

November 6, 2006

Mars Hill Running Group – Trusted Servants Meeting Minutes:

In Attendance: Travis, Annie, Spud, Kate, Cindy H., Rudy/Rebecca, Taylor, Lisa

Opening Prayer

I. MHRG Trusted Servants Reports – Minutes (previous month):

1. Secretary's Report – Last month's minutes reflected the discussions that took place. No additions/comments needed
2. Financial Report – nothing to report, though there was a question whether there was an outstanding balance from previous shirt orders that needed to be settled? Sara, how are we doing with that?
3. Any other minutes to report – none

II. New Business Discussions For the Meeting:

A. Recapturing former runners – Discussion involved how to go about reconnecting with those who have not run with us in some time.

- Suggestions for contact include: - inviting those we haven't seen a while to the Christmas party, and
- current runners are being asked to email Cindy Hough with the names of our missing runners so that we can figure out how to reconnect.

B. Guest Speakers: Jeff Manion is scheduled for Nov 14.

- **Lynell** – please confirm Jeff's schedule for the night: talk then run then eat? What time will everything get started and how much time should be allotted for each?
- If dinner is a go, we need to coordinate a potluck. Also, should running be optional (since few of us are training for anything specific at this point in the year.)
- We have 4 MH high school kids (2 guys, 2 gals) lined up to watch the kids – Spud offered to provide pizza for the kids, Rudy will have an appropriate movie available, Lisa will reserve a separate room for the kids.
- Few speakers have been confirmed for upcoming months. Don Golden is not available, and Tuesdays don't work for Jana's (yoga) schedule for a while.
- Other thoughts for "speaker" opportunities include: Striders for January? (Clint to coordinate) Homeless Outreach report out, personal testimonies. Any other ideas are appreciated.

C. Christmas Party Planning: Cindy H. has already obtained small "gifts" for the kids.

- Rudy is pursuing door prizes from various sources and if anyone else has picked up door prizes, please let him know.
- We discussed the age break between the kids and adult door prizes. Kids will be those 10 years old and under – "adults" will be those 11 years old and over.
- Please contact Erin if you want to help with anything else related to the party, including set up.

D. Christmas Families – Collection will start Tues, 11/7 for our Christmas families. Spud will create this year's "Joy Can" for contributions.

- **Megan/Meredith** will contact Mars Hill for our "church" family.
- Please send email suggestions for runner families to Megan/Meredith as well, or submit names in the "Joy Can."
- Kate has offered to shop for the families. Jen, did you offer to help with this again this year?
- Also, see # F. below for "Let's Wrap" idea.

E. Childcare for running group – Childcare has been arranged for Jeff Manion’s 11/14 speaking date. The same group of MH high schoolers could be available for other eve’s as well.

F. Thursday Ladies’ Runs – Attendance has been either very low or non-existent the last few months. It was proposed that the Thursday Ladies’ Runs start up again after the first of the year when Riverbank training starts.

- In the mean time, a suggestion was made to use a couple of upcoming Thursday evenings to shop and “Let’s Wrap” the Christmas family gifts that are purchased. Guys are welcome! Since Kate will be coordinating the shopping (and already coordinates the Thursday runs) she will coordinate the “Let’s Wrap” schedule when the time is right.

G. Women’s Night Out – topic was discussed as a fun idea but nothing scheduled...

H. MHRG unsolicited solicitations – Sara has received a number of “solicitation” emails from various people from various places! Question was: what to do with these? The group thought it would be best to post the topics in the bi-weekly newsletter and those who feel moved to contribute/participate can do so. The group will not respond as a single entity, other than to say that the request will be distributed in our newsletter.

I. Homeless Outreach – Biweekly meetings are being held at the downtown Y. Two long term service opportunities are being researched. One team presented last week (Dorchester House/Black Hills.) The other team has a meeting scheduled with Ginny Kool, regional pastor for MHBC and will be presenting their findings on the 15th. More to come...

J. Next Men’s Night Out – The gals decided that the guys will be meeting at Tres Lobos! ;-)
Spud will get the date to Rebecca for the calendar.

K. Calendar – the group felt that the changes to the calendar look good! It is less cluttered, highlights the big events, but directs folks to our standing running schedule elsewhere in the website.

L. Travis has a friend who produces funky Christian t-shirts. He had a sample, and asked us to consider this as a potential source for future shirt orders. Running shirts can be made as well regular t-shirts. The group was open to the suggestion.

Note: Travis, I can’t get the website you gave us to work! Help! Taylor wants to order some shirts!

III Old Business

1. Thank you card for Bill (Clint’s cousin) for his hospitality during Chicago Marathon. Cindy H. has one that she will distribute for signatures.