

ANC6A Community Outreach Committee

September 19, 2011 Minutes

Church of the Lord Jesus Christ of the Apostolic Faith annex, 1235 C St. NE

Meeting called to order at 7:35 pm

Committee members present: Elizabeth Nelson (Chair), Mark Roy, Louis Barbash (no quorum)

Committee members absent: Jean Kohanek, Necothia Bowens, Rose Williams, Pat Joseph

Community members present: Alastair McFarlane, Cub Scout Pack 3838

I. Agenda

Adopted.

II. Status report on ANC/COC activities

1. COC recommendation from August meeting (funding for Sherwood Neighborhood Volunteers grant) was approved at September ANC meeting.
2. Thank you letters were approved at the July meeting but still have not been sent out.
3. ANC ad in the Rag continues to include reference to Alcohol Beverage License Committee meetings regarding a possible cap on liquor licenses on H Street NE. It has also been posted in the September and October issues of The Buzz.

III. Consideration of a grant application from Cub Scout Pack 3838

1. Mr. McFarlane presented the application. The Pack meets at Maury ES and most of the Scouts reside within the ANC 6A boundaries. They are requesting \$706 to purchase a Pinewood Derby track. The other expenses associated with the Pinewood Derby race (including car kits, trophies and the cost of shipping the track) would be covered by the Pack from fundraising activities. Mr. McFarlane explained that a Pinewood Derby is a traditional Scout activity and reinforces core Scout values. The boys have to work together with their families to assemble and customize their car kits. They need to think about mechanics and design and learn to work with tools. When the cars are completed, they are raced on the track at a community event.
2. Once a track has been purchased, the costs of conducting the event in subsequent years is minimal as the track can be used for a very long time and the other materials are very inexpensive. But for a new or under-funded Pack, the start-up costs can be prohibitive. Mr. McFarlane noted that he had contacted other Packs in the area and none of them were willing/able to either lend tracks or invite Pack 3838 to join their event, with the exception of one Pack who would charge admission. Pack 3838 cannot afford this. If the grant

application is approved, Pack 3838 is committed to opening their Pinewood Derby, free of charge, to other units who have previously been unable to participate. Ms. Nelson confirmed that it is very difficult for less affluent and/or newer units to participate in a Pinewood Derby. In the years that she served as Cubmaster, her Pack could not afford a track and she was only able to find a host Pack once.

3. Mr. Roy and Mr. Barbash recalled their personal experiences with Pinewood Derbies. They attested that the events are very beneficial to all participants. Not only are they huge fun and a good community building activity, the entire process encourages development of the right qualities in the Scouts. Mr. Roy asked how many boys were enrolled in Pack 3838 and was told that there are currently 15 (up from last year) and is likely to increase as they are attracting many younger boys who are likely to remain in the program for several years.
4. **Motion: Mr. Barbash moved that the COC recommend that ANC 6A approve full funding (\$706) of the grant application from Cub Scout Pack 3838. Seconded by Mr. Roy. Vote 3 in favor none opposed.**

IV. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm

V. The next meeting will take place Mon., October 17, at 7:30 pm at 1235 C St. NE