Docents' Report to the Board

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Training – May/June 2018: Two students began the training, one as a prospective Junior Docent. (Unfortunately, she did not attend the third session so did not graduate.) We are extremely happy to welcome Rachel Roberts as the newest Docent Apprentice. She has been an enthusiastic Moon supporter as a show parent and is excited to be a volunteer. Bob and I were the pilgrims for her graduation tour and she was impressive, especially for her first tour. (Thank you, Bob, for the ride-along!) Rachel led one private tour already and will likely become a full Docent by the Fall.

Rachel also expressed an interest in historic restoration and has some artistic talent. She would be interested in other volunteer opportunities (for example, if we were to restore the "floating cross" painting under Zogog's Tower) .

We also lost a docent: Mandi has decided not to continue. There are currently 5-1/2 (soon to be 6) full docents, all of whom are still very enthusiastic representatives of the Moon.

The training (again) raised the issue of what role a Junior Docent would perform. Docents are required to be 18 years old; however several younger teens have expressed an interest in attending the training. We would need to tailor each Junior Docent's responsibilities according to his/her capabilities, but should define the position and the extent of potential responsibilities and any minimum requirements for attending the training. To be consistent with other volunteer positions, the minimum age allowed would be 14 years.

The next docent Meet & Greet will be on Saturday, September 8; training will begin the following Saturday and end September 29. This overlaps with the dress rehearsals, so we will need to coordinate with theatrical to allow both groups to use the Adobe House without disruption to either. It is especially important that the walkways are cleared after every Friday night rehearsal and the Saturday before Third Sunday, which will be September 16th.

Third Sundays have been moved to 6:00-8:00 pm during the summer months. Attendance has slowed during the summer; they've generally been between 10-15 paid adults; about half of whom have kids accompanying them. We will keep the 6:00-8:00 hour through September and revert to 2:00 pm in October.

Last: We need your help! Please help us advertise the upcoming training! We want to ensure that the upcoming training is well attended. We are happy to provide you with as many flyers (large or small) as you are willing to help us distribute.

Thank you for your support of the docent program!