

## **Troop Committee Minutes February 16, 2016**

**Members Present:** Chris Sapelli, Steve Feist, Melissa Schlueter, Cindy Abrams, Deacon Michael Thomas, Terry Schlueter, Mark Duff, Dee Archer, Shawn Hartness, Tanya Hartness, Teresa Westendorf, Peggie Marsh, Shari Duff, Marianne Gallivan, Michelle Lowe, Eric Locher, and Karmella Everhart.

**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 6:32 pm.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve the January 19, 2016 Regular Committee Meeting Minutes by Mrs. Melissa Schlueter, seconded by Mrs. Marianne Gallivan. All Approved, Motion Carried.

**Chaplain Report:** Deacon Michael Thomas reported the following:

- The church respectfully requests the annual Holy Fire before Mass on March 26<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Duff will make the arrangements.
- Scout Sunday – will be held on Saturday, March 5, 2016 at the 4pm Mass.

**Scoutmaster Report:** Mr. Duff reported the following:

- Troop Progress –
  - More visitors showing up – Webelos II and brand new scouts being recruited.
- Actions of Patrol Leaders Council – Have met and are planning the campouts
- Disciplinary problems and attendance – Attendance has been very good recently.
- Updates on:
  - Trailer – sourcing out a 16' trailer (V-nose, double axle, etc.) Looks like it will come from Atlanta area. Mr. Duff and Mr. Locher will go down to pick up, as delivery would add another \$1000 or more.
  - Mr. Payer's paperwork is in for Medal of Merit – finally.
  - MB Challenge
    - Bethel – Feb 6, 20, and March 5 – quite a few of our scouts are at this challenge
    - Fairfield – Jan 30, Feb 13, and Feb 20 – a few scouts at this challenge
    - Sycamore – Jan 30, Feb 6, and Feb 20 – don't know if any of our scouts are attending this one.
  - Summer Camp –
    - Hard date for Summer Camp Deposit of \$150 per scout, \$135 for Required Scout leaders (based on number of scouts going), and \$155 for other adults
    - Merit Badge offerings are out
    - 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> choices due to Mr. Duff in late March/Early April.
  - Incorporation Campout – March 12-13 at Friedlander. Open Shoot Weekend for scouts who are First Class and above. Extra \$25 for this event and they must register online.
  - April Campout – Not Grassy Run due to changed date for that event which conflicts with the OA Ordeal Weekend. Will be with Trailblazer District for the Spring Camporee at General Butler State Park on April 22-23, 2016. Should really be a cool campout – planning is going well.
  - OA Conclave is at Camp Friedlander on May 13-15, 2016
  - OA Nomination – Nomination of Michelle Lowe for OA by Marianne Gallivan, seconded by Chris Sapelli. All approved, motion carried.
  - First Aid MB – Going to offer for the scouts before Summer Camp – Mr. Payer, Mr. Schlueter, Mrs. Everhart, Mr. Everhart.
  - National Jamboree – In 2017 – currently 5 Troop 452 Scouts have signed up. Maximum number that can be in Mr. Duff's contingent is 8. July 19-28, 2017.

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

- Report on past events:
  - Feb 7 – Scout Ski at Perfect North Slopes – 3 injuries: 2 came down in ski patrol sleds for a muscle pull and sprained knee and one has a broken wrist.

- Feb 13 – OA Lock-In at Mercy Fairfield Complex – quite a few from Troop 452 were in attendance.
- Next Winter Camp in Roy C. Manchester Campsite in Paducah, KY.

**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.
- Crew Needs
- Upcoming Crew Events:
  - February – Main event cancelled due to weather. Replaced with Skallywag Tag
  - March – Ice Skating/Dinner/Imax Movie (Nat'l Parks)
  - April – Matthew 25 Ministries and Shooting Event
  - May – COPE
  - June – White water
    - Offer to some of the troop as well. WW Rafting, canoeing, kayaking. Must have Canoeing or kayaking MB. \$150 per person without travel and food costs. Ft. Necessity is nearby which offers an additional leadership program to tie in with the Whitewater (WW) trip.
  - July – Stargazing
    - Shooting events
- Past Events:

**Cubmaster Report:** Mrs. Julie Esposito was not present for the meeting, but offered the following by email:

- Assistance from the Troop to the Pack for the following events:
  - February 2, 2016 – Blue and Gold Banquet
    - Thank you to the Scouts and Honor Guard for performing the Flag Ceremony.
- Positions to be filled:
  - Assistant Cubmaster
  - Training Coordinator
  - Treasurer (Mrs. Archer is temporarily serving in this capacity)
- Upcoming Events:
  - March – Rock Quest
  - April – Campout at Woodland Lakes Christian Camp
  - May – Graduation
  - June – Event at Cub World
  - Summer Day Camp

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

- January 1, 2016 – Beginning Balance - \$24,999.58
  - Withdrawals/Debits – (\$2,463.20) – Credit Card
  - Deposits/Credits - \$1,351.35
  - Ending Balance 1/31/2016 - \$23,887.73
- As of February 16, 2016
  - Troop General Fund \$14,927.94
  - 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 \$3,319.18
    - Scouts with Negative Balance (\$82.52)
  - Outstanding Checks \$0.00
  - Interest Earned - \$52.08
  - Ending Troop Fund \$25,780.61
- Financial Reports – motion to approve by Teresa Westendorf. Seconded by Chris Sapelli. 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.
- February 23, 2016 – make up new parent meeting.

**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 –
  - Isaiah Hartness – Newest Eagle Scout
- 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](http://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 –

- New parent meeting rescheduled for Tuesday, February 23, 2016

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

- Catholic Religious Emblems – Mr. Feist presented the following
  - 4 scouts (3 from Troop 452) finished Pope Pius XII classes. All went through their Board of Review at IHM and passed. The presentation ceremony will be April 10, 2016 at the Cathedral downtown.
  - Mr. Feist will be offering Ad Altare Dei – starting a new class on March 8, 2016 at 6pm. Parent meeting on March 1, 2016 at 7pm. Geared toward 6-8 grade scouts. Classes offered every week.
- Protestant Religious Emblems – Mr. Bowman was unable to attend, but Shari will send out an email to the parents/scouts indicating they need to reach out to Mr. Bowman if they are interested in these Emblems.

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

- First Fish Fry – February 12, 2016 – sold 272 main entrees (same as first week last year). Deposit was \$1991.00 for the Fish Fry with \$265 in donations. Comparable to first week last year.
- Discussion about hold over items being in 5 different personal freezers. Motion to purchase a freezer for use by the scouts – placed in MMH – not to exceed \$500, made by Cindy Abrams, seconded by Marianne Gallivan. All approved, motion carried.

**Action Items and Old/New Business:**

- Quarter Auction: Next one is March 3, 2016 - 6pm at Grant Vocational School – Shari will send an email reminder for those that would like to attend
- Mrs. Archer sent a Facility Request to reserve the PDR/Kitchen for November 5 to hold our own version of this.

**General Announcements:**

- Community Event Updates –
  - None
- Council/District Updates/Events –

- See Agenda for Dan Beard Calendar Items
- Other Information –
- Next Troop Committee Meeting:
  - Tuesday, March 22, 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