

Troop Committee Minutes **January 19, 2016**

Members Present: Karmella Everhart, Laura Palmer, Dee Archer, Deacon Michael Thomas, Tanya Hartness, Jim Abrams, Cindy Abrams, Molly Camden, Dick Bader, Julie Esposito, Peggie Marsh, Eric Locher, Mark Duff, Shari Duff, Teresa Westendorf, Michelle Lowe, Shawn Hartness, Terry Schlueter, Melissa Schlueter, Kelly Watson.

Guests Present: None.

Opening Prayer: Deacon Michael Thomas gave the opening prayer.

Welcome and Call to order: Chair Dee Archer called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the December 15, 2015 Regular Committee Meeting Minutes by Mrs. Laura Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Peggie Marsh. All Approved, Motion Carried.

Chaplain Report: Deacon Michael Thomas reported the following:

- The church respectfully requests the annual Holy Fire before Mass on March 26th. Mr. Duff will make the arrangements.
- Religious Emblems Board of Review was at IHM for Pope Pius XII. All our scouts presented themselves well.
- Property donated to the church has been sold, so no cleanup is needed.
- Scout Sunday – date is being worked on.

Scoutmaster Report: Mr. Duff reported the following:

- Troop Progress –
 - Troop Election Results
 - SPL – Isaiah Hartness
 - ASPL – Kadin Locher
 - ASPL – Cameron Lowe
 - Qtrmstr – Logan Westendorf
 - Will be adding a second Qtrmstr as well.
 - Troop OA Election Results
 - 13 Scouts were eligible for election
 - 6 were elected (parents have been notified)
 - 2 adults are eligible for election (will be nominated in February)
 - “Tap out” will not be at Grassy Run – as they moved the date of their event. Spring Camporee will be April 22-24, 2016 at another location.
 - Cit. in the Community MB with Mr. Duff – All that is left are items that the scout must complete.
 - Medicine MB with Mr. Payer – Youth need to finish. May ask Troop Cmte to participate in a BP screening as part of their requirements.
 - Elite Honor Guard begins Sunday, January 24 (4 slots open) – must be willing to give time on Sunday afternoons for this endeavor.
 - OA Winter Banquet –
 - Highest percentage of attendees – Achapatuney Chapter
 - Congratulations to Rob Duff for being nominated for Vigil Honor
- Actions of Patrol Leaders Council – Have not yet met.
- Disciplinary problems and attendance – Attendance has been very good recently.
- Updates on:
 - Mr. Payer is being awarded with the Boy Scout Medal of Merit for performing CPR on a gentleman who collapsed, until the EMT’s arrived. Award has not yet been received from National yet.
 - Mr. Duff mentioned that Jamboree 2017 Registration is now open.
 - Mr. Duff asked that Mr. Chris Sapelli be appointed as the OA Troop Advisor. Motion by Shari Duff, seconded by Melissa Schlueter. All Approved, Motion carried.

Outdoor Activities Coordinators: Mr. Eric Locher/Mr. Mark Duff reported the following:

- Report on past events:

- December 19th – Hall Cleanup and Gaming/Card Night –
 - Retired flags
 - Huge Success
 - Equipment organized
- December 27-31 – Winter Camp at Camp Crooked Creek, Louisville, KY – warm campout, but very wet.
- January 9-10 – Winter Bushwhack Hike – occurred at East Fork State Park – warm and very muddy – but a successful hike.
- Upcoming Events:
 - February 7, 2016 – Ski day at Perfect North Slopes – permission slips due this evening.
 - Working on a campout for Roy C. Manchester Campsite in Paducah, KY
 - Working on locating a functional trailer.
- Information for upcoming events:
 - Merit Badge Challenge – need second adults – if you are available to stay, that would be great
 - Bethel (Grant Career Center) February 6,20, and March 5
 - Fairfield HS – January 30, February 13 and 27
 - Sycamore HS – January 30, February 6 and 20
 - Webelos Crossover
 - 3 Webelos have filled out paperwork and are attending meetings
 - Crossover is February 2nd.

Venture Crew: Mr. Eric Locher gave the following report: (Venturing meets the first Wed of the month at 7pm)

- Crew Progress – progressing well
- Updates:
 - Communication Issues - Ms. Sarah White is the new Secretary and has started sending out emails to the Venturers. She will need to also send out the emails to parents – just in case. Otherwise, the communication issues are getting better.
 - Not all positions have been filled yet.
 - Recharter has been completed with 13 youth returning. Gold Level in Journey to Excellence.
- Crew Needs
- Upcoming Crew Events:
 - February outing – ski trip with the troop?
 - February outing – shooting event
 - March – Volunteering at a soup kitchen
 - April – Hike/Bike
 - May – COPE
 - June – White water
 - July – Stargazing
 - Shooting events
- Past Events:
 - January 15 (Friday) – Lock Out at The Web. – went well. 11 out of 14 members attended.

Cubmaster Report: Mrs. Julie Esposito indicated the following:

- Assistance from the Troop to the Pack for the following events:
 - January 8, 2016 – Pinewood Derby – It went very well. Thank you to the scouts. Most the comments indicated that the parents were glad there was something for the scouts to do.
 - February 2, 2016 – Blue and Gold Banquet
 - 6:30-8:30 pm
 - Would like Honor Guard to perform the Flag Ceremony at 6:30pm. Cross-over will be after dinner.
 - Friends of Scouting presentation will occur
 - Dessert after cross-over for the group- will allow the group that behaved the best to get dessert first, then so on and so forth.
 - April 30-May 1 – Campout at Woodland Lakes Christian Camp - Amelia.
 - May need Scout Troop assistance. Mrs. Esposito will email Mr. Duff.
- Positions to be filled:
 - Asst Cubmaster will be needed as of February 2016

- Training Coordinator still needed
- Treasurer (Mrs. Archer is temporarily serving in this capacity)
- Recruiting Kindergarten in Spring.

Treasurer's Report: Mrs. Michelle Lowe submitted the following report:

- December 1, 2015 – Beginning Balance - \$22,515.85
 - Withdrawals/Debits – (\$993.29) – Credit Card
 - 2 checks - \$2,941.59
 - Deposits/Credits - \$6,418.61
 - Ending Balance 12/31/2015 - \$24,999.58
- As of January 19, 2016
 - Troop General Fund \$12,056.59
 - Gas Fund - \$0.00 (new fund for this budget year, to track gas monies collected for trip and track reimbursement of gas cards)
 - Bill Fehn Campership Fund \$1,137.88
 - Troop Equipment Fund \$1,036.70
 - Troop Leadership Training Fund \$480.00
 - Scout Hall Roof Fund \$0
 - Troop Trailer Fund \$4,878.91
 - Scout Accounts \$3,204.30
 - Scouts with Negative Balance (\$20.22)
 - Outstanding Checks \$0.00
 - Interest Earned - \$44.99
 - Ending Troop Fund \$22,794.38
- Financial Reports – motion to approve by Peggie Marsh. Seconded by Melissa Schlueter. All approved. Motion Carried.

Secretary's Report: Mrs. Duff reported on the following:

- Submit newsletter items – Newsletter was released. Next Newsletter almost finished as well.

Webmasters – Mrs. Lowe/Mrs. Duff reported on the following:

- Please continue to RSVP on-line for tracking purposes.
- Please update and add missing information on the web-site (phone numbers and such)
- Events are up to date on the calendar.

Medical Records/Fundraising Opportunities Chair Report: The following was reported:

- Keep checking the status for Emergency Medical Form Expiration dates.

Advancement Chair Report: Mrs. Melissa Schlueter reported on the following:

- Recent Advancements –
 - Quite a few!
- Upcoming Boards of Review –
 - None known – at this time.

Training Chair Report: Mr. Locher reported on the following:

- Deferred to the prepared report from Mrs. Archer on the Agenda
 - District/Council training opportunities on-line at www.Danbeard.org.
 - Keep VIRTUS bulletins up to date.

Membership Coordinator – Mr. Terry Schlueter reported the following:

- Will add new people to the system.

Webelos to Scout Coordinator - (works with Membership Coordinator) – Mr. Dick Bader –

- Mrs. Esposito was present at the meeting and reminded the group of cross over on February 2, 2016.
- New parent meeting is scheduled for February 9 for new Boy Scouts.

Religious Emblems Coordinators – Mr. Feist (Catholic)/Mr. Bowman (Protestant)

- Catholic Religious Emblems – Mr. Feist not present –Pope Pius XII classes have been completed. Three scouts went through their Board of Review at IHM and passed.

- Protestant Religious Emblems – Mr. Bowman indicated that he was going to work with the High School Aged scouts at a time that was convenient for them.

Equipment Chair Report/Fish Fry Committee: Mrs. Gallivan and Mrs. Lowe reported the following:

- Mandatory fish fry parent meeting is Tuesday, January 26 at 7pm in the STM Parish Dining Room, bring your calendars. First Fish Fry is February 12.
- Mrs. Duff will email the Fish Fry Flyer to the parents.

Action Items and Old/New Business:

- Quarter Auction: Mrs. Archer, Mrs. Camden, and Mrs. Duff attended one of the events at ARF in Amelia on Tuesday, January 12 – committee members will be attending a few after the first of the year so that they can report back. Would like to get one reserved on the schedule for November 5th.
- New Rank Requirements – paper copies available in scout hall
- Status of area for forms, BOR signups, etc.
- February 9, 2016- 7pm – New parent meeting in MMH
- Mulch Sale
- Fish Fry Blessing – 4:30pm on February 12, 2016.

Troop Committee Position Elections:

- Chaplain – Deacon Michael Thomas – Set by Charter Organization
- COR – Mrs. Dee Archer – Set by Charter Organization
- Committee Chair – Mrs. Dee Archer – Set by Charter Organization
- Secretary/Newsletter – Mrs. Shari Duff, nominated by Peggie Marsh, 2nd by Michelle Lowe. Motion Carried
- Treasurer – Mrs. Michelle Lowe, nominated by Shari Duff, 2nd by Peggie Marsh. Motions carried.
- Religious Emblems – Mr. Steve Feist and Mr. Russ Bowman – Set by Charter Organization
- Outdoor Activities – Mr. Mark Duff and Mr. Eric Locher – Appointed by Chair
- Equipment Coordinators – Mrs. Marianne Gallivan, Mrs. Michelle Lowe, Mrs. Peggie Marsh, nominated by the whole group, 2nd by the whole group. Motion carried.
- Advancement Coordinator – Mrs. Melissa Schlueter, nominated by Shari Duff, 2nd by Karmella Everhart. Motion carried.
- Training Coordinator – Mr. Eric Locher and Mrs. Peggie Marsh, nominated by Laura Palmer, 2nd by Michelle Lowe. Motion Carried.
- Medical Records Coordinator – Mrs. Tanya Hartness, nominated by Teresa Westendorf, 2nd by Shari Duff. Motion carried.
- Fundraising Co-Chairman – Mrs. Tanya Hartness and Mrs. Teresa Westendorf, nominated by Shari Duff, 2nd by Cindy Abrams. Motion Carried.
- Membership Coordinator – Mr. Terry Schlueter, nominated by Melissa Schlueter, 2nd by Marianne Gallivan. Motion carried.
- Webmasters – Mrs. Michelle Lowe and Mrs. Shari Duff, nominated by Tanya Hartness, 2nd by Marianne Gallivan. Motion Carried.
- Webelos to Scout Coordinator – Mr. Dick Bader, nominated by Laura Palmer, 2nd by Karmella Everhart. Motion Carried.

General Announcements:

- Community Event Updates –
 - February 10 – Ash Wednesday (Fish Fry begins February 12).
- Council/District Updates/Events –
 - See Agenda for Dan Beard Calendar Items
- Other Information –
- Next Troop Committee Meeting:
 - Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at 6:30pm at STM Cafeteria/Parish Dining Room.

Motion to adjourn at 7:47 pm by Mrs. Marianne Gallivan.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shari Duff,
Troop Committee Secretary