

Troop Committee Minutes

March 20, 2013

Members Present: Chair Dee Archer, Shawn Hartness, Tanya Hartness, Steve Feist, Dick Bader, Michelle Lowe, Tricia Moore, Steve Miller, Shari Duff, Eric Locher, Mark Duff, Theresa Westendorf, Deacon Michael Thomas, Joel Barnhill, Bryan Gallivan, and Marianne Gallivan.

Guests Present: Len Slovensky – Unit Commissioner from US Grant District.

Opening Prayer: Deacon Thomas gave the opening prayer.

Welcome and Call to order: Mrs. Dee Archer at 7:02 pm.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the February 19, 2013 Committee Meeting Minutes by Mr. Steve Feist, seconded by Mrs. Michelle Lowe. All Approved, Motion Carried.

Chaplain Report: Deacon Michael Thomas reported on the following:

- Asked about Scouts manning the Holy Vigil Fire – Saturday, March 30, 2013 from 7:30pm to 11:30pm. Mr. Duff will handle this request.
- Virtus Training – please stay up with bulletins, even if you have not received an email. They know there are “kinks” in the system and are relaying those downtown, but don’t want anyone who has become trained to be “dropped” in-advertently.
- Scout Sunday – With the Holy season, it didn’t happen in February. Deacon Thomas will get a date scheduled.
 - There are three boys getting Al Atare Dei
 - They will be recognized at the upcoming Court of Honor.
- Would like a Cub Scout Representative (from the Committee) at our Committee meetings. Mr. Duff has less than one year remaining at the Pack level.
- Need a Treasurer for the Cub Scout Pack
 - Have gotten criteria from Business Manager
 - Responsible for Cub Scout Credit Card
 - Responsible for Monthly Reconcilements
 - Committee suggested they recruit someone from the pack
- Mentioned there are upcoming VIRTUS Training opportunities.
- Next year Lent falls starting on March 7. Fish Fry Fridays will be March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4, 11, 2014. Good Friday April 18, 2014.

Scoutmaster Report: Mr. Duff reported on the following:

- Our Troop was awarded the “Gold” Level in Journey to Excellence for this year. This will garner us free rank patches throughout the year.
- Most recent Campout was Ziplining at Mega Caverns with an overnight at Camp Crooked Creek. Some of the adults explored the camp as a potential future Summer Camp option. Trip went well.
- There are 8 new scouts that have crossed over into the troop. Three from Pack 338, two from Pack 452, and three from Pack 464.
- We’ve been invited to participate – as a fundraising opportunity – in the City of Loveland’s Amazing Race on Saturday, June 15, 2013. If we commit, as volunteers, to two work stations, we can earn up to \$1000 for the Troop. We will need commitments from Adults and Scouts of at least 20 individuals. Motion to approve

participation by Steve Feist, Second by Michelle Lowe. All approved, motion carried.

- PLC meetings are going well and occurring monthly – the last Tuesday of the month.
- There will be a meeting on April 2, 2013, which is Spring Break for West Clermont and the STM School.
- Merit Badge Challenge is now complete and scouts should be receiving either completed or partial blue cards. They need to complete requirements by April 2, if they want to get the MB at the Court of Honor on the 9th.
- Court of Honor is April 9th – look for dinner assignments soon. Time is 6:30pm.
- Mr. Slovensky noted that Mrs. Dee Archer, our Charter Organization Representative did a training renewal for her position.
- Grassy Run campout will be the 26-28th of April in Williamsburg.
- May 17-19, 2013 is the Circleville, OH campout.

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

- The PLC had submitted a request for a climbing campout in August. Committee voted to approve this request as the final part of the PLC calendar for the Scout year.
- Working on the next Newsletter – updated information needed for inclusion – ASAP.
- New Parent meeting is set for Tuesday, March 26, 2013 at 7pm
- Mulch Sale – Final week is this week. All orders and \$\$ are due March 26. To date – 6 orders received, which is not unusual for one week out.
- Need July Fest dates and requested Scout assignment. Mrs. Archer and Deacon Thomas indicated that July Fest is scheduled for July 12-14, 2013.
- Indicated that Shari is still the contact for special email communications, website communications, minutes, newsletter, non-calendar meeting reminders, etc. Michelle Lowe has taken on the Facebook page and some of the automated website communications – including permission slips for outings. She is also a back up for Shari Duff when needed. Tanya Hartness is handling the restaurant fundraising duties and getting communications back for disseminations. We hope this helps everyone understand “who is doing what” with regard to communications for the troop and parents.

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Feist was absent from the meeting, but submitted the following written report:

- Checking Balance \$9,248.19.
- Boys' balance \$1,005.30.
- In first 5 weeks of Fish Fry – profit of \$4,316.00, which is on target with last year's profit.
- This week is cleaning week for the kitchen after fish fry – so bring clothing that can get dirty.
- Applebees profit - \$50.98.
- Buy It In Clermont books will be available on May 1st. We will have 30 books to sell - \$12.00 profit per book sold to the scouts' account.
- Mulch Sale continuing.
- Kroger Fundraiser – Mrs. Hartness indicated it was a “done deal” and will get us information when it is available.
- Mrs. Hartness indicated that the Chick-fil-a fundraiser is scheduled for March 20, 2013 from 5-8pm.

- Mrs. Hartness indicated that she had scheduled a City BBQ fundraiser for April 12th at the Eastgate and West Chester locations. These will run all day and can garner 25% of the sales for the day.

Outdoor Chair Report: Mrs. Tanya Hartness reported on the following:

- Nothing additional – see fundraising above.

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

- Calvin Verplanck’s Eagle Board of Review was conducted on March 6, 2013.
- The Court of Honor is Scheduled for Tues, April 9, 2013 at the STM Cafeteria. Scouts completing MB Challenge should have Blue Cards to Mrs. Moore by April 2, 2013.

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

- Basic NRA training is available for \$30 fee.
- There was a board of review training session last week, which 6 people attended.
- IOLS training is April 6, 2013
- Scoutmaster Specific is April 13, 2013
- Needs a list of “True” Registered Committee Members
- Virtus Training for new parents needs to occur, see www.sttm.org for training dates. Keep up with bulletins.

Equipment Chair Report: Mrs. Gallivan reported on the following:

- Mrs. Ann Bak has asked to be removed as co-chair as she is “phasing out” from the troop.
- Mrs. Gallivan is in need of a co-chair.
- Indicated that we need “go” bags for the Fish Fry, and a fish strainer. Mrs. Archer will check with Kroger to see if we can get a case of bags donated.
- Indicated that a kitchen manager should be assigned for the Fish Fry
- Indicated that Mr. George Bak was having his hip replaced and circulated a card.
- Asked about the start date for the Pope Pius classes for the scouts.

Old/New Business:

- Sunday, June 9th – 1pm – Veteran’s Memorial Park – Flag Retirement.
- Memorial Weekend – will get additional details as they become available.

Next Troop Committee Meeting:

- Tuesday, April 16, 2013 at 7pm at More Martyr Hall (Troop Hall).

Motion to adjourn at 8:37 pm by Mrs. Tricia Moore.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shari Duff,

Troop Committee Secretary