

Olympia Branch Council

Meeting Minutes – 01/11/2023

Virtual zoom & Olympia Community Center

Attendees

Officers: Janette Zumbo, Becky Daughtry, Beth Peden (virtual)

Guests: Paul Kallmann, Donna Kreuger, Bob Keranen (virtual), Julie Dasso, Dixie Havek (virtual), Mike Riley

Agenda Items

Meeting called to order at 6:03 PM

Last month's (2022) December 14th minutes approved.

Agenda Review /Norms Review/Call for additional Items: Janette Zumbo

No additions to the agenda- no questions about the norms

1. Stick to the agenda
2. Be open to ideas
3. Address ideas not people
4. One speaker at a time
5. No side chatter
6. Okay to disagree, not okay to be disagreeable,
7. Respect each other's time

Olympia Branch Service Award: Janette Zumbo

Maxine Dunkleman is the recipient. Congratulations! Bob Keranen will present to her at the program center volunteer appreciation event-Thank you to for representing the Olympia Branch at this event.

Activity chair report- Hiking & Backpacking: Donna Kreuger

Donna attended the Hiking, Backpacking & Urban Walks Summit Group. Each of these categories was split into separate groups (3). This does not affect the committee structure at the Olympia branch level. Standard changes suggested by the group will be sent out for review. Donna will check to see the how the standards for Urban Hikes Leadership may affect the Family and Youth program and/or other events.

Backpacking meeting on February 7th to assess interest and reset the program.

Activity chair report- Climbing: Julie Dasso

2023 climbing course has 23. Good instructor volunteer turnout.

Activity chair report- Scrambling: Paul Kallmann

2023 Scrambling course has 13 slots open, but happy to have a good cohort with those signed up. Good instructor volunteer turnout

Paul discussed succession planning and possible intention to step down after this year.

Activity chair report- Youth and Family: Dixie Havlak

The program has been busy with outside group activities including activities in Shelton, with Big Brothers & Sisters, The Children's Museum, schools and more. Activities include family hiking & camping, and a solstice party in December. Family hiking and backpacking is under the hiking and backpacking committee. Paul Kallmann organized a family climbing group and Ben Witten is taking that further. Lost some volunteer base since Covid. That is the biggest challenge right now.

Officer Reports and Updates

Treasurer's Report: Beth Pedden

Received November's financials. Not much to report this time of year.

Collaboration/advertising with the Sierra Club: Janette Zumbo

Sierra Club is seeking collaboration to advertise on their website and monthly newsletter and monthly community meetings. They are interested in hiking opportunities that are less strenuous.

- Recommendations are check to with PS about the process to establish a MOU.
- One model for collaboration is the Oly Youth and Family programs has contracted with outside groups to offer content (schools and boys & girls clubs for example).
- Make sure initiatives between organizations align.

Open House debrief conversation: Janette Zumbo

Fairly good attendance – dropped off early so maybe end sooner?

Organized and well-orchestrated

Suggested to have in September-better align with programs like Winter Travel

Virtual open house was suggested in addition to in person to accommodate more people

Listening session: Janette Zumbo

Happening after meeting tonight

Board Meeting update: Janette Zumbo (for Mike)

Mike Kretzler reported via email (since he was unable to attend tonight) no board meeting to report on until next week-

One important announcement made recently was the unveiling of the Equity and Inclusion Committee's Leader Toolkit. The purpose of this is to help leaders create a culture of inclusion for the Mountaineers and its members. Our very own Siana Wong has a nice blog entry describing it. The toolkit is "is a collection of reading, resources, and reflection. Its purpose is to educate and empower volunteers who are looking for ways to integrate equity and inclusion into their Mountaineers activities or who are simply interested in learning more." I encourage all to [check it out](#) here.

Navigation is open for registration. Last time I checked, there were 20 signups. I am organizing a new committee to help and it's going well, so far.

Future Meetings: February 8th, 2022 on Zoom virtual platform- (rotating in person and on-line every other month until further notice.)

Reminder – eBlast submissions are due on the 15th of each month.

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Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 6:50pm