

Minutes
Ranger Meeting
January 11/12, 2008

Attendees: Holly Lofgren, Sandy Levas, Verlin Russell, Marty Wolf, Suzanne Wolf, Tyler Wagner, Phil Paddellford, Don Smawley, Mary James

Staff: Tyler Wagner

Friday, 7PM

60th Anniversary Notes

1. Tyler has some photos, some are staff photos, organized by an intern, going back to 1956, some before. The 50th had a banner that everybody signed, could be brought out. Tim Enander (Kermit) was the first paid staff person and author of Stewed Prunes, a history of his first two years. Holly suggested we select from it and create some spin.
2. Sandy Krauser gave Tyler an oral history recently.
3. Marty felt we needed human interest stories. Like Stan Wheeler, his wife Linda, who passed away, was camp nurse for many years and she made the lollipops on Memorial Day for many years. Holly had a list from Bethel: Victor Chinn who helped build the outdoor worship center. Pastor Irv and Vivian Walz dated here. Brackleins had some history here. Anna Hoegel? Sandy said son and wife were married here. Sandy suggested Tyler get Victor Scott's story. Sandy will get Leroy's story. Rick to tell about the origins of the Rangers. Tyler will talk to Brad and Lisa, singers. Don Smawley's water break incident, and clearing for a fire pit area. Photo of truck Rick James got stuck. Holly to talk to Dorothy Meyers. Roger and Nicole? Tyler and Holly to go to the Lutheran history center of the west, via PLTS at Berkley. Maybe Monika Bellizzi has some LCMS history? Bridge itself is a story. The Bell is a story, Sandy to get. Earthquake update from 1989. Phil has name of man who built Oak Hall originally. Tyler to put out in email and on the website a call for stories and photos.
4. Sales: For every four BBQ tickets you get a free brochure. OR Get a t-shirt and brochure for \$20 (t-shirts normally sell for \$15). OR Make a commemorative t-shirt.
5. Phil talked about the organization 'Story Core'. Stud Sterkel involved?
6. Maybe do a list of the history of the named items on site (buildings and memorials). Maybe feature Kalena's story somehow.
7. Idea to have people come in period clothing (1948) and have prize for best costume. (Holly to ask Pastor Bancroft if he has a vintage car of that era.)
8. Could ask Thrivent to send out a postcard to their members soliciting for anecdotes.
9. What to do with Sandy's t-shirts. She has them from 1984 or so. We decided to sting them up on a clothes line. (Maybe we could make them into a quilt later.)
10. The song, You are 16 (60), you are beautiful, and you are mine by Ringo Starr. Holly to ask Bethel Worship band would they redo the song or any other, maybe camp songs. (Could other kids from the Pace group join them?) Tyler has an old

camp song book. Maybe we could use a subset of camp songs reprinted at a campfire, Sunday night. Phil volunteered to come up with a list.

11. Tyler/Mary will ask Bret and Lisa to do the music for worship on Monday and campfire Sunday night. Would they do a CD? We could sell it.
12. Tyler said Mt Cross will order lots of flash lights. We will sell the. What about flash light tag? What about S'Mores?
13. Speaker: See if Tim Enander (Kermit), author of Stewed Prunes' and fist paid staff member would come with Harold Brown. They live in Oregon. Should be 15-20 minutes tops.
14. We should have a cake.
15. Would former directors come and speak?

Tyler led us in prayer, which included a prayer for Zoe's boy Griffin, and we closed the meeting at 9:40 PM.

Attendees: Suzanne Wolf, Marty Wolf, Verlin Russell, Sandy Levas, Phil Paddellford, Holly Lofgren, Don Smawley, Tyler Wagner, Mary James, Jeff Ford, Bob Fuller, Janice Fuller, Jay Olshen, Christa Scarlott. Rick stopped in.

Staff: Mindi Wagner, Jeff Ford

Guest: Monica Bellizzi

Saturday meeting began at 9AM

60th Anniversary Notes

1. The theme for the Memorial Day celebration is 'Then and Now'.
2. Marty will send out a postcard to the Mt Cross mailing list, including a call for oral histories and period (1948) clothing. He'll attempt to get it out by Jan 31st.
3. The group decided to make the sermon presentation be an interview of a young Kermit. Marty will interview and we'll ask Phillip, who is a Thespian, to play Kermit. If Kermit can attend, we'll ask him to take a bow, sign autographs and talk with folks. The Title of this piece will be 'How we have accomplished what we set out to do'. It will reflect progress, in step with the 'Then and Now' theme. Marty will take some liberty with the 'Stewed Prune's' story in order to create a balanced, entertaining interview.
4. Timeline: Tyler (and anyone who wishes from the sub-committee) will go out to PLTS at Berkley and gather any history data that they have. If we have enough to construct a timeline from that the sub-committee, we will construct it. If not, Holly will request that a Ranger volunteer to put one together from the history files Tyler has available in the office.
5. It was felt that as we gather what we will need for a nice presentation for the 60th anniversary, Mt Cross will have a head start on collecting a true, complete history on its own past. The camp director could continue this process after the 60th anniversary to complete the info, gather more oral histories and archive the stuff.

6. T-shirts: We decided that a 'Then and Now' t-shirt would be a good idea. Mary and Christa will work with Mindi to see if we can develop one t-shirt for the summer. Since we would sell them, it's a fund-raiser and they will try to obtain Thrivent funding for this. Using old and new logos was discussed. (They will still ask Thrivent to give us t-shirts to work in as usual. They come as a Thrivent gift via Join Hands.)
7. If anyone has any leads on period 1948 cars, please let the sub-committee know. We will include this if we have any availability.
8. The group felt we could possibly develop two pieces. One brochure people could take home could be a fold out or a stapled piece that had the timeline, vignettes, list of past directors, background of all the named buildings and memorials on the site, photos, etc. The second would be more of a single sheet, framable, timeline. Marty said he could help the sub-committee with photoshop, etc.
9. Holly will email the 'Stewed Prunes' story to all the Rangers who normally attend meetings. Please read it so you are aware of what is happening.
10. Holly said that to keep all this activity moving her sub-committee (Holly, Sandy, Mary and Tyler) will need to talk together every two weeks. Then, she will let Rangers know about progress, needs to be filled, etc. She asked that Rangers communicate back to the sub-committee as they proceed with tasks.

Work Projects

1. We had no list at the beginning of the meeting, but generated a good start by the end of the meeting. Tyler will send out a complete list to the Rangers.
2. Standard work orders are on computer (thanks, Rick!) and printed out. Bob has them. There will be lots of exterior clean up, branches, etc., due to storms.
3. Jeff committed to letting us know if we will be short any tools, given the particular project needs this year. Bob reminded all that we must urge people to bring some of the items from home.
4. The group generated almost a dozen special projects. We will need to apply for Thrivent grants asap. Below is a list of those projects, along with the Ranger and the Chapter they intend to apply for \$1600 to. Tyler passed out some 'how to apply for Chapter funds' paperwork. Remind your Chapter that we put their name in the Memorial Day honor role each year.
5. Also, Rangers are encouraged to ask the Chapter to send out a postcard to the members regarding Memorial Day.

Memorial Weekend 2008 Special Work Projects and potential Thrivent Chapters for funding

1. Paint the Pool House – no chapter sponsorship as of yet
2. Stair construction and lighting up to Cove Worship Area – Possibly N. Alameda County Join Hands Day Money to sponsor
3. Changing Platform and Cubbies for Tree Houses – Nevada Chapters in contact with Jay Olshen will sponsor
4. Pool Edge Resurfacing - no chapter sponsorship as of yet

5. Window Replacement in Upper Jensen – Santa Cruz County, N. Santa Clara County, and N. Sacramento County (if necessary) to sponsor
 6. Beautifying of the Camp Entrance - Central Santa Clara County Chapter to sponsor
 7. Paver and Courtyard Project – Placer County and Nevada Thrivent Chapters to sponsor
 8. 60th Anniversary T-shirt and Thrivent work shirts– N. Alameda County to sponsor
 9. Fix Cross near apple tree
 10. Fix Bridge Fence
 11. Trail Work and General Cleanup – Butte Glen County to Sponsor
6. To do: Tyler will send Phil some photos of the entrance, Phil will look into getting some expert help.
 7. To do: Rick, Bob and Tyler need to generate a materials list, cost out the projects and generate work orders. Rick is the contact, Bob is his assistant. The Rangers need the cost estimates to apply for funds, asap. (Many Chapters require a costed-out project with receipts for Hands On funding, now.)
 8. Our wish list includes a second treehouse, but we need a gift of \$20,000 in lumber.
 9. It was reported that a consultant has been hired to scope out the new sewer system.

General Business

1. Monica Bellizzi joined us from the Board. She discussed the Milestone project. This is a grant from Thrivent for the development of endowment funds. It was done with Bethel Cupertino (50th anniversary), Holy Cross Los Gatos (50th anniversary), and Mt Cross (60th anniversary).
2. Monica told us about the Facilities Task Force. This is a group formed under the Board which is chartered to create/keep a map of the site (especially utilities), ensure long range plans dove-tail with Memorial Day Weekend projects planned and assist when emergencies come up.. They are focused particularly in the building, plumbing and electrical areas.
3. Monica reported that the board is seeking 5 new members. Openings are for 2 LCMS lay, 2 LCMS pastor, and 2 ELCA lay people. An LCMS person is admitted to the Board by appointment; ELCA is by vote. It's a 3 year office with a two term limit. Board members are required to attend 6 meetings a year and 6 teleconferences in alternating months. Persons must have a passion for Mt Cross, must be willing to get involved and make decisions.
4. Monica stated that the Board struggles to find representation balance between the churches which are farther away and the churches that are closer.
5. Board make-up, dictated in Bylaws is: 5 lay ELCA, 4 Pastors ELCA, 3 lay LCMS, 3 pastors LCMS for a total of 15 (min 12 required).
6. She would also like to start an advisory board.

7. There is a search for a new camp director. Three people have expressed interest so far.
8. Rangers distributed camp brochures to take back to their congregations to pass out.
9. Rangers were reminded to please obtain a larger basket and/or raffle item for Memorial Day.

Our next meeting is March 28 and 29.
See you there!

We closed the meeting at 11:45 AM.