

Troop Committee Minutes

January 17, 2012

Members Present: Chairperson Dee Archer, Scoutmaster Jack Stevens, ASM Lee Stegmann, Steve Feist, Mark Duff, Shari Duff, Eric Locher, Marianne Gallivan, Russ Bowman, Deacon Michael Thomas, Steve Lowe, Joel Barnhill, Luke Palmer, and Tricia Moore.

Guests Present: None

Call to order: Mrs. Archer at 7:06 pm

Opening Prayer: Opening prayer by Deacon Thomas

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the December 20, 2011 minutes by Mrs. Marianne Gallivan. Second by Mr. Luke Palmer. All Approved, Motion Carried.

Scoutmaster Report: Mr. Stevens reported on the following:

- Everything going well with the boys and the troop.
- The Troop will be helping the Cub Scout Pack with their Pinewood Derby event, look for information soon.
- Merit Badge Challenge is upcoming and will be hosted by STM. At this point 180 boys have signed up.
- The next campout is the Klondike Derby at Sycamore Park. Mr. Lowe and Mr. Duff will be the adults of record.
- Roger Anderson will be the new District Camping Chair and will notify us about the district's Spring Campout.
- A high adventure trip for the older scouts (approximately 6 boys) is being planned for Fort Benning, GA from June 11-14. It is anticipated that the cost will be about \$400 per scout/adult. Mr. Palmer and Mr. Stevens are committed to go as adults. It was discussed that there would need to be an overnight both down and back due to BSA driving limitations. Ideally they would need another adult or two for this trip. It was noted that many of the other adults would be committed to Cub Scout Day Camp which is scheduled the same week. Another location (under the BSA driving limitations) and other dates were going to be considered.
- We have been asked to help with July Fest again this coming year. This event will be held July 13-15th. Because of the size of the Troop at this time, it was suggested that they utilize the Troop and parents in another venue (such as the Kids Game area), as there were not enough workers for this last year. Mrs. Archer or Mr. Thomas will get back to the committee on this issue.

Secretary's Report: Mrs. Duff asked again for items to be included in the newsletter. Mulch sale information will be available very soon.

Treasurer's Report:

- Mr. Feist indicated there is \$4,566.27 in the account, of which \$788.13 is allocated to various boys.
- Re-charter fees were \$658.00.
- Extra popcorn is available for sale. See Mr. Feist.

- Buy It In Clermont Books are still available for ½ price - \$10.00. Advance sales for next year's book will be available soon.
- Knights of Columbus asked troop to do a flag retirement ceremony on June 16th after the 4pm Mass. Mr. Thomas will ask Father about having this as well as a Survival Campout on the Church property.
- The Catholic Religious Emblems have been completed for the year and will be given in a ceremony at the Cathedral on Sunday Afternoon. Additionally, Scout Sunday will be acknowledged on Saturday, February 4' 2012 – at the 4pm Mass. Full scout uniform must be worn and ALL scouts, regardless of church affiliation are invited to attend.

Outdoor Chair Report: Mrs. Moore needs the Credit Card number of Klondike Derby registration. Registration ends January 20th – she needs commitments this week. The cost for the event is \$25.00 per scout.

Advancement Chair Report:

- Mr. Duff indicated that there were 20 boys registered for the Merit Badge Challenge. He has passed out to each scout, the pre-requisites that must be completed prior to the first class.
- Mr. Duff indicated there were many boys ready for First Class Rank Boards of Review and was pleased that many of the boys had attained this rank in their First Year of scouting as BSA encourages.
- Cave Camping at Blue Springs Caverns cannot occur this year. The boys are still interested in a Caving Trip, so Mammoth Cave and Hocking Hills will also be researched. Additionally, if a caving trip is unavailable, a hiking trip may be put in its place. Look for information soon.
- Grassy Run will occur in April, but it is unclear whether this will be the District Campout or not.

Training Chair Report: Mr. Stegmann had stepped out of the room before he could give his report.

Chaplain Report: Deacon Thomas reported on the following:

- Religious Emblems will be presented at Scout Sunday (note – Scout Sunday is on Saturday, February 4th). It was noted there were no “Parvuli Dei” Emblems being presented.
- There is a Parish Project scheduled in March in which the “Right to Life” white crosses will be placed on church property on March 17th with removal on March 30th. There was discussion on whether or not the scouts were being asked to participate in either of these dates/events. More information will be forthcoming.

Equipment Chair Report: Mrs. Gallivan reported on the following:

- Fire Extinguishers need to be purchased for the trailer.
- Labeling and inventory of equipment, cabinets, and shelves needs to be done. There is another work day scheduled with the Card Night Overnight.

Old/New Business:

- Mrs. Archer spoke with the sewing ministry committee and found out that the sewing machines may be donated.
- Mrs. Archer took material scraps and other supplies, found in More Martyr Hall during the recent cleaning, to the Art Teacher.
- General Update – OA Elections will occur soon
- A mandatory Parent meeting will occur at 7pm on February 7th to discuss the Fish Fry and other fundraisers upcoming. This meeting will be held at More Martyr Hall in the “Blue Room”.

Next Troop Committee Meeting:

- Tuesday, February 28, 2012 at 7pm at More Martyr Hall (Troop Hall).

Motion to adjourn at 8:29 pm by Mr. Lowe.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shari Duff,
Troop Committee Secretary