

18TH Edmonton Scout Group Leaders Meeting Friday 4th September 2009 at 7.45p.m.

Present:	Mary Bird (MB) Lucy Bragg (LB) Richard Clark (RC) Mandy Flunder (MF) Simon Fouracre (SF) Paul Symons (PS) Sally Symons (SS) Jo Watson (JWa) Jane Wheeler (JWh)	Church Representative Assistant Scout Leader Secretary Scout Leader Assistant Cub Scout Leader Group Scout Leader Cub Scout Leader Assistant Cub Scout Leader Assistant Cub Scout Leader
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1.	Introductions	Everybody introduced themselves. PS reported that MF would be the new Scout Leader and that Kevin Bird would be returning to the Group to assist with Cubs.	
2.	Apologies for Absence	Apologies were received from Kevin Bird (KB) and Jane Topping (JT). Absent: Dave Edwards (DE) and Andrea Jones (AJ).	
3.	Leader Team	PS stressed the need for everyone to keep their eyes open for potential recruits, despite recent additions to the Team. PS has emailed Darren re Young Leaders and is awaiting a response.	
4.	Health and Safety	<p>There have been no serious incidents since the last meeting.</p> <p>In response to SS's question, it was agreed that the use of hand gel would not be adopted.</p> <p>A Basic First Aid Course (or "First Response") for new Leaders is being run by the District (by Richard Bennett). This is not needed if Leaders have already attended another course covering First Aid in more depth. The next dates for this Course are 20/09, 11/10 and 01/11.</p> <p>The First aid Book must always be <u>fully</u> completed, including details of times.</p> <p>MB stated that an Accident Book exists in the Kitchen, to be used by leaders when an accident occurs on Church premises.</p>	
5.	Moving On	<p>2 Beavers are due to move up to Cubs in the near future. Beavers have 1 new joiner from outside, and Cubs 2 new joiners from outside. No Scouts are due to move up until June 2010.</p> <p>PS reminded Leaders to let Sue Morrissey know whenever somebody moves up.</p>	

6.	Event Planning (in chronological order)	
6.1	<p><i>Enfield Mayor's Charity Fun Run at Forty Hall (Sunday 13th September)</i> SS reported that no children were running this year. SS is investigating whether it is feasible logistically for the Group to provide manpower for the 8K Water Station. (We have previously provided manpower for the 5K Water Station, but this Station is already fully manned.)</p>	SS
6.2	<p><i>Harvest Festival Church Parade (Sunday 11th October)</i> Irene Manning has advised that this will take the form of 'café-style' worship, with activities on a harvest theme taking place in the Church and Hall. It was agreed that the Group would provide 2 tables as requested by the Church and that the activities would be harvest biscuits and finger-weaving. Gifts should be brought along for the Whitechapel Mission – a list of requirements will be sent out in advance.</p>	
6.3	<p><i>Anniversary Service (Sunday 1st November)</i> SS's suggested theme of "The Big Adventure", based on looking at the life of Jesus as a Big Adventure, was agreed. SS explained that different units could cover different parts of Jesus' life, and outlined her idea of finishing with a camp fire and just the cross remaining. Some of the musicians from holiday week will play for us at this Service.</p>	
6.4	<p><i>Remembrance Day (Sunday 8th November)</i> PS said that the DC would like us to maintain a presence at both Enfield and Edmonton Services. It was agreed that the Group would continue to maintain a presence at Edmonton whilst a Service continued to take place there, with the Group marching past the Citadel, then dismissing. PS added that all Leaders were welcome, but not under obligation, to join him for the Enfield event in the afternoon, which would start at the Royal British Legion on Holtwhites Hill.</p>	
6.5	<p><i>Lord Mayor's Show (Saturday 14th November)</i> It was agreed that we would hold this family event again. It was agreed that the Group would visit the Britain at War Experience on Toohey Street during the gap between the initial parade and the fireworks. This costs £2.95 per head, with 1 adult going free per 10 children, and visits are estimated to take 1-1.5 hours. SS will look into organising this.</p>	SS
6.6	<p><i>Southgate and Harringey Districts Pantomime (Friday 4th December)</i> It was agreed that we would continue to attend this event and would reserve the balcony upstairs. The Pantomime is "Dick Whittington and his Cat", and 2 members of the Group are auditioning for parts. SS will ring Sue Davis to book the balcony.</p>	SS
6.7	<p><i>Carol Service (Sunday 20th December, 1600)</i> There <u>will</u> be a Carol Service, and the Group <u>will</u> be asked to do something. It is not obligatory for children to attend.</p>	
6.8	<p><i>Boxing Day Football (Saturday 26th December, 1030)</i> PS confirmed that this traditional Group event would be taking place as usual.</p>	

6.9	<p><i>Church Parade Treat (July 2010)</i></p> <p>PS said that the Southend trip in July had been well-received, and it was agreed to repeat this in July 2010. PS explained that trip was opened up to all family members, and that the Group could obtain tickets at bulk price, which was usually approximately half of the normal price. PS's suggestion that attendance was "earned" over the whole year, rather than over part of the year, was agreed. It was agreed that the qualification criteria would be attending a minimum of 8 of the 11 Parades from October up to and including June (October Harvest Festival Church Parade, November Anniversary Service, November Remembrance Day, December Church Parade, January Church Parade, February Church Parade, March Church Parade, April Church Parade, April St, George's Day Parade, May Church Parade, and June Church Parade).</p>	
7	<p>Admin Matters</p> <p>The proposed new General Details and Health Forms were discussed. There were no amendments required to the General Details Form. The following amendments are to be made to the Heath Form by PS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indicate if all plasters can be used or just certain types; • Indicate if all sun cream can be used or just certain types; • Ask for list of ingredients to which children are allergic; • Add Ibuprofen to list of medicines; • Review the Health Form on the Explorers Website and incorporate anything useful from this Form (the Form contains a list of "Yes/No" questions which ensure that parents/guardians are forced into providing answers/information). <p>In response to LB's question re the Moving On Form, PS said that the Record Card should move on with children when they moved up. LB will look at the Form and let PS know what she thinks needs to be added to it.</p>	<p>PS</p> <p>LB</p>
8.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>SS would like to organise a Global Band Recruiting Night again this year.</p> <p>Spending on Summer camp ended up being well below budget, and refunds will consequently be issued.</p> <p>Saturday football will begin on 12th September if John is available, or 19th September if not.</p> <p>PS reminded the Leaders not to factor use of the minibus into any current plans. He currently plans to buy the minibus off the insurer and put it back on the road.</p>	
9.	<p>Executive Committee Referrals</p> <p>There were no items needing to be referred to the Executive Committee.</p>	
10.	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting will be held on Friday 8th January 2010 at 7.45pm at 73 Lynmouth Avenue.</p>	