

Camp Quest NorthWest meeting minutes

**Round Table Pizza (15730 1st Ave S, Burien, WA)
Wednesday, September 18, 2013, 6:30pm sharp**

Board Members in attendance:

President – Chuck Wolber

Vice President – Brennon Church

Secretary – Jami Blackann

Treasurer – Jerry Schiffelbein

Members at Large – Brian Demong, Becky Friedman

Others in attendance: Michael Warbington

Action Items:

* Brennon: Compile camp feedback and make it available to board members.

* Chuck/Jerry: Refund CIT tuition.

* Chuck: Create agenda for next meeting.

* Buy Becky's plane ticket for leadership summit and submit receipt to Jerry.

* Everyone: If one of your personal items ended up in storage, email Brennon about it.

Meeting Minutes:

Start time: 7:00 p.m.

* July board meeting minutes were accepted unanimously.

Financial Report:

* Total Contributions: \$66,837.35

Total from 2011: \$8,434.00

Total from 2012: \$26,557.72

Total from 2013: \$31,845.63

* Expenses so far: \$45,690.37

Total from 2011: \$3,510.60

Total from 2012: \$19,673.64

Total from 2013: \$22,506.13

* Balance: \$21,146.98

Still have some pending transactions to go through.

* Reminder: For anyone who needs reimbursements, keep your receipts and give them to Jerry as soon as possible. Also, don't combine CQNW expenses with personal purchases.

Camp Review:

* Time for meals: kids finished eating quickly toward the end of the week. The board discussed around the idea of shortening the lunch period.

* Next year: Need to train people and give better instruction for table clearing.

* Staff meetings: It was hard to get counselors to talk. Lots of venting to Becky, but not as much actual problem solving. How can we better prepare for the next camp? Have staff and counselor leads?

* How do we facilitate constructive dialogue between staff/counselors who are discussing children's behavior? Communicate about how to ask for help about difficult camper behavior. Remind staff/counselors that they don't need to handle behavior problems alone.

* Training Session suggestion: Have adult modeling of potential camper behavior problems. This will allow counselors to better understand these situations and know what to do.

* There are sometimes extreme circumstances when the staff must consider sending a disruptive child home. We may need to lower our threshold about when to send a child home whose behavior is too disruptive to control. Make a behavior contract.

* If there's any personal or discipline problem in your cabin, let the leads know.

* Counselor pairs: Pair the most experienced with the least experienced.

* Becky suggests theme for next year: Empathy building in addition to science, inquiry, freethought.

* Separate CIT training. CITs are still campers first.

* Discussion about CIT tuition. Do we reduce the price because they have more responsibility? One option: CITs pay the whole amount, then have a possibility for performance scholarship. Another option: Have CITs do work in advance (write an essay, etc.) for scholarship.

* Might be nice to have leadership training for older kids at some point in the future. Embedded or separate.

* We need to track where people come from and how they found us so we know how successful our advertising and outreach are, or where an additional camp should be located. 15% of campers came from Oregon.

* We need to think about committing to a CQNW Oregon session in the future.

* Attend more Oregon freethinker events to recruit.

Vote: Refund CIT the full tuition.

Brennon proposed, Chuck seconded.

Passed unanimously.

Vote: CQNW pay to fly Becky to LA for leadership summit.

Jerry proposed, Chuck seconded.

Passed unanimously.

* Mike W. shared some of his creative projects, which included: Architeuthis' Garden poem, Architeuthis Fish design, daily scheduling program.

2014 Camp Kirby Dates:

* Reserved: August 9-17

* Camp: August 10-16

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 16, 2013

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End time: 9:10pm