

Olympia Branch Council

Meeting Minutes – 2/9/2022

Teleconference

Attendees

Officers: *Janette Zumbo, Dean Taylor, Mike Kretzler, Virginia Haas, Maxine Dunkelman, Neal Kirby, Beth Peden*

Guests: *Julie Dasso*

Agenda Items

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm

Approval of January 2022 minutes

- The January minutes were approved by all.

Reducing Carbon Footprint – Maxine Dunkelman

- Maxine and Virginia want to ensure that food sustainability are included in our thoughts, rules, and procedures. They don't want financial reasons to stop our branch from providing foods that improve soils, have a lower carbon footprint, and provide nutrition and work environments. Maxine will prepare a potential addition to the social chair portion of the Olympia board policy document and bring it to the March meeting for board discussion. This addition will be a strong recommendation to future social chairs and the branch as a whole with respect to our gatherings. Virginia also suggested creating a resource document to help future social chairs with these options.

Summer Picnic and Fall Banquet – Maxine Dunkelman

- Maxine and Virginia are hoping to find the next social chair soon so that they will be actively participating by August and ready to transition as of Oct 1, 2022. However, they do have two potential picnic/banquet speakers lined up. We have yet to determine if we will do both a summer picnic and a fall banquet this year, but they do have Worthington Center currently reserved for Saturday, October 15, 2022. This date is different than the usual third Saturday in October. We could use the facility for a banquet, a less formal get together, an early Open House, or other activity, depending on the circumstances.

Adventure Speaker Series – Janette Zumbo

- Janette has looked into how to film and post an adventure speaker's presentation and make it available on YouTube.

Activity Reports

Basic Climbing – Julie Dasso

- The course has begun and the first field trip takes place this Saturday. She is still looking for instructors, particularly instructors to lead two of the field trips. Navigation is going great but she has a need for first aid classes. There is not capacity at other branches to take on Olympia's extra students.

Navigation – Mike Kretzler

- Registration is open through March and the course should be able to accommodate any scrambling and climbing course students that want to sign up.

Treasurer's Report – Beth Peden

- The Program Center is expecting the mid-flight reports much earlier this year. It may be too early to gather information on this year's courses and committees since many of them haven't begun yet.

Branch Officer Reports

Director – Mike Kretzler

- The January board meeting said the club is doing well financially, recovering from the pandemic. Membership is up to 15,000 now. There is an upcoming fundraising gala on April 2. The board has a retreat on March 5.

Chair-Elect – Janette Zumbo

- The plans on meeting in person at the Olympia Community Center in March.

Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 6:54pm