

Troop Committee Meeting Minutes
More Martyr Hall
January 18, 2011

Members Present: Chairperson Dee Archer, Scoutmaster Jack Stevens, Assistant Scoutmaster Steve Feist, Mr. Mark Duff, Mrs. Regina Bajorek, Mr. Bill Fehn, Mr. Mark Moore, Mrs. Shari Duff, Mr. Steve Lowe, Mrs. Tricia Moore, Deacon Michael Thomas, Mr. Bryan Gallivan.

Call to order: Mrs. Archer at 7:11pm.

Blessing: Mr. Fehn gave the blessing for the meeting.

Minutes:

- Mr. Feist made a motion to accept the minutes as previously emailed. Mr. Lowe seconded the motion. All approved. Motion Carried.
- Mr. Lowe made a motion to appoint Mrs. Duff as the Secretary for the Committee. Mr. Duff seconded the motion. All approved. Motion Carried.
- Mr. Stevens indicated that he would notify council to add Mrs. Duff to the Charter as the Official Secretary for the Troop Committee.

Scoutmaster Report:

- Congratulations were offered to Mrs. Archer for receiving the Council's Silver Beaver Award. The award ceremony will take place in March.
- Mr. Stevens completed the re-chartering. He indicated that the adult applications for some of our individuals were "lost" within council. Jack will get a list out to all of the contacts within the email group to get new applications and updated contact information.
- Travis Gallivan is working on the Catholic Youth Protection Required Training as he will turn 18 in the next couple of months and will drop as a youth from the troop.
- Mr. Stevens gave the following guidelines for the required trainings starting in 2011, as everyone must be "trained":
 - Catholic Youth Protection is only required once, unless the Diocese materially changes the training information.
 - BSA Youth Protection is required every two years
 - Physicals are required annually – most boys will need a new one before Summer Camp
 - Everyone must become "Troop Committee Trained", "This is Scouting Trained", and "Youth Protection Trained" as soon as possible, if they have not already done so.
- Mr. Stevens indicated that Summer Camp for our Troop was scheduled for Week 5 – July 17-23, 2011 at Camp Friedlander. Mr. Duff will notify and work with the boys to schedule merit badges, etc. as soon as information becomes available.

- Mr. Stevens indicated that Adult Trainings would be available this spring. He will put the notice on the Scout bulletin board. He will also put the US Grant District contact information on the bulletin board.
- Mr. Stevens indicated that the Winter Campout is next weekend at Sycamore Park. He will be unable to join the troop other than a short visit during the day. Mr. Duff and Mr. Lowe will be the adults available for the weekend with additional support from Mr. Feist. Mr. Stevens indicated there would be no potable water at the park, so there will be a need to “run” for water during the weekend.
- A February event/campout is still up in the air. Look for more information in the future.
- February 13, 2011 is a skiing/snowboarding opportunity at Perfect North Slopes. Mrs. Ann Bak is a merit badge counselor for the Winter Sports Merit Badge and offered to work with any boy who would like to earn this merit badge. Boys must wear a helmet (\$5 rental at the Slopes), and may rent equipment and obtain lift access for an additional \$40. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board.
- March should be the Spring Camp-o-ree, look for more information soon.
- The Council Banquet is scheduled for March 23, 2011 at Great American Ball Park. The cost is \$26 per person and starts at 5pm with a social hour, dinner, and program.

Chairperson’s Report:

Mrs. Archer indicated that the Religious Emblem Ceremony is scheduled for Sunday, January 23, 2011 at the Cathedral Church – Downtown. Family sign-up is 1:30pm. Full Class A Uniforms required. Unit colors may be brought to the event, but you must provide your own stand and remove the colors immediately following the event. There will be a reception immediately following the event. Parking is available in the parking lot or in the garage across from the Phone Company. Seven of our boys will be receiving their award. There is a special neckerchief for each boy as well.

Church Liaison Report:

Deacon Michael indicated that the Knights of Columbus purchase and provide a new Teen Bible for each boy after completion of the Religious Emblem Award.

Mr. Feist indicated that the next class for Religious Emblems would begin on February 4, 2011 at the Troop Hall.

Deacon Michael indicated that STM’s Scout Sunday would be at the 10am Mass on March 6, 2011.

Treasurer’s Report:

Mr. Feist reported that there is \$3025.86 in the treasury. This figure also represents the insurance reimbursement. Of those funds, \$325.00 is allocated to the boys.

Mr. Feist presented an opportunity for Fundraising by working at home Bengal’s Games. The 5 volunteers would need to be 16 or older and would be running food to the boxes. Typically volunteers would be needed from 11am to the start of the 4th quarter.

There is an opportunity to make \$2500.00. Discussion on the opportunity occurred and was noted that there may not be enough adults available to commit to the effort.

Mr. Stevens indicated that he would contact Mr. Mike Janell regarding conducting the Mulch sale. It was suggested that flyers for mulch be available at the Fish Fry.

Mr. Stevens indicated the Fish Fry would occur all Fridays except Good Friday.

Advancement Report:

Mr. Duff indicated that Merit Badge Challenge would be February 5, 19, and March 5, 2011. Mr. Duff answered a Citizenship in the Nation Requirement Question.

Many boys are ready for First Class, but need to complete the purchase of food requirement. Mr. Feist will work with Cameron Lowe, Marc Henderson, and Michael White on this requirement.

Mrs. Duff is working with the boys on the Personal Management Merit Badge. Next week – January 25, 2011 will be the last scheduled meeting until the end of the required 13 weeks for budgeting. Other meetings will be scheduled as boys need to complete requirements before March 15, 2011.

Mr. Duff is willing to offer Environmental Science in the Spring for any boy wanting to complete that merit badge.

There is a troop in Batavia having a Flag Retirement Ceremony at the Helicopter Park on June 12th.

Equipment Report:

Mrs. Bak was unavailable for the meeting, but Mr. Duff reported that 4 new tires and 2 new rims were purchased and finished for the Trailer. When the Tandem Axle is added, new fenders will need to be purchased. Mr. Duff expressed his thanks to Cub Scout Wolf Parent – Mr. Rob Gollaway for the tires and rims, as they were provided “at cost”. Total cost for the tires and rims were \$311.00. Deacon Michael suggested that the troop take pictures of the trailer with all of its equipment for insurance proof.

Mr. Duff indicated that the Tandem Axle would be added when his father-in-law recovered from surgery.

Mr. Duff indicated that the troop needed to purchase new coolers to replace existing broken ones.

Training Report:

Mr. Lee Stegeman was unavailable for the meeting.

Outdoor Chairperson’s Report:

Mrs. Moore indicated that she would have permission slips ready for the January Campout before the next meeting.

Old Business:

No Old Business to come before the committee.

New Business:

Mr. Duff reported that Pack 452's Blue and Gold event was scheduled for Tuesday, February 15, 2011 at the STM Cafeteria. Boys from the Troop will be needed for the event. The event will start at 6pm.

Mrs. Marianne Gallivan requested boys from the troop to help with Pack 443's Webelo Cross-over (Blue and Gold) Event on March 5, 2011. Dinner is scheduled for 5:15pm with the event thereafter.

Mr. Lowe informed the Committee about a recent medical issue for his son Cameron. Mr. Lowe will provide detailed instructions to adults in whose care Cameron will be placed, regarding symptoms to look for and treatment – should it become necessary.

Mrs. Archer needs updated cell phone numbers for Committee members.

Deacon Michael is requesting the name of each scout and their religious affiliation.

Mrs. Archer thanked Mr. Duff, Mr. Stevens, Deacon Michael, and Peg Fisher for her Silver Beaver Nomination.

Adjournment:

Motion to Adjourn at 8:19pm made by Mr. Lowe.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shari Duff,
Committee Secretary