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A-Squad Minutes

Tuesday, August 21, 2007

12:42 – 1:20 p.m. IMC

1. Bring the meeting in!

2. Who's here?

- Team Members: Jeremy Kasik, Zach Stephens, Alex Kirk, Madison Ahlers, Keanna Cohen, Emily Briener, Benigno Sandoval, Jordan Gillespie, Claire Bounds, Jason Grider. Adult Volunteers: Marc Clay, Cathe McClard, Morrie Pongratz, and Sharon Stover

3. A-Squad Projects:

LA Wild Day

A. Local business sponsors

B. Morning: Bike/Run and Kids' Relays (need to talk to the County to reserve spaces; tennis courts, fields, and figure out dates)

C. Mid-Day: Different Sports.

D. [Morrie suggested other activities such as a Pet Parade and a Mad Hatter Tea Party costume contest where the children dress up as their favorite character.](#)

School Spirit

A. Fundraising: T-Shirts, [Sweatshirts \(and sweatpants?\) was decided to be a better idea; Alex and Jeremy are looking into it. Perhaps Becky Hardy?](#)

B. Paint school (Mural?) Need to check with the Schools, County School Board, Abney

C. 5th Quarter: [Jason, Zach, and Emily will look into using the football field for 5th Quarter.](#) Light Up LA Mountain (solar panel lights) (*See Note Below under new projects*)

Grant Writing Workshop (contact Keanna at 490-7793)

A. Sunday, August 26, 1-5 p.m. at LA Family Council, 1505 15th Street (used to be Casa Mesita Thrift Shop)

B. Need three volunteers for A-Squad to participate: [Benigno, Jeremy, and Keanna.](#)

C. Cheryl and Morrie Pongratz are donating \$250 to the winning team who submit a completed project and grant

D. *A tentative schedule:*

1:00-2:00: Info on writing a project plan (do's and don'ts)

2:00-2:15: small break with refreshments

2:15-3:00: panel (we are inviting a few adults to share their experiences and answer questions)

3:00-4:00: info on grant writing (do's and don'ts)

4:00-4:15: small break with refreshments

4:15-5:00: computer search/getting started/Q's & A's

Sign-Up Sheet for Agenda & Minute Taking (2 volunteers each meeting)

[Zack presides over the next meeting on Tuesday, September 11. Benigno is the note taker. \(see attached schedule – some folks still need to volunteer to be presider\)](#)

4. New Project Development:
 - A. Bon Fire for homecoming: [Madison and Jeremy will look into getting it approved for homecoming immediately after the Powder Puff game.](#) – October 4 (Thursday).
 - Confirm with Fire Chief, Doug MacDonald and Fire Marshall, Mike Thompson, 662-8304 and solicit their help. They provided the jackets and equipment for lighting the barrels. They secure the site for safety.
 - Confirm with Athletic Director, Vicki Nelms
 - UNM-LA Site last year (back parking lot). If sign is in could we do it at Smith Parking Lot? [Bon Fire group will look into securing Smith Parking lot.](#)
 - Coordinate with Tom Littleton on barrels. His crew transported the barrels to the site.
 - Recruit LA Monitor for wood from platforms and newspaper
 - Recruit volunteers to load the barrels with wood and newspaper
 - Fundraiser: sell t-shirts and hot chocolate (last year Key Club sold)
 - Confirm with band director that LAHS band will participate: [Needs to be looked into, New Band director.](#)
 - Confirm with LA Cheerleaders participation
 - Notify football coach so that player's can be informed to wear their shirts
 - Recruit Parks and Recreation sound system for music – pick music ahead of time
 - Notify media to cover the event
 - Recognize volunteers
 - Develop program – who is going to introduce players? Coach say a few words? Who/What else needs to be scheduled? Do you want a program to handout?
 - Bring "Spirit Flag" that was done last year by students – need volunteer(s) to run around holding the flag
 - B. 5th Quarter activity for after home football game on:
 - [Jason, Zach, Jeremy and Emily volunteered to work on this.](#)
 - Friday, September 7th (St. Mike's)
 - Friday, September 14 (Santa Fe)
 - Friday, October 5th Homecoming (Albuquerque Academy)
 - Friday, October 12 (Taos)
 - Friday, November 9 (Bernalillo)
 - C. CAG Dances. Any volunteers to help members from "Las Conquistadores" plan dances? There can be four dances scheduled at Central Avenue Grill.
 - D. Any other projects we have not thought of?
5. Calendar/up-coming event dates:
 - A. Grant Writing Workshop – August 26
 - B. Café Scientifique – August 28 at lunch time at UNM-LA. This is not a LAYL program, but they requested that you be notified for this first meeting.
 - C. Next Team meeting: Tuesday, September 11 (T-shirts should be ready)
 - D. Sign to be shipped from FL on September 27 – Tom Littleton said he could have the sign up if you had 1 day – let's hope it is not snail mail!
 - E. Ropes Course in Santa Fe on October 8. We leave Ruby K's at 7:15 a.m. and return around 5 p.m.
 - F. Web page with pictures from 2-day August Orientation: www.losalamosjjab.com All should be posted by end of next week. Thanks to Morrie for sending out photos to students directly.
6. Let the meeting go!