

Camp Quest NorthWest meeting minutes

Teleconference Meeting – <http://gotomeet.me/CQNW>

Monday, February 22, 2021, 6:30pm

Board Members in attendance:

President – Michael Warbington

Vice President – Bridget Lombardo

Treasurer – Kathy Amadio

Secretary – Jami Gramore

Members at Large – Meg Vimes, Andrea Kunkle, Ben Frey

Others in Attendance: Megan Jackson, Gino Prodan, Josh Oberg, Sharon Zolnowsky

Meeting Minutes:

Start time: 6:53 pm

Approving 1/25/2021 meeting minutes:

* **Consent Agenda** for 1/25/2021 meeting was approved without objections.

Treasurer's Report:

* Kathy emailed the Budget report and Balance Sheet for February. Nothing noteworthy to point out.

Staffing Report:

* Paul mentioned that he's interested in vetting any potential medical personnel.

* Volunteer survey results so far:

“Will you be attending camp?”

38.5%: Yes; if camp is open I will do everything I can to be there.

53.8%: Maybe; if camp is open I may or may not attend based on safety, scheduling, or other factors.

7.7%: No, I have no plans to attend camp this summer.

Policy Report:

* Nothing new to report.

Grants Report:

* Nothing new to report.

Programming Report:

* Josh: We met on February 10. Discussed a possible LT retreat the same weekend as the virtual planning retreat, and wondered if Bridget would like to lead that.

* Bridget would be happy to run LT specific breakout sessions during the retreat. Get their feedback and perspectives. Set aside a block of time for LTs to interact.

* Josh: For virtual camp, we want to put together activity kits to send to campers. Simple, affordable materials. Like Camp in a Box. Kathy: Doable, just need a budget.

* Josh: Still trying to find the best platform for virtual camp. Attendees discussed different options. Whatever we decide to go with, we should test it by using that platform at the retreat.

* Kathy: We already pay for GoToMeet, so it would be ideal to use this platform. Will need to investigate its possibilities and limits.

* Mike: We need a start and end time for the retreat.

* Mike: Each program we create for in-person camp needs to have instructions in the write-up about how to do it safely with COVID precautions. We also need ideas for how to modify normal camp activities for social distancing (gathering at the flag, camp photo, dance, talent show, etc.).

Registration Report:

* Kathy: Mostly just holding right now.

* Waskowitz: Not able to confirm our tentative date. The week they had penciled in for us is now probably not available. The following week (July 3 – 10) might be possible, but it's still up in the air. We'd also have to share the campsite with another camp.

* Our reservation for Kirby is confirmed, as long as they're able to run camp.

* The group discussed reimbursements and deadlines.

Ongoing COVID-19 Considerations, Camp Options:

* Mike: We should consider having a new position at camp – COVID officer or something like that. Their responsibilities would include wiping down surfaces, handing out masks, taking temperatures, testing, being extra aware of and enforcing safety precautions, etc.

* Mike: We will need to provide extra COVID-related information in our camper packets. Besides the usual precautions, parents need to know that there will be a lot more activities outdoors. Windows will be open at night, so bring warmer clothes and extra blankets.

* Mike: Kitkat said the state will give us guidance about opening camps by April 1. Kirby has given themselves a deadline of April 30 to decide whether or not to operate camps.

* Mike: WA State Camp Coalition is working with the state about when and how to open camps, possible financial assistance. Town Hall on Feb 26 – Contact Mike if you want more information or to register.

National Council Meeting:

* Bridget shared the latest news from National. They had a short meeting. Still a lot of uncertainty about camps.

* A list of virtual camp options for joining other camps will be created soon. Share resources and staff.

* March 14 is a fireside chat with the national office regarding virtual camps or day camp options.

* They're looking for someone who can be council secretary.

* The ACA is trying to get a discounted rate for quick COVID tests, so if we are planning on testing, we should let them know.

* Insurance premiums have gone up for camps that didn't go to camp last year. Something to be aware of. Need to look into what it will cost to renew our insurance.

Important Upcoming Dates:

- * Next Programming Meeting: March 3 @ 6:30pm
- * Next Policy Meeting: March 4 @ 7pm
- * National Fireside Chat: March 14
- * Next Staff Meeting: March 16 @ 7pm
- * Virtual Programming Retreat: March 27, 2021

Tentative Camp Dates for 2021:

- * Camp Waskowitz: June 27th to July 3rd, 2021 (6/26 to 7/4 for volunteers)
- * Camp Kirby: August 15th to 21st, 2021 (8/14 to 8/22 for volunteers)

Next Board Meeting:

March 22, 2021 at 6:30pm

Location: Online – <http://gotomeet.me/CQNW>

End time: 7:57 pm