

Parent's Meeting Minutes 12 Nov 2011

- Meeting was called to order, our new Treasurer (Michelle Huber) was introduced, minutes from the October meeting were read and approved.
- From Lt. O'Brien
 - Lt Stecker cannot be here this weekend due to her husband's health.
 - SCUBA forms and money (\$20 per cadet) are due at the December drill
 - We are planning to hold a Flagship Competition sometime during the upcoming year. Cadets compete against other units in knot tying, line heaving, first aid, firefighting, etc.
 - December Drill Information: **Saturday** – Cadets are to report to base at the usual time. They will head to the banquet at approximately 10:30. Parents are to transport their cadet to the banquet which is at American Legion Post 312 in St. Charles. **Sunday** – Cadets arrive at base at the usual time. Tom will confirm start time for SCUBA, which is at Parkway West High School.
 - Cadet pictures are being taken today. Proofs and order forms will be available at the banquet.
 - New guidelines from Regional Headquarters regarding haircuts. If a cadet shows up for drill needing a haircut, they have two choices: 1) A unit officer will give them a haircut, or 2) They can go home for a haircut and return.

Since utility jackets are not worn with NWU's, a parent asked what cadets wear on winter trainings where NWUs are required. Tom will confirm that Iowa has NWU parkas on hand for cadets to use. Otherwise, cadets can wear Under Armour beneath NWUs.

Recruitment of new cadets was discussed. Mr. English has a small supply of the Sea Cadet National flyer that he will bring for parents. There was interest in creating a Battleship Missouri flyer showing our cadets at different trainings and activities. Davis Smith could provide pictures to Tammy Carpenter, who has volunteered to create the brochure. It was suggested that flyers could be placed at VFW and American Legion halls. A suggestion was made that a link to training videos could be put on our website. Mr. Nowack has created a video from the Homeland Security training that might also be put on the website. (Our webmaster was not at the meeting to discuss these possibilities.)

- From Elaine:

We will have a parents meeting on Saturday December 17. Anyone interested in staying after the meeting to create baskets for our silent auction is welcome. We have access to the banquet center at 9:00 a.m. for final set-up. Doors open at 11:00 a.m.

Be sure to turn in or mail your reservation form with payment. Elaine needs to give a final count to the caterer. Since Lt. Stecker is not at drill this weekend, your checks will not be deposited until after the banquet in late December.