**5th Girl Scout Leader Meeting Minutes**

**Public Safety Building**

**March 5, 2018**

1. **Cookie Sales:** Cookie deadline extended to March 12th. By this date, Cookie parents must allocate cookies sold by each girl to receive awards. Cookie booth sales are continuing. Booth sales have been held recently at Dean College, in front of scouts’ houses, etc. The town will buy some of troops’ extra cookies to give away as “thank yous” as they do every year.
2. **Padma Timuluri (GSEM Update):** Padma is a Volunteer Support Specialist at GSEM and Medfield is part of her assigned area. She attended the meeting to introduce herself, offer guidance and answer questions we may have regarding cookie sales, open Service Unit positions, registration, etc. Topics discussed included the following:
   1. Cookie Sales: Leaders expressed difficulty using the new online Cookie App. Leaders also were confused as to why cookie prices varied from region to region. Padma understood the confusion but said this was a GSUSA issue as they set the prices. Padma said she would relay these issues back to GSEM.
   2. Girl Scout Camps: Padma left camp guides and flyers for those interested in sending their girls to camps run by the Girl Scouts. She also mentioned that if Adult Scouts volunteered their time at the camps during April Vacation, their girl could go free to the camp on the days that the adult volunteers.
   3. Open Service Unit Positions: Padma stressed that some of the positions open on our Service Unit could be shared which would lessen the burden. SU Coordinator, Registrar (now called “Membership Promoter”) can be shared. Sarah Powers, the current Registrar, described the position. The beginning and end of the school year are the busiest times. The biggest challenges are getting parents to lead troops and offering guidance to new leaders. Michelle Schofield, GSEM Recruitment Specialist, assists with the Millis Service Unit Team and can answer questions and assist anyone willing to take on this position. Sarah Powers will also lend her support. The Service Unit can also meet less frequently, lessening the burden on those who volunteer as Service Unit Coordinators.
3. **Father-Daughter Dance (2/9):** The girls and their dates had a wonderful time. The photobooth was a big hit and attendees came up with some creative costumes based on the “Candyland Fairytale” theme. Will be looking for another troop to take over this dance next year.
4. **Girl Scout Sabbath (3/11):** Girl Scouts are encouraged to wear their uniforms if attending religious services this weekend. Scouts are usually recognized at some point during the service. Amy Ferry is coordinating this event at the UCC. If anyone else wants to coordinate the event at another place of worship, please let us know. Discussion about the obstacles faced with coordinating the event at St. Edwards and the Boy Scouts’ involvement. If your scout attends services this weekend, whether the church, temple, etc. participates in Girl Scout Sabbath, she can receive a patch. Patches will be ordered after the event as attendance can be unpredictable.
5. **Brownie STEM Workshop (3/16):** Will take place at the UCC. There are 7 spots left for Brownies who want to attend. If there is interest and more Brownies who want to attend than spots left on 3/16, the 74900 girls running the event are willing to hold a second session on **4/27**. Please let Corrin know if you are interested.
6. **Scuba Diving (3/18):** Juniors and up are invited to attend. A facilitator from GSEM will run this event for Medfield Girl Scouts at the Kingsbury Club. There will be 2 sessions of 12 girls each.
7. **Wheelock Soccer Field Cleanup (4/2):** This event usually takes place the weekend before Spring Soccer starts. MGS earns $500. Melissa Roeder is organizing the event.
8. **Girl Scouts 101 (5/6):** 3PM-5PM @ Rocky Woods. This annual event, planned by a 5th grade troop, is for Kindergarten Daisies and is a fun introduction to scouting. Looking for a high school or middle school girls that might want to help.
9. **Spring Food Drive (TBA):** Troop 62376 has offered to coordinate.
10. **Can & Bottle Drive (5/12):** Looking for organizers. Discussion about holding a contest to see which troop can collect the most bottles/cans. Winner gets an ice cream party.
11. **Rising 5th Graders (5/20):** 3:30PM-5:30PM. 5th graders will be invited to a 74900 meeting and parent orientation to learn about Troop 74900, what it offers to those entering 6th grade and what parents can do to help. The theme will be the board game Clue.
12. **Pet Parade (5/20):** Janie’s Junior troop will be running this event at Memorial School (start at Pre-K entrance on North Street). There will be competitions and prizes. The troop will also be educating attendees about saving bees, part of their Bronze Award Project. More details to follow.
13. **Memorial Day Parade (5/28):** Jen Disinger has offered to organize. Veterans, Selectmen, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, MHS Band and other groups march. The parade starts behind Town Hall. There is a stop at Baxter Park for speeches and then the parade winds its way through Vine Lake Cemetery where it stops 3 times to honor those who served and died. The parade concludes at the American Legion Hall where lunch is provided for all participants and their families. More details to follow.
14. **Spin-Off 3rd Grade (6/1-2):** Leaders have scheduled tent training in preparation for the weekend. RSVPs are being collected. A planning meeting is scheduled.
15. **Bridging (6/11):** Will be held at 6:30PM at Dale Street School. Discussion about following last year’s less formal format. Those grades bridging: 1st, 3rd, 5th, 8th & 10th.
16. **Encampment (9/21-23):** Location TBA. First adult planning meeting will take place May 7th.
17. **Open Positions on the Service Unit 2018-2019:** There will be openings on the Service Team next year. Any active parent who wants to contribute to Medfield Girl Scouts, beyond the troop level, should consider volunteering on the Service Team. Some jobs can be shared. If you choose to volunteer for the Service Unit, there is no commitment to do that job beyond one year.

Service Unit Coordinators: Sets agenda for Service Unit and Leader meetings. Oversees town calendar.

Assistant Service Unit Coordinator: In charge of communication. Sends out emails to MGS community.

Service Project Coordinator: Keeps updated Service Project list and acts as liaison between organization seeking volunteers and the troops wishing to volunteer. Sarah Powers volunteered to fill this position.

Registrar (Membership Promoter): Assists with putting together and registering new troops and reregistering existing troops.

Secretary: Attend monthly leader meetings and prepare minutes for distribution/posting. Tracy Davignon volunteered to fill this position.

Meeting Adjourned/Breakouts