

Minutes from the 22 July Retiree Council meeting

The meeting opened at 1030 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A discussion was launched among the members, with Jim Montgomery, the picnic coordinator, sharing the collected thoughts and ideas with all those in attendance and writing in new ideas. The final plan for the children's activity looks like this:

1. Ken Runey donated a child's small pool and tools for them to dig
2. Jim Montgomery is furnishing 10 bags of rubber "bark mulch" to fill it
3. Donated doubloons were donated (remind me who) to be mixed in the mulch
4. Children 10 and under will be allowed to look for doubloons to win tickets
5. The tickets will be used for prize drawings
6. Children get to decide which items they want to put their tickets toward
7. At 1400, the DJ for the event will announce the winning numbers, along with door prizes
8. Any one child cannot win more than two items in the drawing

Logistics for the event will be demanding, but we feel we have all the bases covered:

1. Jim M will bring 4 tents, 6 tables and 30 chairs for a dedicated retiree sitting area
2. Kristopher Diel (Auxiliary and father of a Coastie) and BMCM Richard Perrett both personally donated \$100 toward the prizes and at the meeting another \$200 was approved for prizes and other costs
3. George Williams will provide hand sanitizer for the children after they participate
4. Jim M will get the tickets for the drawing and the ziplock bags to keep them in
5. Time a child will be allowed to search depends on age using the following formula:
 - Their age, deducted from 15, and divided in half
 - A 5 year old would thus have 5 minutes
 - A 10 year old would 2.5 minutes
6. Jim M will bring large trash bags to collect the plastic mulch when finished
7. Jim M will buy the prizes and present receipts for reimbursement
8. Signs with the rules will be posted
9. Pictures will be taken and an article sent to HQ about the event
10. Consolation prizes will be given to children who didn't win drawings, but we will lots of prizes
11. Retirees and their family members will be recruited to help with the event.

A second event for 11-17 year olds will be to guess the amount of money in a jar. Jim M will provide the jar and the amount. A retiree will be needed to take the guesses and keep them under wraps until the 1400 winner announcements. Closest to the amount wins.

For all drawings, winners must be present to win or another drawing will take place until someone in attendance is found.

CAPT Cunningham, the new Base CO, came to the meeting and seemed excited to have us working with the Base.

We still need more volunteers to help serve the food from 1000 to 1600, any time you or a family member is willing to donate.

As of now, we have 76 retirees and guests signed up to attend, and they are bringing 23 desserts.

If you have not called Jim at 985-246-9483 to say you are coming, please do so soonest for the food preparation. The food will be served in the air conditioned galley but eating will be done under tents outside. Think about it...those helping serve food will be in air conditioning...

Because the picnic is considered a social event, a regular meeting will be held 19 August at 1030 for the purpose of discussing Council leadership under the new CO, which dovetails with our Chair, Jerry Davis, moving away. We also will do a hotwash from the event with lessons learned and best practices to keep.

CAPT Cunningham treated all those who wanted to lunch in the galley.

We hope you can make the picnic and make it to the next meeting. An outreach program has been suggested and will make for a good discussion.