**Pack Parent Meeting Feb. 24th**

**Attendees: Faith, Angie, Debra, Bruce, Mike T., Joel, Tonya**

**Blue and Gold**

Things we like:

* Good balance overall, program was split into recognition, dinner, programming. This gave the opportunity for people to stay for a little bit or for the whole thing
* Wonderfully written script which enabled things to run smoothly with minimal practice
* Having the den chiefs talk
* The photo collages of each den on screen
* The Mad Scientist
* Having food

Things that we could work on:

* Clean up started before the scientist was finished. Most people felt that this was a little rude, not totally sure how the scientist felt about it. We should maybe think about sending an apology to him.
* Photos were hard to see on the screen, maybe think about dimming the lights
* There wasn't a lot of room for dinner. This may have been resolved by moving the podium and bridge out of the way for dinner and using the space for more tables and then moving them out of the way for the scientist. Other options for next year are using a school or a church (both of which we have connections to...)

**March Pack Meeting - Disability Awareness**

* Angie's friend will speak
* Scouts will complete Disabilities Awareness belt loop
* Different situations set up for scouts to experience what it is like having a disability (i.e. having then blindfolded and trying to pour a glass of water, having them blindfolded and reading...)
* Need to come up with displays showing different disabilities
* Need to solidify exactly what activities scouts will do (minim. 3-4 activities so that groups can be small)
* Need to figure out what we need for each activity

**PWD**

* Concessions are under control. Menu includes burgers, hot dogs, chips, and candy
* Each den needs to create a basket for the auction - need to send out a reminder email to all dens
* Scouts can bring PWD car to March pack meeting for a preliminary weigh-in and to see if it meets specs
* Open race $5.oo
* Set up is Friday evening, contact Mike B. to see if he needs more help
* Signs were made by Wolf den directing people where to go

**Recognition**

How should we handle rank advancement recognition when the scout earns their rank before the end of the year? Should it be at the Pack level (at the monthly meeting) or den level...consensus of people attending says that the leader has the option of handing the rank patch out at a den meeting, and there will be a general celebration of rank earning during the May meeting.

**Misc**

* Have May meeting activity be a cake bake off. This gives scouts an incentive to attend the last meeting of the year. Perhaps also make it a potluck affair.
* University of Scouting is April 18th in Lakeville, sign-ups should begin soon if not already
* Red Pine Health Fair is April 11, do we want a booth? Who will set it up? What activity?
* Popcorn and Wreath prizes - when should we hand them out? Lisa Jeppesen has the popcorn prizes

**Emails to send**

* Reminder to dens about auction basket and to remind scouts that they can bring their car to the March Pack meeting
* Each den should send an email to the advancement coordinator with a list of who attended the Blue and Gold. Having the scientist there enabled the scouts to earn the Scientist belt loop
* Each den should send an email to the advancement coordinator with a list of who attended Scout Sunday