

53rd St. Barnabas Scout Group

Minutes of Parents Meeting held on Saturday 30th September 2017

Attendees: Group Scout Leader Tracey Vlamis, Isaias Ioannides, Andonis Florides, Andreas Moraris, Nafsika Kouali, Ann Karekla, Georgina Adams, Estelle Kousoulidou, Maria Athienites, Daisy Waury, Harry & Maria Kopetsidis, Elizabeth Photiou, Stavri & Christakis Loizidi, Anna Poyiadjis, Marina Antoniou, Pawel & Ilona Graban, Andri Anastasiou, Richard Mijares, Olga Korznikova and Christos Triantadyllides.

1. General

Parents were welcomed and advised that new committee members are welcome. It was emphasized how important it is to have a strong parents committee to be able to help support the leaders and raise funds for the group - no-one gets paid, it's all on a volunteer basis.

Anything that is required for the group, such as equipment and activities for the children the monies come from the funds raised by the Parents Committee. It was asked that any new or old members of the parents committee to give new ideas for fund raising. Even through any companies.

A run down was given of recent events:

We started off with running through the accounts of expenses and funds raised from various activities from the group and the parents committee. K1.5 is one of the group's main fund raisers. Thalys challenge was completed with Explorers hiking 80km in 4 days, Yermasoyia 2 day fun camp was a big success, there was the overseas trip by the group to KISC in Switzerland, and the annual summer camp at Dkekalia for cubs and scouts was a success even though it was very hot.

With funds raised by the Parents Committee the following jobs were done: The wooden frame in the Mouttayaika hut was put in done by one of our own leaders to cut the cost. This will allow the group to entertain groups from aboard. Painting was done at the 246 Yermasoyia hut. Purchase of bows, arrows and the dutch ovens.

2. Copies of the annual accounts for the year ending 31st August 2017 were distributed to all present and Georgina Adams, the Groups Parents Committee treasurer, gave a detailed explanation of all the expenses / income. The accounts were unanimously approved and Georgina was thanked for her efforts.
3. As agreed at the last Parents Meeting, Isaias and Georgina are the new signatories of the 53rd Groups bank account. They are at the stage where the bank has requested copies of four of the main Committee members ID's and Utility bills.
Those members are: Isaias Ioannides, Adonis Florides, Georgina Adams and Marina Antoniou.
All documentation has been given as far as the committee is concerned, minutes of meeting, accounts etc.
4. Proposed events were given, although these are subject to change, especially to be flexible with the District events - check group web calendar page, usually updated to show next month or two! K1.5 Hike 15/10, Halloween Party 28/10, Christmas Camp at Vavatsinia 16-17/12. Also there will be more hikes and camping. Hikes will start earlier this year in November for Scouts and Explorers.

5. The group membership currently stands at 50 cubs, 45 scouts, 18 Explorers and 7 Adult Leaders and 6 younger leaders. We have two new leaders Alan for the cubs and Nafsika for the Explorers. Also we have 2 new woodbeads, Andreas and Stephanos they will be getting their woodbeads on the 4th November. We cannot take any more new members at the moment. We have a waiting list for new members for January 2018. It's also requested that anyone's children that have grown out of their uniforms to bring them in to hand down.
6. The parents committee had a meeting two weeks ago for the go ahead to put cement for a shaded area at Mouttayaika hut and for sinks and showers outside. Also the workmen will start work on Monday 2nd October to fix the steps at Yermasoyia hut; these are being done for safety. The money the group had left over from last year €2,155 is now -€900 due to the cost of the works being carried out. The water still needs to be sorted. The water board needs to put a new water meter. This will also bear a cost.

The next issue the group has is the electrics at the Mouttayaika hut. The electric box that keeps the electric meter needs to be moved and a bigger fuse is needed 20-30 AMPS. To do the works an electrician needs to do a diagram to sign at the bottom and do the other electric works required. The group has found someone who will do the diagram for 300 euros. The price for all the work is 1,500 plus. We need this to be done as soon as possible.

The group is looking for someone that can do metal work. The frame for the shade needs poles and the poles for the sinks outside. They are the next jobs we are starting. Cost around 200 -300 euros. As always if anyone can come in to help or recommend someone. We have some people that can help with the work but more help is always welcome. Also a hot water system needs to be put in. Of course there will be another expense. Tiles for outside are needed preferable to be non slip. They will go by the sinks. 10square meters are required if anyone can help with this.

Poles for the tents are required as new tents cannot be found. Andreas has measured them and will order from China. These are the main expenses at this time. Another meeting will be held to move forward. If anyone knows someone that can do give the group a good price or volunteer their time to do the work please contact Skip.

7. The group needed confirmation from the parents committee on the subs. It was agreed the subs to stay at €5 euros. It was also agreed there will be no refunds on children that do not come to camps. This is due to planning of supplies etc. There is no money made from camps. When forms are handed out it is best to mention no refunds will be given on cancellations.

The group tries to help struggling families when subs are owed. If a family has three children they only pay for 2. Insurance isn't charged for the third child. Everyone has to be in the new uniforms by Christmas. It's also requested anyone's children which have grown out of their uniforms to bring them in to hand down.

8. Future trips:

Once the bank has been arranged the Newsletter for 2019 World Scout Jamboree USA –(the group is not in a position to see what subsidies they can give at this moment in time for this trip to USA), 2018

Roverway, Netherlands, around the 25th July until 2nd Aug. Persons wishing to go need to be over 16 and under 21. The money for this trip will go through the Cyprus Scouting Association. There looks to be quite a few wanting to go on this trip. Most likely there will be two groups going. 2 leaders are needed to go from the 53rd group. It was agreed from the parents committed to subsidies two leaders for this trip, cost will be approx 1,300 per person. Easter Trip to Karpenisis, Greece the week coming up to Easter. Cost approx 650 euros. 4 days in Karpenisis and 2 days in Athens. The group plan to leave on the Friday or Saturday when the schools close and coming back on Thursday or Good Friday. Min amount of 40 people are required to go, if there aren't enough scouts/Explorers then parents are asked and other scouts groups to make up the numbers. Should know by November on the numbers. Jordan has been cancelled due to not enough participates.

The District scouts will be organizing a trip to Crete beginning of July 2018. There is a possibility no leader from the 53rd to company any of the scouts from the group.

53rd group plan to go Switzerland 2020.

9. The group has stayed in touch with the group from Gilbrator (met at the mini jamboree last year) and they will be visiting the group in October next year in their half term. The group intends to do a brother hood. The group intends to do their 60th celebrations when the group from Gilbrator visits. The group asks for them to stay at Mouttayaika. The group will be asking the parents committee to subsidies a lot of their activities (such as buses to take them to hikes, dinners, etc) as they will be our guests. The parents authorized roughly on this.
10. The fete will be in October in 2018 instead of May. The group is looking at other things to do in May instead.
11. It was agreed for the Christmas dinner dance to go ahead. The group is looking for a place to hold the event. To be held on Saturday 2nd December. The cost per person. All these needs to be brought in to move forward.
12. Next parents meeting will be held on the Saturday 14th October after the going up parade. Cheese and wine will be offered. The committee needs to agree on the Christmas dinner dance at the next meeting. All parents are welcome to any meeting that is held.

Estelle Kousoulidou Parents Committee Secretary .

Approved by Isaias Ioannides on : 05/10/2017
53rd Parent Committee Chairman