Camp Knutson Volunteers

Spring Meeting

May 30, 2019

10am-Camp Knutson Dining Hall

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:30am by President, **Kate Williams**. She spoke of her long tenure at Camp and extended a Welcome to all new and existing members. Board members were introduced. New members totaled more than 25! A complete listing of members can be found on our website.
2. What’s New- **Jared Griffin**, Camp Director, gave a summary of the Camp’s purpose, new projects completed and some that are underway, and shared a camper’s story to emphasize how important Camp is to our kids. This Camp K’s 66th year! Jared spent time sharing about some of the campers and how valuable the volunteers are in making the camper’s experience so wonderful. He thanked the volunteer group for all the time, effort and energy given to Camp K.
3. **Caitlin Malin**, Program Director for Camp K, introduced the 2019 counselors and staff. Caitlin told the volunteer group how much she appreciated the volunteers and their meaningful effort, compassion and love shared with the kids. “Your impact is so important to our kids.”

\* Caitlin introduced **Josh Sitarz**, former staff member for 3 years, now is the new Program Coordinator for Camp K. His endless energy and creativity will enhance the experience for the campers.

\***Rachel and Julia** are two college students who are in the roles of Activities Coordinators this summer. Both have been with Camp K for 3 years already. They had a list of needs for upcoming activities they have planned for the kids this summer:

-Railroad worker clothing items

-Alien costume pieces

-Cowboy costume pieces

-TP rolls

-Doctor-like items

-Paul Bunyan themed items

-Fog machine

1. Highlights of the 2018 Summer:

-1187 campers served

-14 different camps were held

-we had 9 Camp Partners

-Campers came from 24 states, Canada and Puerto Rico.

-The new project support building with updates to the shop, was completely funded by Camp K activities and fundraising efforts.

5. There is always something we can find to make Camp K even better for our kids. Here is our current WISH LIST:

- Camperships (40% of total cost)

-Horseback riding scholarships-$25/camper

-Maintenance tools, shelving, etc. for the new maintenance building.

-Updates to playground sets (woodpeckers are taking a toll)

-Trees

-Sound system updates for dining hall and waterfront

-Boat-current boat’s engine is having problems. This is the main boat for tubing.

6. Fall Meeting Minutes were approved by **Ginny Hersey** and **Judy Morgan**, and posted to the website.

7. Treasurer Report- **Mardy Brodil**: NUTS brought in $152,000; Dues and the Golf Tournament brought in $159,000. A full report can be viewed on the website.

8. Nominations for the Election Committee were accepted. The Committee members will be: **Ginny Hersey, Lori Nelson, Bonnie Benson, Carolyn Forney, and Adele Suomela.**

9. Membership Report was brief but reported 140 current members and many new members joining today.

10. Website Update: Our website began a transformation under the guidance of Ian Tucker from Tuck Creative. **Jean Jones** and **Caitlin** spent many, many hours updating and improving our website. You are encouraged to spend a little time on the website getting familiar with all its new functionality.

11. Night Under the Stars (NUTS)- Will be July 20 this year. RSVP by July 10 please. There is a lot of information about this big night, “Luau at the Lake” on our website, including how to donate items for the Silent Auction. \*

12. Volunteer Coordination-**Ginny Hersey** and **Caitlin**: At this meeting there were opportunities to sign up to volunteer for many activities. These various activities are also listed on the website where you can see the type of activity and the dates/times where a volunteer is needed. If you have any questions about the activity, time, etc., please call Ginny. Use the schedule on the website to keep track of when and what you have signed up for. She will send out an email on Sunday night to remind us of our volunteer time in the coming week.

13. The Quilt Auction will be held this year on August 10. Current organizers, **Kathy Lemmerman and Marie Fisher** are looking for some help with publicity for this year’s event, and also for new leadership for 2020.

14. Family Fundae Sunday**- Lori Nelson**: This was the second year for this event and it was another success! 204 guests attended as well as 30 volunteers and 16 counselors. The event gives the community and families of kids planning to attend Camp K, a view of the Camp and what we do here. We have found that this day alleys many fears in both new campers and their parents. Tours of Camp and a great luncheon made for an excellent event.

\*15. Silent Auction (NUTS): **Jeanine Acker & Cindy Melsby**: Be thinking of what you could donate to the auction. If you know someone who might donate an item please suggest that to them. We are looking for unusual items, handmade items, something you would like to bid on!

June 10, 11, 17, 18, 4-7pm, you can drop off auction items at Crosslake Lutheran Church. All items must have the paperwork accompanying them. This paperwork can be printed from the website.

Due to the length of the meeting the Meet and Greet Game was not played.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:59am.

Members were encouraged to sign up for volunteer opportunities and then enjoy lunch.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie Ridgley

Secretary, Camp Knutson Volunteers