

2019 MOUNTAIN MAGIC LEADER WEEKEND - MEETING MINUTES
August 28, 2018 Committee Meeting

2019 Planning Committee

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Kim Elmore
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Robin Antzoulatos
Anthony Ross
Brenda Carswell

Donna Andrews
Jennifer Chancey

Timeline Review

- AUG - Purchase check-in folders (usually 10/\$1 during Back to School sales) if they haven't been donated or purchased. Finalize t-shirt design and cost for inclusion in registration flyer. Get online store up/running. Finalize detailed overall weekend schedule. Publicity committee to share event information at Volunteer Leadership Conference (August 11, 2018 @ Gwinnett Infinite Energy Center **NOTE CHANGE) promoting event.
- SEP – “Preferred registration” (including online registration) for staff/committee will be available 9/4 – 9/9; instructors may begin registration 9/7 – 9/14. VLC early registered pick classes beginning 9/10. “Early bird registration” for all will begin 9/15. Prior attendees will receive email notification that registration packets are available and registration has begun on 9/15. Council requested class requisition forms submitted to council on 9/18 (wait until online registration is LIVE and confirm LARC sign-up procedures with council). Publicity committee representatives to attend cluster meetings to promote event and answer questions. Hold fall planning committee retreat– Misty Mountain (Shellcracker Cove), 9/7 – 9/9.

Previous Action Items

- Amber/Marie R - Entertainment committee to provide details of supplies needed for registration packet/participant confirmation letters/packing list. **Still pending**
- Sheila – ask Genny if she can lead Sing-Along Saturday night? Possibly EH fire ring? Or lower level DH? **DONE**
- ALL – let Lianne know if you will NOT be attending the MMLW Planning Committee retreat Sep 7-9 **sign up via <https://goo.gl/forms/5lmGunCgGmCFotJZ2> ASAP!**
- ALL - Please review weekend agenda and registration packet and provide updates by Friday 7/27 if possible. **DONE**

New Action Items

- ALL – If you would be willing to be a Unit Hostess mentor (coordinate with the Unit Hostesses for Friday night and do check-out kapers Sunday), let Christina or Kippy know.
- ALL – If you have games you will loan for game time Saturday night, bring to retreat or next in-person meeting
- Lianne - print page with the shirt design for scrapbook.
- Cheryl – Check with Jan to see if there is a council rep that can make copies for us

- ALL - Let Cheryl know if there are office supplies that need to be purchased.
- ALL - Regonline is up and ready to be tested by committee. Look for an email with the link and instructions.

Discussion Items

Silent Auction is 12-1; 1:30 – 2:30 Unit Kapers/Participant Check-Out; 2:15 – 2:30 PM Pick up and pay for Silent Auction items after Unit Kapers are done; 2:30 PM Camp Closed. This causes problems for those committee members responsible for tearing down DH and planning committee – DISCUSS. We agreed to do Silent Auction from 12-1, final tallies 1-1:15; pay for silent auction items at 1:15 immediately following the Scouts Own/Closing Ceremony, THEN go to units for Unit Kapers/Checkout.

MMLW Planning Committee Retreat is scheduled for Sept 7-9 at Camp Misty Mountain (Shellcracker Cove). Plan to arrive Friday after 4PM and departure will be Sunday right after lunch. Register your attendance yes/no and sign up for meals/kapers and classes at <https://goo.gl/forms/N6KEcchD20fQ17wd2>.

- Kathy will also be bringing a craft if anyone is interested in doing it. This is to get an idea of whether it would work for MM2020. Sea Glass Art - There will be no charge for this. Supplies are cardstock, cultured/imitation sea glass, glue, pen, pencil or markers. I will bring all supplies and sample pictures. She and Pete made some cultured/imitation/fake sea glass this spring to use with her classes in January and unlike combing the beaches for the genuine article, you get a lot more and more variety in sizes. So she looked up ideas to use some of the smaller pieces that are too small for jewelry projects (at least for right now). You simply draw a simple sketch lightly with a pencil and fill in with sea glass and colored pencils, markers, ink pen. Then frame it which they will do when they take home the finished project. Sea glass can be attached using hot glue or tacky glue.

Wi-Fi is now available at the dining hall but not at any cabins/tent units. This means we can accept payments via debit/credit card? Do we want to do this? NO, do not advertise this year. Cash is better for paying instructors at event and incurs no fees for us.

Committee Reports

Admin/Financials/First Aid/Unit Hostesses (Lianne, Jeanenne, Karen, Christina, Kellie)

Registration packet has been sent and final updates will be incorporated by tomorrow.

Financials (Jeanenne)

Nothing additional.

First Aid (Karen)

No update.

Unit Hostesses (Christina)

I have 3 confirmed unit Hostesses:

Shelley Calico

Nicole Sapp

Kellie Haley

I am still in need of two Unit Hostess. I have reached out to Holly Butkoivch if she is able to come she will be a hostess. So she is a Maybe. Also, reached out to Karen Brooks-Kent, Jincy Bufford, and Stephanie Spicer. I am waiting to hear from them. Does anyone know if someone interested? **Sheila suggested that Jennifer Clark might be a good candidate also.** If so please send me their contact info.

Can this be put in the registration Packet? If so what is needed from me? **Maybe add to feedback form instead – I want to be a unit hostess/instructor – for next year.**

For each unit hostess we would like to have a committee member paired with a Unit Hostess. This is solely to give support if needed. If you are interested, let Christina or Kippy know. They will be getting together soon to coordinate that.

These are the themes for each Unit:

1. Horton's Whos (Horton Hears a Who)
2. McGurkus Circus Clowns (If I ran a Circus)
3. Pocket Wockets (There's a Wocket in my Pocket)
4. McGrew Zoo Crew (If I ran a Zoo)
5. Whoville Peeps (The Grinch Who Stole Christmas) **may need to change this; prefer One Fish, Two Fish, Are you My Mother, Yertle the Turtle, Sneetches?**

There will be two activities for Friday night:

1. Roll the Dice, Break the Ice
2. A unit activity that is geared toward unit theme. This will help get those creative juices going for decorating for the parade. Christina is finishing the details for each unit and will have more info next meeting.

I was thinking a neat treat with themed unit would be good to have but still pondering that. I want it to be easy for Unit Hostess. Goal is to have unit hostesses confirmed by next meeting.

If someone needs to coordinate with Christina, please contact her via email or text.

Opening/Closing (Kellie)

Notes for idea on Opening ceremony are attached. Feedback is very much appreciated! Once we get some initial feedback from the group Kellie will start working on the details.

Currently brainstorming & researching ideas for closing that will focus on "Oh the Places You'll Go"

Camp/Unit Set-up & DH Takedown (Rebecca/Genny)

Nothing new to report

Participant and Unit Check-Out (Kippy Penney)

Updated the timeline and sent to Marie for posting to website. Next action items due in Sept. for kapers (any updates). Since we have Christina doing Unit Hostesses, does Kippy use committee members to cabins? YES.

Decorations (Frances/Carol)

Working on the patch. Swap necklaces are almost all finished. Other necklaces were given out at the VLC (very well received!) Photo op theme is finalized and in production. Bathroom door decorations were a hit last year, so working on that now. Working on table decorations.

Entertainment (Amber/Marie)

There will be game time Saturday night – bring games to retreat or next in-person meeting (Marie will ensure you get your game and all pieces back after event). Yahtzee, Balderdash, Twister, Hungry Hungry Hippos, etc. Still need to work on the games. Marie and Amber are working on the bags for the skits, and are trying to make audio files of games so that cabins can hear what they sound like. Will be asking for donations of items for bags for skits once the themes have been finalized.

Historian (Rose)

Scrapbook is finished and it has been scanned and ready for digital version! Rose brought the scrapbook for us to see. Lianne to print page with the shirt design for scrapbook.

Meals/Snacks (Melonie)

No additional updates this meeting.

Participant Check-In, Guest Services (Cheryl)

Do we have a council rep that can make copies for us? Cheryl to check with Jan. Any updates to the DH layout? No. Let Cheryl know if there are office supplies that need to be purchased.

Publicity & Philanthropy (Jessie)

Philanthropy – Jessie is working on signs and decorating the collection boxes for donations.

Publicity – Our booth at VLC was a huge hit. We have a list of about 91 potential early birds that signed up at the conference. The list is being finalized and compiled for a mass e-mail for their special registration. Brookwood service unit picked up flyers and SWAPS at the conference. Jessie visited Rockbridge, Mill Creek, and Phoenix Rising's service unit meetings. She is trying to catch a few other service unit meetings for September.

Registration (Marie W)

In holding pattern. Trying to convert everything into database and inputs have been shared with Regonline. Spreadsheet is ready. Class listings on the website have been confirmed by instructors. Sheila to send schedule to instructors for review; changes for emergencies only.

Website/Technology (Marie L)

Regonline is up and ready to be tested by committee. Look for an email with details this week.

Workshops/Trainers (Sheila)

Sheila will be sending email to trainers to let them know the date registration opens and what happens if they miss registering (lose perks). We have a wonderful group of instructors this year. Trainer gifts are underway. Names are embroidered and supplies have been ordered.

Council POC (Jan)

No update.

Our next meeting will be VIA CONFERENCE CALL on Tuesday, Sept. 25 at 7:00 PM.

Opening draft ideas

Time: 10-15 minutes

We've decided that we want to take the FUN Seuss theme and make it a bit educational and in the spirit of Girl Scouts. Our idea is to start much like a typical "meeting" with some Seuss twists:

- **(all stand)**
- **Pledge**
- **GS Promise**
- **(all sit)**
- **General Welcome message** - to be written, add 'very' short Seuss bio here to introduce theme; take a few points from longer bio below
- **GS Law:** For a "Seuss" style Girl scout law, we are taking each line of the Girl Scout law and relating it to a Seuss character or book theme. For this we would like to have the text on cards and have a different lady each read one. For example:

"Use Resources Wisely" - Published in 1971, the Lorax is a cautionary tale with a powerful message that while we live on a beautiful and diverse planet, it is one we must protect.

"I am the Lorax who speaks for the trees which you seem to be chopping as fast as you please.....UNLESS someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not."

I think it would be fun to even have a sign on a stick with the character or book cover since very few people have read all the Seuss books, and the text to be read could be on the back. We could DIY this:



- **Clever wrap-up (to be written)**

Dr. Seuss Biography Info:

Theodor “Ted” Geisel was born March 2, 1904 in Springfield, MA. Growing up he could hear the sounds and songs of the animals of the Springfield Zoo. He took a pencil and pad to the zoo and began to draw the animals that he saw. But his animals were awkward, mis-shapen and tended toward the bizarre. Over the years, as he drew more and more, instead of becoming more accurate and life-like, Ted’s animals remained awkward, mis-shapen and bizarre.

His life took many interesting turns that forged his uniqueness:

- While sailing home from Europe with his wife aboard a ship called the Kungsholm, Geisel was entranced by the rhythmic drone of the engine. For 8 days he listened, and created rhyme schemes in his head.
- Over the next 6 months he created a story with the rhyme schemes and added his own unique pictures until he had a children’s book. The number of rejections for the book was reported by various sources to have been more than twenty and to as many as into the forties. They said no simply because there had never been a story like his.

Written from the children’s point of view, the Cat in the Hat was an instant success, partly owing to the parameters of a wordlist supplied to him to ensure that children could read it on their own. After showing time and again that he could successfully publish a book with about 250 words, he was presented with a challenge to write a book with only 50 different words. This was when he wrote Green Eggs and Ham on a bet for which he won \$50.

Dr. Seuss used almost the same technique of escalating action across all his books. Every page-text and pictures-contributes to a bigger and better next page.

Dr. Seuss was much more than a best-selling author, he was a cultural icon who married text, rhyme and art perfectly. After his death, Time magazine published his obituary stating, “He was one of the last doctors to make house calls - some 200 million of them in 20 languages.”