

Troop Committee Minutes February 18, 2014

Members Present: Chair Dee Archer, Russ Bowman, Christy Hale, Angie Payer, Tricia Moore, Mark Moore, Jenny Elig, Brian Elig, Rob Golloway, Dick Bader, Deacon Michael Thomas, Joel Barnhill, Karmella Everhart, Michael Everhart, Jennifer Mann, Dan Casey, Rebecca Rapp, Michelle Lowe, Tanya Hartness, Shari Duff, Kevin Palmer, Marianne Gallivan, Shawn Hartness, Fred Schoolfield, and Mark Duff.

Guests Present: Included above.

Opening Prayer: Deacon Michael Thomas gave the opening prayer.

Welcome and Call to order: Mrs. Dee Archer at 7:07 pm.

Presentation of Marine Corps. League Certificate to Rob Duff – Mr. John Rose was unavailable for the meeting and presentation.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the January 21, 2014 Committee Meeting Minutes by Mr. Fred Schoolfield, seconded by Mr. Joel Barnhill. All Approved, Motion Carried.

Chaplain Report: Deacon Michael Thomas reported the following:

- Scout Sunday was celebrated at the 10:00 am Mass on Sunday, February 16, 2014. Thank you to all who attended. Reminder: Mr. Steve Feist works with scouts on the Catholic Religious Emblems and Mr. Russ Bowman works with scouts on the Protestant Religious Emblems.
- New Business Manager is Mr. Dick Berish who took over “officially” on 2/17/2014.
- The new background check will be implemented prior to the June 2014 deadline. Look for more information on that soon.

Scoutmaster Report: Mr. Duff reported the following:

- Troop Progress – Currently welcoming the addition of the newly crossed over Webelos.
- Actions of the PLC –
 - PLC meeting will be February 25, 2014 at 6pm.
- Disciplinary problems and/or attendance – all currently going fine. Very large group currently.
- Other Troop Needs – Researching tent needs has indicated that we purchase ALPS tents (have a full tent and full rain fly – double protection against rain. Also they have aluminum poles which are less likely to “break”. These are 5 man tents at \$250 per tent. Asked for committee approval to purchase 6. Motion to approve by Mrs. Michelle Lowe, second by Mrs. Marianne Gallivan. All approved, motion carried.
- We are pleased to welcome back to the Troop, Mr. Fred Schoolfield. Mr. Schoolfield had been the Scoutmaster of the Troop years ago, and has a son that just crossed over into the Troop from Cub Scouts. Mr. Schoolfield has been appointed by the COR as an Assistant Scoutmaster for the Troop.
- Adult Application was received from Ryan Payer and approved by the COR/Chairperson to help as a MB Counselor. Mr. Payer is a trained paramedic and will provide CPR training for adults and scouts, as well as, conduct a First Aid training for scouts needing a re-fresher and/or for the newly crossed over scouts. Mr. Duff will conduct a Leadership Training for the scouts as well – tentative dates – March 22, 2014.
- Updates on:
 - Scout Ski at Perfect North February 9, 2014. Mr. and Mrs. Bak worked with the scouts the Sunday before this date for book work on Skiing MB. Mr. Ryan Payer broke his hand during skiing. Mr. and Mrs. Bak will finish up the book work portion of the MB on Sunday, February 23, 2014.
 - Merit Badge Challenge February 15, 2014 – Started this past weekend, despite 4 inches of snow. Most scouts made it out to Bethel to start this first weekend.
 - OA Lock-In February 15, 2014 – our troop was represented by 4 scouts and 2 adults....and multiple hours of dodgeball.
 - Scout Sunday – February 16, 2014 – no additional report.
- Information on upcoming events:
 - Sunday, February 23, 2014 – final book work for Skiing MB to be completed with Mr. and Mrs. Bak.

- By February 25, 2014 – Scouts need to pay the \$40 deposit for Summer Camp. The remainder will be due after Fish Fry.
- March 1 and March 15 – Merit Badge Challenge – Session 2 and Session 3 at Bethel HS – scouts need to complete any home work assigned.
- April 5, 2014 – Cave Camping at Blue Springs Cavern – will need to make sure we have sufficient drivers.
- April 25-27, 2014 – US Grant District Camporee – This campout (in Williamsburg) will be when scouts nominated by their peers for Order of the Arrow will be “tapped out”. OA Tapout will be for 6 scouts and 2 adults from our troop.

Cubmaster Report: Mr. Dick Bader reported on the following:

- Pack Progress – with the recent cross over of 13 scouts, that accounted for 40% of the Pack. There will be a large Tiger Den in the fall, but the Pack is pretty small at the moment.
- Membership/Attendance – there will be a spring membership drive like last year.
- Assistance needed from the Troop – the Fall Picnic which will be in late August or early September
- Cub Scout Blue and Gold occurred on February 13, 2014 after being postponed the previous week due to snow.

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

- Looking for next topics for the newsletter to keep it “fresh”.
- Meeting occurred for new parents on February 11, 2014 to explain about Boy Scouts and the upcoming Fish Fry.
- Brought Fish Fry “signage” for committee review for the entrances. Mrs. Jennifer Mann will provide grommets for the corner of the larger signs and Mr. Russ Bowman will provide pvc support for the larger signs. There are also “political” sign sized signage for the Shayler Rd. and Ohio Pike entrances.
- There are sign-up sheets and registration forms for our Volunteers at Flying Pig. Official Volunteers must be 14 or older. Although younger siblings and scouts may attend. We would like at least 30 volunteers if possible. We will be working on Saturday, May 3, 2014 from 8am-1pm.
- There are sign-up sheets for the Amazing Race volunteers for this evening as well. This event is Saturday, June 14, 2014 – we have not yet received our official job duties – but worked the entire day last year for a nice additional donation.
- Mr. and Mrs. Duff donated the requested fryer for Fish Fry. This additional fryer will be used for hush puppies and French fries.

Treasurer’s Report: Mr. Feist was unable to attend, but submitted a report with the following:

- As of 1/31/2014 –
 - Checking Account - \$13,145.89
 - Troop - \$7,956.38
 - Boys Account – \$1,460.51
 - Campership - \$1,553.00
 - Equipment - \$2,176.00
 - Ski Trip money collected and included above, but not yet reimbursed to Mr. Bak.
- Working with a new class of Ad Altare Dei Students – 5 total.
- Provided a Scout Account Balance list for parents to see what is currently in their son’s account.
- Received a letter of request for Buy It In Clermont Books – If we pre-buy 35 books, then we will get 6 additional free. This works out to approximately \$11.50 per book profit for the first 41 books sold. After that, it will be \$8.00 profit per book sold. The profits are attributed to the scout’s accounts. Those interested in securing books to sell, see Mrs. Duff to get your name on the list and how many you would like.

Medical Records/Fundraising Opportunities Chair Report: Mrs. Hartness reported the following:

- Make sure your Medical forms are up to date and on-file for Campouts. She will be contacting you via email if your son’s Medical form is out of date.
- Our first Restaurant fundraiser of the year will be Friday, February 28, 2014 at Everything Bagels. They are open from 6am to 3pm for Breakfast and Lunch. Indicate you are with the Scout Troop and we will receive a portion of the proceeds.
- Deacon Michael asked about Skyline Chili. We had been told no previously. He will check on that for us.

- Asked the group if there was interest in a Skallywag Tag Fundraiser. There was significant interest, so we will pursue a date for that as well.
- Other fundraising options were suggested.

Advancement Chair Report: Mrs. Moore reported on the following:

- No scouts have contacted her for a BOR. As a reminder to the new parents, the scouts need to contact Mrs. Moore themselves for a BOR. They can call, email, text, or see her in person. They need to identify who they are and give a contact number.
- Scouts also need to remember to bring their scout book and wear the appropriate uniform (Class A shirt or Class B shirt) – depending on the Uniform of the Day for the meeting.

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

- Parents wanting to help with the troop in any way, need to take the BSA Youth Protection Training, as well as, the Catholic Church Youth Protection Training. Check www.sttm.org, Child Protection-VIRTUS Training link to find a class time that works for you.
- Parents who are willing to drive to events must also provide a copy of their drivers license, declarations page of their car insurance, license plate number, and general car information to Mr. Locher or Mr. Duff. This is required for all events in which a tour permit is required (out of council).
- NYLT will be the last 3 weeks in June 2014 and 1st week of July 2014. Scouts must be 13 years of age and First Class Rank or higher to attend.
- Check the Dan Beard Website for upcoming training opportunities.

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

- Made a motion to approve the aforementioned tent purchase of 6 tents at \$250 per tent. Seconded by Mr. Russ Bowman. All approved, motion carried.
- New Cast Iron griddle was purchased with the Dicks Sporting Gift Card that we had. This completed patrol box #6.
- Mr. Gallivan and Mr. Locher will make a prototype patrol box to see if it meets the needs of the troop. They were authorized up to a “reasonable” amount for the supplies.
- January 28th – current parent Fish Fry Job sign-up occurred.
- February 11th – New parent meeting and Fish Fry Job Sign-up occurred. There are still open jobs – so see Mrs. Lowe for the sign up sheet.
- With the assistance of Mr. Luke Palmer, we have contacted McDonalds for a donation of paper products. Krogers in Amelia will provide tartar sauce at cost and a case of plastic bags for carry out orders.

Action Items and Old/New Business:

- None

General Announcements:

- Council Updates –
 - Feb. 22 – 5:00pm Wood Badge Reunion Dinner – Friedlander Dinning Hall
 - February 26, 2014 – Good Scout Award Luncheon – Duke Energy Convention Center – Cal Ripkin, Jr. Guest Presenter
 - February 28, 2014 – Scout Overnight at Newport Aquarium
 - March 14-16, 2014 – Basic Wilderness First Aid – Camp Craig
 - March 16, 2014 – Leaders’ Orientation Dinner – Camp Friedlander
- Community Events – none known at this time.

Next Troop Committee Meeting:

- Tuesday, March 18, 2014 at 7pm at More Martyr Hall (Troop Hall).

Motion to adjourn at 8:24 pm by Mrs. Tricia Moore.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shari Duff,
Troop Committee Secretary