

Pacific Partnerships

Minutes of the November 13, 2007 meeting

Chair-Leanne Guier, Vice Chair-Glenda White, Treasurer-Ann Smith, Secretary-Valorie Bauer

Meeting: called to order at 6:30pm sharp...

Members Attending: Leanne Guier, Marlene Jorge, Kathy and Darrel Smith, Gene Townsend, Frank Hatten, Ann Smith, Glenda White, Mahina Paaaoa, Valorie Bauer

Introduction of guests: Kathy introduced Denise Osborne to the group. Welcome Denise!!

Minutes: of the October 16, 2007 meeting were read. Frank questioned the dates for the gift wrapping. The minutes stated November 15; Correction is: December 15th, 2007. Minutes were then accepted and passed as then read.

Treasurer report: Ann reports that our account balance is \$2002.30 after funds were paid for printing and distribution of The Pacific Pulse. The report passed as read.

Giving Tree Committee report: On November 20th the giving tree will be put up in City Hall at 5:30 pm. No more names will be accepted.

The ornament-making party: will take place Thursday November 15th at 6:30 pm at Ann's house. Please bring what you can: scissors, construction paper, glue, glitter, tape and anything else you can think of to bring.

Gift wrapping party: will meet December 15th at 10:00 am in the conference room in, last room down hallway on the east end, of City Hall. Please bring what you can. We need wrapping paper, bows, ribbon and name tags. Please mark your supplies so that they can be returned to you, if lost.

Santa: will pass out the gifts on the 20th at 5:30. The committee approved to use some of the items left over from Pac Days for goody bags. Santa will not only pass out candy, but a little gift bag with a toy and candy. Jay Bennett will play Santa.

Gifts: will be stored at the Post Office or Gift Shop across from City Hall until wrapping is done, then Leanne will take them and give them to Santa to disburse.

Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony: A song book will be available to sing along with the singers. The tree lighting and other buildings around City Hall will light up at the same time at 6:30 sharp. Glenda has the Walky-Talkies so that all the lights come on at the same time that the tree lights come on. Refreshments will be served afterwards and a tour around City Hall will be led by Leanne. Leanne has made arrangements for pictures to be taken. It was mentioned that it would be a good idea to bring a flashlight so we can read from the song book being provided, during the sing-along. There will be CD's for sale by the group that is performing during the lighting ceremony. There will be a raffle drawing during the ceremony. People who bring a can of food will receive a ticket. It was decided by the committee that a ticket per item of food will be given, meaning that if a family brings 3 items of food they get 3 tickets for the raffle. Ann has the food barrel and will bring it to City Hall. The prize will be a \$25.00 gift certificate to "Red Robin".

Rehearsal: for the tree lighting ceremony will be on November 20th at 6:30 pm where the tree lighting will be held.

Holiday Baskets: No news was presented by Barb Lourdes, due to her absence. However donations are still needed.

The Pacific Pulse: was a success!! Kathy and Darrel kept the cost down. There was discussion on when the next flyer should go out... January? February? But, should be before the Pacific Days events. The committee hasn't made a decision as yet.

Old Business:

Leanne reports that the Holiday Bazaar went well and that there were a lot of interested people that made positive comments and acknowledgements towards the Pacific Partnerships. They really knew us!!!

Kathy reports that the storage unit clean-up went well and everything is organized. We have a lot of room.

New Business:

Ann's Conference was a blast!!! She will put together a workshop for the Board member's about what she learned in January. Ann also has reading material about the non-profit conference and organization that were there, if anyone wants to borrow them to read.

Leanne has suggested that we take up a 2 year adopt-a-highway program for our area of the highway, which is a 2 mile stretch (not confirmed). It would mean solid commitment on the members. There was suggestion that the High Schools help since they have to do community service. We'll be looking into this and discuss it at a later date as we gain more information about the rules and what is required of us.

Roundtable:

There was discussion about Algona merging with us in our Giving Tree, since there are families from Algona that are in need. It only makes sense that Algona help their own. Further participation will be discussed later. But Pacific Days and Pacific Partnerships will never change, if Algona should join us.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm. The next scheduled meeting will be December 11th, 2007 at 6:30 pm in the Senior Center. Thanks to Leanne for the Brownies!! They were good!!