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St. Paul Skyway Y Service Club

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Skyway YMCA

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*October 22, 2009, Volume 84 #06 SPECIAL JOINT MEETING Chartered March 26, 1926*

**President----***Jim Sargent, 596 Terrace Courte, Roseville, MN 55113*

**Vice Pres. ---***Hugh Markley, 7154 Waterstone Circle, Woodbury, MN 55125*

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**Attendees:***Norm, Jim S, John C, Dan G, George D, Howard K, Larry Boll, HughM, Vern K, Roger N, plus 4 from East Y.*

**Scripture** – Give thanks to the Lord, because He is good and his love eternal. Psalms 107:1

**Worldly wisdom:** The surest sign that intelligent life exists somewhere in the universe is that it has never tried to contact us.

Bill Waterson

The meeting was called to order at 6:05PM jointly by Mike Kellett and JimSargent.

**Opening invocation:** Rev. Norm Heidorn evoked heavenly blessings on our deliberations.

**Business: This was a joint meeting with the East Y Y Service Club with the Objective of outlining plans for this season's Christmas Tree sales.** The Program was kicked off by Howard Kilby, who passed out the proposed timeline for the pre=sales activities. The first activity is scheduled to be Bough Bundling at 9:00 to 12:00 on Sunday morning, November 15. Nine to twelve workers will be needed to accomplish this task at Evergreen Industries in West St. Paul. During the week of Nov. 16, The trailer will be placed in position, electric service connected, phones hooked up, and, if possible, trailer contents unloaded to make the trailer usable. The Porta-potty will be delivered Nov. 19. Tree lot setup is scheduled for Sat. Nov. 20 and Sunday, Nov. 21, with trees arriving on-site at 8:00AM Sat. Unloading, scaffold set-up, pricing, and lighting set-up will be during 8:00AM and 4:30 AM both days. Thanksgiving will be off, and tree sales start 9:00AM Friday, Nov. 27, with additional pricing and set-up if needed. The sales will proceed every day until sell-out. We must tear down as soon after last sales as possible. Twelve to fifteen workers will be needed. Howard showed our new calculator, which will have an automatic sales tax feature. We will be able to take Credit Cards this year for sales of \$15 Min. (VISA, Discover, and Mastercard).

Larry Boll took over and reviewed the scheduling plans. We have 86 cashier slots to fill, and these will be filled by Club Members. Because of the new calculator and some procedural changes planned, there will be training sessions held for cashiers. Several outside persons who have provided valuable services to our effort will have free trees coming to them. A list of these people will be posted. All told, about 70-80 volunteers will be needed to fill 320 openings. Larry outlined where he expected this help to come from. A minimum of 7 shifts will be needed from Club members. Larry mentioned that each hour of volunteer time produces about \$50 in sales. Our time donated is valuable! Larry will hand out blank schedules at our next meeting and by mail to those not in attendance. He needs each member to indicate the number of shifts he or she can fill and shifts he or she is NOT available to work, and to return the schedules ASAP.

Dan Gavin Provided some information about the trees. He had talked with the grower, and was told that this year's growing conditions were ideal and the trees should be well-hydrated (read HEAVY). He said he thought the set-up would be better-organized this year. Also, the Y's Menettes, who provide hot food each weekend, would like some additional help this year because of dwindling numbers of their members who can do this work

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50PM. Thanks to all who attended.

**Club roster**

Al Alshouse	Stephanie Chauss	John Duntley	Al Jackson	Tom Krantz	Roger Needels	Sid Swenson
Claude Bewell	John Cosgrove	Pendy Eliou	Vern Kenney	Jim Kursu	Joan Purrington	Rick Wasiluk
George Bewell	George Davis	Dan Gavin	Gerry Lee	Hugh Markley	Jim Sargent	Larry Boll
Jim Dodds	Norm Heidorn	Howard Kilby	Darwin Miles			