**Camp Knutson Volunteers**

**FALL MEETING MINUTES**

August 27, 2020 10 AM -12 PM

Location: Crosslake Lutheran Outdoor Worship Center 14019 Daggett Pine Road, Crosslake

The meeting was called to order by Bonnie Benson at 10:09 a.m. with 22 in attendance. President Benson thanked everyone for coming and for all the volunteers who helped out with the various opportunities this season. Guests honked their horns to approve the agenda and the Spring Meeting minutes (which were posted on the website.)

**Reports -**

Finance – Treasurer, Mardy Brodil: Despite the unusual year, our two fundraisers did very well. NUTS earned net income of $185, 661 and the Quilt Auction $55,130. Only 39 members paid dues but combined with a directed donation, we were able to cover our Zoom and website expenses of $416. The total net income for 2020 was $240,875. Unlike previous years when we set financial goals to raise funds for specific items, this year we raised money to help maintain the camp during this Covid “pause” so that it will be ready for campers in 2021.

**Election of the new CKV Board -**

- Bonnie thanked the Election Committee for putting together a great slate of officers: Chair: Mary Nielsen, Lori Nelson, Linda West, Sharon Elmquist, and Ginny Hersey.

-Bonnie asked for nominations from the floor (to be texted to Mary Nielsen’s cell phone.) There were no additional nominations.

-The slate of officers for election were:

-President- Mary Nielsen

-Vice President- Kristie Roedl

-Secretary- Jane Kipling

-Marketing/Communication - Ronda Morin

-Mardy Brodil was elected last year for a 2 year term.

-Members downloaded and completed their ballots at home and brought them to the meeting. They were collected by a volunteer as they arrived.

The vote was 16 “yes” from ballots and 4 verbal “yes” votes, so the slate was elected.

-“Ex-Officeo (or nonvoting) members” appointed to the Board by the Executive Committee were appointed at the August 19, 2020 Board Meeting. They are: Ginny Hersey, Volunteer Coodinator; Linda Thurk, Membership; Jean Jones, Webmaster; and Bonnie Benson, Past President.

**Camp update** – Camp Director Jared Griffin thanked Cross Lake Lutheran Church for the use of their facilities today and everyone in the Cross Lake area for their support in what has been a difficult year for Camp Knutson. He talked about how campers stayed connected to camp over the summer even though they couldn’t attend programs on campus. Campers received postcards from the staff and volunteers. He especially thanked the volunteer gardeners who were able to maintain the gardens every Wednesday just as in a normal year. Staff members worked to support CKV fundraising “virtual” events; maintained buildings, equipment, and grounds; and communicated with camp “partner” programs about the future. A half-court basketball court, new deck at the Dining Hall, shoreline restoration, improvements to the archery course, a “slingshot”, and a new power boat were some of the projects completed this summer.

**Summer Recap** - Program Director Caitlin Malin thanked everyone for their support this summer. She stated that in June and July she and a small staff of former counselors were able to provide a “virtual” camp experience with games, chats and video for 50-60 kids including 10 new campers. Caitlin thanked the “jewelry making” volunteers for beading items to be sent to campers who have participated in that activity last year. A “Camp K Swag Store” will offer T-shirts and other Camp K items online through the website. She mentioned some volunteer opportunities on camp grounds this fall: building a fully accessible nature trail; staining buildings; and washing windows. Contact Caitlin if you are interested in helping Monday and Wednesday mornings.

**Committee Chair Reports –**

**Night Under the Stars**, Shari Schumacher, 2021 Chair reported for Jeannine Ackerman, 2020 Chair who was unable to attend. She thanked everyone as the first “Virtual NUTS” was a tremendous success. They had 140 household donors (70 of them new to the event and 60 new donors) and 130 devices viewing the program and auction. Plans are underway for the 2021 event to be held on July 17, 2021 at Camp Knutson, with a “hybrid” Silent Auction, so that both those attending and those participating online can bid with their mobile devices. The theme will be “That’s Amore!” with a dinner catered by Maucieri’s with an Italian flare. Shari is seeking a co-chair and volunteers in the areas of registration, parking, silent auction, bar, and set-up. Contact Shari to volunteer.

**Quilt Auction** - Cindy Melsby and Penny Bryce (Tri-Chairs along with Beth McConville) reported on our first “Virtual Quilt Auction”. They thanked the volunteers, staff, participants and most especially, the quilt donors for their support. There were 85 quilts featured in the live auction and 89 items in the silent auction. The quality of the quilts was excellent and 16 sold for over $1,000 each. They grossed over $61,000 in sales. All three Tri-Chairs have agreed to serve again for the 2021 event, which they hope to host at Camp Knutson with an online bidding option. They are seeking volunteers to join their team in the areas of photography/video, writing, “Geek Squad”, concessions, live auction lead, silent auction lead, and parking. Quilt Auction opportunities will be posted on the website.

Webmaster Jean Jones shared feedback on the online surveys taken following our summer events, NUTS and the Quilt Auction. The participation rate was 25-30%. She gave an overview of the questions that were asked in the survey, hoping to reach out to get more volunteers in the future.

Mary Nielsen ended the meeting by introducing the new CKV Board for the 2020-2021 term and then thanking outgoing President Bonnie Benson for her service with a gift from CKV.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 by Bonnie Benson. Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Kipling, Secretary, Camp Knutson Volunteers