

# 53<sup>rd</sup> St. Barnabas Scout Group

## Minutes of Parents Meeting held Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2018

**Attendees:** Group Scout Leader Tracey Vlamis, Isaias Ioannides, Skip, Andreas Moraris, Maria Athenites, Estelle Kousoulidou, , Ann Karekla, Andri Anastasiou, Eva Galati, Harry and Maria Kopetsidis, Marios Zavos, Nafsika Kouali and Anna Poyiadjis  
Apologies on behalf of Elizabeth Photiou and Bitte Lager.

1. Lattern March on the Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March will start at Yermasoyia through the village turn and come up to Moutayiaka. It's about 4 kilometres. A bus will pick up the group around 5.30 and take them to the start. The Mayor is involved, plus the 289 group will be joining. The 289 group will bring around 200 people and the 53<sup>rd</sup> will have approx. 100 people. There will be a police escort and some extra police as well as some of the parents will be involved which are involved with the police. The 53<sup>rd</sup> Band will be playing as well as the 289's band. The 53<sup>rd</sup> will be at the front. The bands have been practising on Thursdays. The group asked for help from the parents committee with the march. Some parents will need to stand and guide the parade in the right direction where they are needed. Once the parade comes up the hill and will pass in front of the church. Another route was talked about but it was a little too long. It should take about an hour to complete. The 53<sup>rd</sup> group have sent the letter out to tell the parents to park at the upper parking. The 289 group's parents will park at the amphitheatre parking.
2. Next on the agenda was the fete. Two dates were given 5<sup>th</sup> or the 12<sup>th</sup> but finally the committee agreed on the 5<sup>th</sup> May due to the older scouts having exams and the group relies on their help with setting up etc. It's difficult due to all the activities that are going on within the group. The trip to Greece, Easter, the flower parade, beach cleaning, cleaning of the areas and many other things. The other thing to consider is with the 289 group and when they have their fete. It was stressed that more help is needed. It was asked from the parent's committee to get more people involved. Also the kids will be asked to ask their parents to join in with the help of the fete and also to invite people to the fete. It was decided that a letter should be given out in order for parents to fill in and returned so the group will know who to contact and organise which parent will be involved with which each stall/activity. Next parents meeting will be held on the 14<sup>th</sup> April to organize the fete.
3. There no time for the health walk. The programme is packed. Next weekend is the latern March and caledonia walk down, the week after is the Greece trip. Then it Easter. (The older scouts are doing their training hike for the D of E - yesterday, today and tomorrow). They will do the actual hike 3 and 4 days on the 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> April. When they group comes back from Easter there will be the competition camp on the 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> April. 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> there will be five different activities in Peristerona. The whole group will be up there on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April which will take a lot of organising. 11 scouts going up to ventures this camp is just for them. The sixers will have a camp just for them. There are two scouts which are getting their republic award another camp for them. Three different camps for All in the same village. The whole group will go up to the village for going on parade on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April for St George's day. Including the official dinner that the leaders need to go to. So the group is figuring on how to fit everything in. The leaders will spilt, Stephanos will be taking the older scouts and staying with them, Nafsika will be taking the older cubs and staying with them and Andreas and Skip will be taking the ventures and staying with them. The rest of the leaders will be bringing up the rest of the group on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April. 28<sup>th</sup> April there is the jambowlree which has be done by the end of May. The fete is the 5<sup>th</sup> May. 12<sup>th</sup> May is normal

meeting. In May the ventures will not be expected to be around in May except for the fete and flower parade.

On 19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> May is the flower parade, also in May 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> May is the family camp.

4. With regards to the bank details everything has been finalized. The group has 640 euros in the bank. Maria has been voted as co treasurer of the group along with Georgina due to the fact the bank would not accept that Maria was a committee member. Two out of three persons need to sign. This has been done should one person not be available to sign.
5. From the last time the parents committee and talking about fund raising the group has managed to rise 1,200 towards the world jamboree. The money being raised will help subsidize the people going to the world jamboree. Once the group has hit the goal of 3,200 the group will sit down with the parents. However the 1,200 which the group has now in cash will be used for the emergency fund for the trip to Greece, should it be needed. For example if someone gets sick and needs to go the hospital there is cash to be used. Also it will be used (if not used on the trip) for running the fete. Hopefully by the time the group gets to the fete it would have been able to raise more to 1,800. At this moment there is no money. Only the 640 in the bank is the money the group has right now.
6. Eva and Skip had a meeting with the mayor of yermasoyia regarding connecting the water at yermasoyia which was very promising. The water problem should be solved as the water got disconnected a while ago. A letter has been prepared to say the water will only be used for toilets and for what the group needs. This will be given on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March. There was water at yermasoyia hut but the Limassol water board cut all the water to the parks. Since the group had a meeting with the Mayor and the group had said the group is there to help he asked for the group to be at the church on Good Friday which the group agreed to. Also for the participation in the flower parade on the 20<sup>th</sup> May and also let's do Cyprus on the 29<sup>th</sup> April. The group is building a promising relationship with the Mayor.
7. The leaders are at the hut every single day preparing for various activities etc. Even right now there are kids on a three day hike but it took two weeks for them to be prepared for it. There's band practise, there's karate club every Thursday, Andreas is doing wood work with the kids all for the D of E. Andrea's workshop is done every other Wednesday. The scouts are making 7 wooden tables and 6 benches. Also the door frames, window frames and the electricity box. All these activities are for the D of E. These activities are done to save money for the parents and the kids. The other big job is spraying the weeds at the huts. It's difficult as it all takes time and the group is very busy. The other big job is spraying the weeds at the huts. It's difficult as it all takes time and the group is very busy.
8. The next big expense is the sinks. The tiles are already done if anyone wants to have a look. The sinks are a little expensive euros 300 each. The group shopped around and this was the best deal. It includes legs two big deep sinks with drainage. They are big enough to wash the pots and pans in. Once the group get some more funding in the group will go ahead with the installation. The other big expense is the battery for the generator. The group will attempt to save the battery that is already there but highly unlikely. If a new battery is brought it will be taken off to help preserve its life when not in use. Something else that has come up is EAC came to do an inspection on the electricity. 10AMPS has been sealed. The cost for the electricity box and put in to application for a higher amp to 20 amps this will cost 400-500 euros.
9. The trip to Greece is ready. Another presentation will go on the face book page with the menus. All payments have come in. 20 persons going.

10. The three peak challenge will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Skip will be leaving on the 31<sup>st</sup> May until 4<sup>th</sup> June. 9 persons hiking. The kids are all organised and ready.
11. The chairman of the parents committee and other parents from the group wanted to say thank you to the leaders for everything they do.
12. Fund raising items – the cubs have done well with the cups – 55 orders and another 15 for late orders. The karate has made a profit of euro 75. Another fund raising activity talked about is an adult's quiz night at Barleys. Possibly to be held on the 11<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup> May. Cost approx. 10 euros per person which includes curry, rice and drink. The owner will give the group 2.50 for each person that takes part.
13. Rover way next instalment expected 700-800 to come in the next few days. The world jamboree second payment is due. All of this is going ok. The district will be organized a trip to the Switzerland in 2019 (Letter will be given out in May) approx. cost 1,300 and the 53<sup>rd</sup> will be going in 2020. Approx cost 1,400.
14. There is a problem with the tents. Hopefully something can be worked out with the 289 group. The ones from the UK didn't work out.
15. The group is looking at changing the website as not all of it is being used. The face book page is looked at more often. Maria will get the footage from drone from last year's fete in order to upload onto the face book. Also the Mayor will be putting the group's fete on his face book.

Estelle Kousoulidou Parents Committee Secretary .

Approved by Isaias Ioannides on : 24.03.2018  
53rd Parent Committee Chairman