

PARENT SUPPORT MEETING 5/5/15 - Swansea McDonalds, 7pm

APOLOGIES: Trinity, Rebecca, Natalie & Phillip, Kylie, Suzy, Jo & Tom, Colleen

PRESENT: Kath, Darren, Wendy, Zane, Ann-Maree,

AGENDA:

1. Fundraising & Fees

Unfortunately our group has up until now relied on a few parents and leaders hard work to cover the \$4-6K deficit between income and costs each year.

This is causing a strain on the few and I feel is unfair. The recent cancellation of the Trivia Night fundraiser due to lack of support has provided final evidence that the current reliance on fundraising is not economically sound.

Instead of increasing fees to \$115 to cover expenses, we have decided that this situation is to be addressed immediately by

Requiring all youth members to take home and sell 1 box of chocolates each per term.

This will commence next term, therefore I am asking all parents to collect and make sure it is noted when they collect a box of chocolates and when the money is returned – by returning the payment – sealed in the provided collection bag with all details included - for collection to:

Karen - Venturers

Kath – scouts & joey sections

Darren (Owen's dad & treasurer) - Cub section

Money is due to be returned before the second last week of term 2 – Wednesday June 18th, so that the correct Term 3 invoices can be produced.

Commencing Term 3 chocolates will be handed out at the beginning of term and monies will be due before the end of the same term. 1 box of chocolates sold earns the group \$20 in profit. Currently 38 youth members would provide $38 \times \$20 = \$760 \times 4 \text{ terms} = \3040 . Therefore almost covering expenses. **Those parents who do not participate in this fundraising will be billed for the full amount of \$115 per term.**

To further encourage participation the 2nd and subsequent boxes sold would provide the youth member with a discount of \$5.00 off their term fees. With these methods in place we would be able to cover expenses with fundraising distributed fairly across all families.

Yes we will still need to fundraise for equipment upgrades and events, but the amount will be greatly reduced, and much more easily achieved.

Wendy to enquire about Dominos fundraising nights.

2. Term 2 fees are now overdue. Please pay now. If you haven't received an invoice or are experiencing difficulty please call Kath 0421 217 987 to discuss.

3. Leaders

Again I am asking for assistance for leaders for our Scout section. If you are the parent of a youth member aged from 10 years then we are asking you. This situation is now critical and without a leader the section is very likely to close. It will have repercussions across the entire group with the immediate result being an unavoidable fee increase.

This also applies to our Joey section, as the younger children require more assistance the continued support of 2 leaders is required. The parents of any youth member or community member are invited to assist.

If you can make yourself available for 2.5 hours a week on a Tuesday night, with an additional night once a month for meetings, and be available approx. once a month on the weekends, then you can be a Scout Leader. Ideally 2 leaders would be able to alternate these commitments, allowing for shift work or other commitments.

To further assist in group and leader acquisition Kath to contact The Herald, The Star, Pelican Itch to cover our group and achievements.

Anne-Maree to approach Gateway for leader possibilities

Kath to approach James Norman Chaplain SHS for same

4. Group Promotion

- Current along a friend. Kath to print invitations suitable for Joeys to give out to school friends.
- Also promote Combined night at end of term as great intro to scouting for all age groups.

5. Expenditure – Bank balance as at 5/5/15. \$5105.39 less unpresented chq \$1670.00 = \$3435.39

MARCH

- SWANSEA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEMBERSHIP - \$60.00
- HOME HARDWARE - \$50.08
- SCOUT SHOP - \$68.30 (Nov account)
- GROUP SCARVES - \$268.40
- ENERGY AUST – Power \$252.40
- AUDITOR - \$165
- DEPOSIT FOR JAMBOREE - \$5265.00 – FROM JAMBOREE FUNDRAISING
- CADBURY - \$1500
- BELMONT COPY CENTRE - \$61.50

APRIL

- HOME HARDWARE - \$40.91
- ASSET INSURANCE (REGION) - \$1179.34
- Q1 BILLING - \$1670.00

6. Cleaning roster

Term 2 is the responsibility of all Scout families to clean the toilets and tidy upstairs. Please ask your leader for the key to access cleaning products, and report if any items are broken or running out.

7. Dates for your calendar

- Working Bee – rescheduled for Sunday June 21st 9am start
- Next parent meeting – Tuesday 2nd June 7pm at Swansea McDonalds

8. Meeting closed 8pm. Next meeting Tues 2nd June 7pm at Swansea McDonalds