

Troop Committee Minutes January 20, 2015

Members Present: Teresa Westendorf, Dick Bader, Christy Hale, Terry Schlueter, Melissa Schlueter, Dee Archer, Marianne Gallivan, Bryan Gallivan, Michelle Lowe, Jennifer Mann, Russ Bowman, Karmella Franic-Everhart, Steve Feist, Michael Kinner, Jamie Kinner, and Shari Duff.

Guests Present: Mark Duff.

Opening Prayer: Mr. Russ Bowman gave the opening prayer.

Welcome and Call to order: Chair Dee Archer called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the December 16, 2014 Committee Meeting Minutes by Mrs. Teresa Westendorf, seconded by Mrs. Christy Hale. All Approved, Motion Carried.

Chaplain Report: Deacon Michael Thomas reported the following:

- Scout Sunday celebration Saturday, January 31, 4:00pm. There will not be time for a medal presentation, but the parish would like the troop, pack, and girl scouts to be there. After discussion, it was decided that to not recognize the scouts for their religious emblems defeated the purpose of having everyone there. Another date will be scheduled so that the religious emblems can be awarded.
- Catholic Religious Emblems presentation ceremony will occur on January 25th at 2pm at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral.

Scoutmaster Report: Mr. Duff reported the following:

- Troop Progress – Nothing to address at this time.
- Actions of Patrol Leaders Council – Elections occurred with Jacob Novick as the SPL, Cody Payer and Isaiah Hartness as ASPL's.
- Disciplinary problems and attendance – None at this time.
- Other Troop Needs – Due to the anticipated number of scouts crossing over to the troop – the troop will need a 7th patrol box – and possibly an 8th patrol box. Search for another trailer will be high on the list.
- Updates on:
 - Venture Crew Meeting with Deacon Michael and Mrs. Archer was on Friday, December 19
 - Minimum number of Venture Scouts needed to charter the group. 15 are needed. Setting By-Laws from 1-4pm on an upcoming Saturday.
 - Need to have Separate Troop/Venture Accounts – but will work closely together for the transfer of scout account needs.
 - Venture Cred Meeting this Sat., January 24 at MMH from 1-4pm.
 - Winter Bushwhack Hike – January 17-18 – beautiful frozen waterfalls, lots of slippery ground.
 - OA Winter Banquet, January 18 –
 - Mr. Duff was tapped for VIGIL member.
 - Our troop will tap 7 youth and 2 adult members at Grassy Run. First ordeal thereafter – the very next weekend.
 - NOAC is in August at Michigan State. There are still youth slots open and available.
 - Jan. 10th – Museum Center offered Reptile and Amphibian MB during the day, then 10 scouts stayed overnight for the Geology MB.
 - Jan 8th – 9 Scouts took Photography MB at the Microsoft store.
- Information on Upcoming Events:
 - January 24 – Horsemanship MB – 17 scouts will attend for 3 hours. Joining our troop is Troop 155 at this event.
 - February 8 – Scout Ski at Perfect North
 - February 20 – Fish Fry starts
 - February 28, March 7, March 21 – MB Challenge at Grant Career Center in Bethel.

Cubmaster Report: Mr. Dick Bader indicated the following:

- Pack Progress – Finished Re-charter as well. Re-chartered 36 for the Pack with 13 Tigers.
- Thank you for the Troop's assistance on January 16 for the Pinewood Derby. Mr. Bader was informed that mats will not be needed in the future except under the Pinewood Derby Track.

- Blue and Gold Cross-Over will be February 3, 2015. 6:30-8:30pm – All four Webelos II will be getting their Arrow of Light and will be crossing over.

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Feist reported the following:

- As of December 31, 2014, balances were:
 - \$17,285.45 – Total
 - \$2,947.48 – Scout's Accounts
 - \$3,568.97 – Remaining Troop Funds
 - \$1,750.00 – Campership Fund
 - \$479.00 – Equipment Fund
 - \$700.00 – Adult Leadership Education Fund
 - \$500.00 – Roof Repair Fund
 - \$7,190.00 – Trailer Purchase Fund
 - \$150.00 – Venture Crew
 - It was noted that the Trailer fund is really only \$2,190.00 – as there has not been a vote to move regular funds over to the Trailer fund.
- Religious Emblems – 3 Scouts will earned Ad Altare Dei Catholic Award and passed their Board of Review. There is a large recognition on Sunday, January 25, 2015 at the Cathedral Downtown in recognition of these scouts.
- Religious Emblems – Mr. Feist will begin the new Pope Pius XII emblems on February 10th and every other week thereafter.
- “Buy It Books” – the new year will be available in April.

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

- New Newsletter released.
- Submit new newsletter items to Mrs. Duff
- Mulch Sale in March. April 11th will be Mulch Delivery to customers.
- Spoke with Mr. Berish regarding need for another credit card. He indicated that we could do that. Motion to allow second card to be in the name of Michelle Lowe made by Dick Bader, seconded by Marianne Gallivan. All approved, motion carried. There is a total Credit card limit for the entire parish of \$20,000. So, our limit through Fish Fry will be \$10,000.

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

- Nothing to Report from Mrs. Hartness for this month.

Advancement Chair Report: The following was reported:

- The following scouts have attained rank advancement:
 - Kadin Locher – Bronze Palm
 - Will Duff – Star Rank
 - Matthew Willison – Star Rank
- Still awaiting final paperwork on Matthew Miller Eagle Packet (letters of recommendation).

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.
 - Next VIRTUS class, Wed, January 21, 2015 – 6:30pm
 - Mr. Locher donated 10 rank patches for each rank except Eagle, so that we can have those on site for scouts immediately upon attaining rank. Thank you Mr. Locher from the Committee.

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

- Fish Fry Information:
 - Tuesday, February 17 – Fish Fry Review will be in the STM Parish Dining Room for all scouts. The Troop Committee Meeting will also be in the PDR.
 - February 20th is the first fish fry.
 - Huhtamaki donated 600 plated and cups.
 - We have a connection who is getting us gallon jugs of tartar sauce from Frischs at cost.
 - Other donation letters are out.
 - Second Card for Michelle Lowe.

- Two patrol boxes will be made – most of the equipment needed is available in the basement. We may need to purchase other items.
- Mrs. Lowe has researched some other websites for our needs – Troop WebHost has a section to allow parents to see their own scout account whenever they would like. It also allows for RSVP of events more easily. The cost is \$99 per year with another \$25 for a specific URL. Motion to approve expenditure made by Mrs. Teresa Westendorf, seconded by Mrs. Melissa Schlueter. All approved, motion carried.

Action Items and Old/New Business:

- Troop Committee Elections will be held next week – look for an email. Mrs. Archer will pull together a list of Job Descriptions.

General Announcements:

- Community Event Updates –
 - Horesmanship MB – January 24, 9 am – noon. Saddle Lake Equestrian Center, Melbourne, KY
- Council/District Updates/Events –
 - January 30- February 1 – US Grant Winter Camp-O-Ree – Clermont County Fairgrounds
 - February 7 – Eagle Court of Honor – 1-4pm – Cincinnati Masonic Center
 - February 21-22 OA Ku-Ni-Eh Lodge Lock- IN – Mercy Healthplex - Fairfield
- Other Information –
- Next Troop Committee Meeting:
 - Tuesday, February 17 (Shrove Tuesday/Mardi Gras), 2015 at 7pm at Parish Dining Room.

Motion to adjourn at 8:38 pm by Mrs. Marianne Gallivan.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Shari Duff,
 Troop Committee Secretary