

Camp Quest NorthWest meeting minutes

Round Table Pizza (15730 1st Ave S, Burien, WA)

Thursday, July 20, 2017, 6:30pm

Board Members in attendance:

President – Chuck Wolber

Vice President – Michael Warbington

Treasurer – Kathy Amadio

Secretary – Jami Gramore

Members at Large – Bridget Lombardo, Meg Colburn, Phil Cole

Others in attendance: Sharon Zolnowsky, Dan Lombardo

Meeting Minutes:

Start time: 7:09pm

Consent Agenda for 06/07/2017 meeting was approved without objections.

Review of June Camp Session:

* Overall consensus was that camp went really well.

* Staffing level was good. Mike even thinks we didn't need as many staff as we had.

* Dividing the campers into pods by age definitely benefited everyone, especially the older campers. The older campers were more engaged. Younger campers not quite as engaged, but still having lots of fun with activities geared toward their age level.

* Gender-neutral cabins went well. What made it successful: Chill cabin counselors made a big difference. In the beginning of camp, everyone came to a consensus about comfort levels and set ground rules for the cabin.

* Programming activities were fun and well received. Liked that the programming was interconnected.

* Food was stellar. Quality better than previous years.

* The dance was good, but would probably be better with more people.

* Strange difference from previous years: It stays lighter longer at night in June.

* Ghost hunt suggestion: Have two groups that prank each other.

* Will need to debrief campers who are attending both camp sessions about not spoiling the fun for others.

* Meal time songs: Effective when you have low bar to entry, like the repeat-after-me songs. Complicated songs with lyric books can be intimidating.

* Song books would be useful for CQ staff. Helpful for bonding and for reference.

* Regular staff who run kayaking should be trained in specific skills.

* Meg requests not to have cabin leads also be pod leads. Meg was also running activities. This may have been too much. Was hard for her to develop rapport.

* Cabin leads were terrific.

* Bridget, Chuck: Write constructive criticism email to particular counselor.

* Nature walk: Doesn't work with big groups of campers.

Financial Report:

* June session came in under budget. Contact Kathy Amadio for specific details.

* Have room in budget for materials, camperships, staffing assistance.

Registration:

* All families are paid in full.

* Three drops from last Board meeting.

* Talked about waitlist queue.

* We have staff for 70 campers. Currently: 15 female, 16 male.

* Discussed staff interviews. Talked about increasing staff, reaching out to people. Haven't heard from some.

* Board agreed to raise the camper limit from 70 to 75.

* Expert Online Training – Board discussed pros and cons, and if we should try to get a viewing party before camp. The videos are most useful for new staff, though it's too late to impose it on people.

Important Dates:

First Camp Session: Jun 18-24, 2017 (Staff: Jun 17-25)

Second Camp Session: Aug 13-19, 2017 (Staff: Aug 12-20)

Next Board Meeting:

August 2, 2017 at 6:30pm

Location: Round Table Pizza (15730 1st Ave S, Burien, WA)

End time: 9:13 pm