

18th Edmonton Scout Group

Leaders Meeting

Friday 5th January 2018

6:45pm in the Church Hall

Present: Speranta Knowles (SK), John Symons (JS), Daniel Parr(DP), Donna Willard(DW), Emily Miskin(EM), Flora Hajipetrou(FH), Grant Murray(GM), Liam Wilson(LW), Rianon Parr(RP), Rachel Connor(RC), Thomas Barnett(TB), Shannon Willard(SW), Adele Bishop(AB), Kyra Clear(KC), Paul Symons(PS) and Sally Symons(SS).

- 1 **Introductions** – Speranta introduced Sally as the new AGSL.
Donna asked why the position was not offered to one of the leaders, Speranta explained that she asked Sally to come in and help her as she is new to Scouting and considers that Donna and Grant are busy running their sections and will not have the necessary time to take on additional role.
Donna wanted to know why Paul was attending the meeting. Paul explained that as a DC he can attend any meeting and that he is present to support Speranta.
- 2 **Apologies for absence** – Mary Bird, Pranav Dave
- 3 **Leader team update** –Liam moved from Assistant Beaver Scout Leader to Assistant Cub Leader. Grant is stepping down as Interim Scout Leader from April.
John Symons to reprise the role of Scout Leader from April.
A few parents and one of Liam's work colleagues have shown interest in helping with the group. Speranta to get the necessary paperwork in place.
- 4 **Moving on and member numbers**
 - a. Beavers – There are 21 Beavers. One Beaver moving up to Cubs now with eight more starting their link into Cubs.
 - b. Cubs –There are 16 Cubs with 6 moving to Scouts and 8 joining from Beavers plus 2 new joiners. There will potentially be 20 Cubs.
 - c. Scouts –After the moves there will be 17 Scouts.

Paul reiterated the need for Kieran to move to Scouts. Grant and Donna strongly disagree with the move. Paul to seek County Commissioner guidance.
- 5 **Event and programme planning**
 - a. Camps/nights away
 - Beavers** looking to have a sleepover at the church on a Friday night and go into London on Saturday before Easter - Donna to speak to Mary
 - Cubs** to have a night away on HMS Belfast before Easter – Liam to look into it
 - Cubs looking to go on a 5days/4nights camp at the end of August
 - Scouts** looking to go on camp middle of August
 - b. Church Parades – Sally explained that they are held second Sunday of every month with the exception of August and attendance is required as we are a Church sponsored group. Donna and Grant specified that they encourage children to attend even when the leaders are not there during holidays.
 - c. Joint meetings and camps to continue

- d. Parent rota – A few parents have shown interest in helping out. Speranta to lease with them and get registered into Compass and obtain availability.
- e. Quiz night- to be held between April – July. Cubs YL to research questions.

6 **Social media and websites** – Facebook well received by parents. Grant to continue to update page with the Scouts activities after April. John to send photos as before. Whatsup – 18th communications whatsapp group to be the main way of communication between the Leaders, Young leaders and assistant leaders.

7 **Uniforms** – John asked for the correct uniform to be worn by all the children: trousers, scarves. Donna said she is not enforcing the trouser rule as the price of the uniform is a burden for most of the parents. John said that as a uniformed group we should enforce it.

John asked for the camp badges to be removed from the back of the jumpers and applied to the camp blankets. Grant said that they can be there as per a conversation with Jack Cane (CC). Paul/Speranta to clarify with CC.

Leaders and young leaders need new uniforms. Speranta to seek approval from the exec for the group to cover the cost.

8 **GSL Admin rights** – Speranta has full admin rights to OSM.

9 **Awards and certificates** – Sally explained about the history of the group and the strong connection of the people worshipping at the Church with the group. The awards have been part of the group since its foundation and are to be treasured and preserved. The group is sponsored by the church – free use of the hall on a Friday night, free use of storage huts, free use of the hall for fundraising activities (availability permitting) all is required in return is children attendance at the Sunday parades through the year (11 in total). Sally asked for the camps to be scheduled so they don't interfere with the parades.

Donna said that she always encourages the children to come to the parades and that only one parade clashed with the church parade (December 2017). Donna asked for the services to be tailored for the children as often they are too long and not engaging.

Donna asked Speranta to look into the cost to the group if it were not to be a Church sponsored group anymore.

10 **Date of next meeting** – Friday 13th April 2018 6:45pm at the Church.