley

Treasurer: Mardy Brodil

Communications/Marketing: Jean Jones.

The following positions have been appointed by the CKV Board:

NUTS Chairperson: Shari Schumacher

Membership: Mary Nielsen

Volunteer Coordinator: Ginny Hershey

Moving forward to 2018, plans are to have a new fund raiser to be held in June or September of 2018. With that in mind Adele asked everyone to breakout into groups of 4-5 and begin brainstorm ideas. The creative ideas were many and a Fund Raising committee of 6 was formed and will make recommendations a a later date. Among those ideas were: Host Dinners, Ask a special chef to prepare a meal, Ice Cream Event involving families and offering tours of camp, A Musical Festival featuring food trucks, interactive games and of course music; A "Scramble" Golf Outing which Crosswoods Golf Course has already expressed interest in supporting.

Members shared their favorite experiences during the 2017 year. Members found the 2017 experience fun and full filling.

2018 NUS Chairperson, Shari Schumacher announced that the theme for NUTS 2018 will be "AT THE HOP". Jan Laurel, Chair of the 2018 Silent Auction has been looking in to suggestions for 2018 Auction items.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Fellowship followed and coffee and bars were served.

The Canteen was opened....and we shopped!

Sincerely,
Dianne Engstrom, acting secretary