

## **Troop Committee Meeting Minutes** **February 22, 2011**

**Members Present:** (17) Deacon Michael Thomas, Chairperson Dee Archer, Scoutmaster Jack Stevens, Treasurer Steve Feist, Mrs. Krysti Barnhill, Mr. George Bak, Mr. Mark Duff, Mrs. Jennifer Ebbing, Mr. Bill Fehn, Mrs. Michelle Lowe, Mr. Steve Lowe, Mr. Steve Miller, Mrs. Tricia Moore, Mr. Luke Palmer, Mr. David Sofge, Mrs. Sharon Treinen, Mr. Gregg VerPlank

**Call to order:** Mrs. Archer at 7:03pm

**Opening prayer:** Deacon Michael Thomas, Scout Chaplain

### **Minutes:**

- Welcome to new members and guests: Pack #452: Steve Miller, Sharon Treinen. Visiting Pack #676 (Merwin): Krysti Barnhill, and David Sofge
- Motion to accept minutes from previous meeting; Mr. Palmer seconded. All approved. Motion Carried.

### **Scoutmaster Report:**

- **Blue & Gold Banquets:** Jack and some of our Boy Scouts attended two banquets recently to welcome Cub Scouts: Pack #676 (Merwin) and Pack #443 (Amelia). Four Scouts crossed over from Merwin. They have committed to our Troop, but not all applications have been received yet.
- **New Scouts:** 6 of 7 Cub Scouts from STM's Pack #452 crossed over into the Troop last week.
- **AAD classes** began again on Tuesday, February 8.
- **Quality Unit Award** was earned by our Troop, which entitles our Scouts to a cool patch and Free Rank badges
- **Skiing/snowboarding** at Perfect North on February 13 went well; boys who attended enjoyed the outing.
- **Winter Camporee** went very well. Some of the Scouts crossed over after attending.
- **March 25 Campout:** Scouts will stay at STM after the Fish Fry, and then leave in the morning for camping at Wildey's Farm.
- **Grassy Run** will be held in April
- **"Open Shoots"** will be offered at Camp Friedlander beginning in April or May, or possibly March, for Scouts who wish to finish shooting requirements
- **Summer Camp** (July 17-23, 2011 at Camp Friedlander) reservations must be made early. Our Troop will be camping at the Chippewa campsite, which accommodates 28 people.
- **Orientation for Summer Camp** will be held on March 20 at Camp Friedlander.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

- **Balance:** \$2,374.60. Of those funds, \$204.00 is allocated to the boys.
- **Troop Adults:** Mr. Feist noted that there are 19 adults in the Troop at present.
- **Fish Fry** begins Friday, March 11 and runs every Friday through April 15. Each Scout is to bring a dessert and two 2-liter bottles of soda. Mr. Feist distributed copies of the Fish Fry flyer and menu, and indicated that four people are needed to work the steam table line each night. Deacon Thomas asked that we send the flyer/menu to

Kate in the parish office for inclusion in STM's Sunday bulletin. Mr. Feist gave Deacon Thomas a copy of the write-up for the bulletin.

- **Mulch Sale** is going ahead as planned. Mr. Duff distributed hand-outs provided for tonight's meeting by Mrs. Duff. The sale will be advertised in STM's bulletin. Mrs. Archer will also post in the school's weekly update and on the Edline site. Details were discussed and provided to Shari so that a final flyer can be ready for review tomorrow, and the sale can start as soon as possible.

### **Outdoor /Activities Chairperson Report:**

Mrs. Moore indicated that a couple of the forms for Physical Exams expire in March. Scouts/adults will need to have them renewed before participating in camping and other Troop activities.

The award ceremony for presentation of the Silver Beaver to Mrs. Archer and others in our Council will be held at Great American Ball Park on Wednesday, March 23.

### **Advancement Report:**

Some Scouts will begin working on requirements for Tenderfoot on March 1. Next week they will take the first fitness test; the next testing will be 30 days later. Requirements for Tenderfoot, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Class ranks can be earned at Summer Camp.

The Merit Badge Challenge was completed on March 5.

Our next Court of Honor will be held in early May.

Mr. Stevens asked that the four boys who are in the process of completing their Eagle packets please finish them as soon as possible.

### **Scout Chaplain Report:**

Deacon Thomas confirmed that Scout Sunday will be celebrated at the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, March 26. He asked that we please line up no later than 9:40 a.m. Mr. Thomas advised that we should respect Mrs. Archer's request for full Class A uniforms and no blue jeans. In order to reserve enough pew in the church, Deacon Thomas inquired as to how many Scouts are in the Pack and Troop. Mr. Stevens indicated that there are presently 19 total Boy Scouts and about 50 total Cub Scouts.

Deacon Michael asked if any members present had information regarding one of the local radio stations which visits area Fish Fry dinners, in cooperation with the St. Vincent de Paul Society. He thinks it may be station 103.5 or 700 WLW here in Cincinnati. No one had information at this time.

### **Training Report:**

Mr. Lee Stegman was unavailable for the meeting.

### **Equipment Report:**

Mrs. Gallivan said they are still waiting for repairs on the trailer to be completed. Mrs. Bak will label the shelves in the trailer. They will conduct an inventory with the Scouts to see what items need to be replaced.

### **Old Business:**

No Old Business to come before the committee.

### **New Business:**

Deacon Thomas advised that a Youth Protection Class is tentatively scheduled at St. Thomas More for Tuesday, March 29, at 7:00 p.m.

Due to Spring Break schedules and Holy Week, there will be no committee meeting in April. Any urgent items that need to be addressed can be discussed on a Friday after the Fish Fry.

**Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn at 8:28pm made by Mr. Fehn.

**Next Meeting Date:** Due to a parish reconciliation service at St. Thomas More Church on March 15, the next committee meeting will be moved to Tuesday, March 22.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dee Archer  
C.O.R./Committee Chair