

Tree of Life Bible Camp

WELS

Minutes, August 1, 2010, Post Camp Meeting

Opening: Pastor Kant opened the meeting with a prayer.

Board Members Attending: Pastor Kant, Pastor Schmidt, Steve Pechin, Tim Mann, Greg Pluckhan

WELS members attending: Alan Boushek, Steven Boushek, Rosemarie Boushek, Kathy Lee, Laura Lee, Anna Lee, Mrs. Kant, Mrs. Schmidt, Pastor Mueller, Lisa Dushane

Report from camp co-director, Steve Pechin

- Camp ran smoothly overall, he spoke with the campers afterwards regarding the skit that poked fun at the camp rules and said, "The kids didn't consider the big picture." Steve complimented the efforts of the new Activities Director and assistant Director, and the staff in general. Steve praised nurses Stacie and James Thum for their service and said they look forward to serving again as camp nurses.

Activities Director Report, Steven and Alan Boushek

- Discussed the creation of an "Activities Checklist" in the future to help with planning the week next year.
- Steven encouraged better counselor participation with the camper activities during All Camp.
- Bitcon Ball - did not work well for the juniors, too many kids just standing around, Steven and Alan not sure of exact rules of the game.

Activities Director Report (con't)

- Cabin contests - a success, not enough time for Memory Lane because campers were late for the activities, had one Activities injury during the water balloon launch: a senior counselor got hit hard by a water balloon.
- Cards - Steven and Alan will put together a "suggested list of games" for more than two people a game.
- Steve Pechin to create an "inventory list of supplies needed."
- Swimming - We need to emphasize pool rules and involve counselor enforcement.
- Soccer - This is to be added as an option during archery. Also may consider developing "water soccer" games.
- Candy for the winners - We suggest no peanut-containing candies because of camper food allergies. Instead, we could consider jelly beans and Jolly Ranchers.

Pastor Mueller's Report (as co-Camp Director)

- Camp went very well. Good adherence to the new dress code. The overnigher was good.
- Problems - The junior boys were often wandering, and not listening. The senior boys set a record for most KP, not following the rules. The seniors lacked leadership. The consequence of bathroom duty seems effective.
- The intermediate hike went off very well, and at least four to five songs were sung.
- The maintenance of the volleyball court is needed.

Pastor Mueller's report (con't)

- Also, the maintenance of the pool's water needs attention and was dirty at times.

Steve Pechin's discussion of Camp Evaluation responses with feedback from the audience:

1. JUNIOR Response

- Add hikes
- Have less time for devotion (15 minutes) so juniors can get to bed on time.
- Junior boy counselors need to supervise their kids better.
- At the orientation meeting, need to give more tips to the counselors like their "responsibilities." This is difficult to do when they miss this meeting or last minute staff additions.

2. INTERMEDIATE Response

- The average response was 8-9 on the scale.
- Largest amount of "maybes" on coming back to camp.
- Consider adding Vinyl gloves to the nurse's supply kit because two campers developed an allergic response to the lanyard material.
- "Journaling" by kids was discussed by Miss Anna Lee and its benefits.

3. SENIOR response

- *Excellent* for overnigher and senior party.
- Initiation: Steve dislikes the word "slaves" and prefers instead the word "servant." Servants should start Tuesday night, no earlier.
- The Senior Party should be called such, and not called the *Senior Dance*.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Consider creating a new edition of the Safety Handbook and consider merging the Counselor Handbook with the Safety Handbook.
2. Steve Boushek to create an "Activities Checklist" to help with planning the week next year.
3. Steven and Alan Boushek will put together a "suggested list of games" for more than two people a game.
4. Steve Pechin to create an "inventory list of supplies needed."
5. Steve Pechin to contact the Bitcons about the Rules of Bitcon Ball.

Meeting closed.

Picnic in the park to follow.

Next meeting: November 7, 2010

Minutes submitted by Greg Pluckhan