

Troop Committee Meeting Minutes

March 22, 2011

Members Present: (18) Deacon Michael Thomas, Chairperson Dee Archer, Scoutmaster Jack Stevens, Treasurer Steve Feist, Mrs. Krysti Barnhill, Mr. Mark Duff, Mr. Steve Lowe, Mr. Steve Miller, Mrs. Tricia Moore, Mr. Luke Palmer, Mrs. Marianne Gallivan, Mrs. Regina Bajorek, Mrs. Ann Bak, Mr. Mark Moore, Mr. Russ Bowman, Mrs. Diana Reichardt, Mr. Bryan Gallivan, Mrs. Shari Duff

Call to order: Mrs. Archer at 7:15 pm

Opening prayer: Deacon Michael Thomas, Scout Chaplain

Minutes:

- Welcome to new members: Mr. Russ Bowman and Mrs. Diana Reichardt
- Motion to accept minutes from previous meeting by Mrs. Bak, Second by Mr. Palmer. All approved. Motion Carried.

Scoutmaster Report:

- **Space Constraints:** Mr. Stevens indicated that with 30 boys, they have outgrown the scout room and will need both sides of the building for meeting space. If the troop grows much larger, additional space on the STM campus may be needed. The committee was requested to evaluate meeting elsewhere on the STM campus or on another night (non- Tuesdays).
- **Equipment Constraints:** Mr. Stevens indicated that there are equipment needs to accommodate the size of the troop. There will be a separate session with the Equipment Chairs/Quartermaster to evaluate needs.
- **Pre-Summer Camp Meeting:** Mr. Stevens learned that if you wish to attend “Family Night” at Summer Camp, parents/adults will need to be registered as “Scout Parents” and become BSA Youth Protection Trained, which must be renewed every two years. BSA is pushing the training issue vehemently. Please see Jack or Lee for Training Requirements. Mrs. Duff will send out a separate email with Church and BSA Youth Protection Training information.
- **Summer Camp:**
 - Parent Night will occur on the Friday night of camp. No boys will be permitted to leave with parents that evening, as they must help with tear down, clean up of the camp prior to the official end of camp on Saturday.
 - Boys will need an up to date physical on file (completed within the previous year) to attend summer camp or any other scout activities. Please get these medicals completed (or transferred from your former Pack) ASAP. Mrs. Moore keeps those on file.
 - Adults must also have a BSA completed physical on file (within previous year) if attending any BSA overnight.
 - Older boys are able to participate in ACE at summer camp if over age 14. This is a mini High Adventure Camp Experience during camp. See Mr. Stevens if your child is interested.
 - OA (Order of the Arrow) – is a troop-elected honor society for the boys (and some adults) – these young men are being given the opportunity to attend an additional week at Summer Camp for \$100.00 during week 3 and week 7.

This would be a “work” week at the camp doing service projects for camp with some additional free time to “play”.

- If cost of summer camp is an issue, there are camperships available. April 11th is the deadline for these camperships.
- **Den Chiefs** – Den Chiefs will need BSA Youth Protection Training per changes in the BSA rules. Renewal required every 2 years.
- **Ranks** – Three young men made scout rank already, with 2 more ready.

Treasurer’s Report:

- **Balance:** \$2,305.27. Of those funds, \$204.00 is allocated to the boys.
- **Summer Camp:** Sent a check for Summer Camp Registration \$1380.00 for 22 boys/2 adults. Get schedules to Mr. Feist ASAP to hold spots. Cost for camp is \$225.00 per boy. Hours at Fish Fry, mulch sales, and selling Buy It In Clermont Books help defray cost for the boys.
- **Fish Fry:** week 1 - 64 orders – gross income \$1001.38, week 2 – 90 orders – gross income \$1540.00. Mr. Feist reminded the committee that the final week of the Fish Fry – April 15th – will be the big clean up of the kitchen at STM. We need as many adults to help with this clean up effort as possible.
- **Other Fundraising Ideas:** Mr. Feist indicated that we could also sell candy bars as a potential fundraiser.
- **Mrs. Bajorek:** Reported that we should make a concerted effort to recycle boxes and bottles from the fish fry if possible. She also indicated that the coffee available at fish fry was for sale and proceeds would benefit a non-profit organization supporting coffee plantation workers in third world countries.

Outdoor /Activities Chairperson Report:

Mrs. Moore indicated that a couple of the forms for Physical Exams expire in the coming months.

Mrs. Moore indicated she had permission slips/payment for 13 boys for this weekend’s campout.

Advancement Report:

Mr. Duff indicated that some of the blue cards are being mailed to the boys who completed merit badges at Merit Badge Challenge. He requested those blue cards be brought to the scout meeting as soon as received.

Mr. Duff indicated that the Committee/Scoutmaster consider an early May Court of Honor so that merit badges and rank advancements could be distributed before Summer Camp.

Mr. Duff advised the committee that new scouts have a 5 mile hike/walk requirement for Second Class Rank. There is a Dan Beard Riverwalk event on April 9th (not a troop event) that would satisfy this requirement. There is also a special patch should any of the boys take part in the event.

Mr. Duff announced that Aviation Merit Badge will be made available for scouts at the Clermont County Airport in August 2011. Quite a few of the boys have earned this merit badge through this event. Look for more information soon.

Mr. Duff spoke with the SPL and will be offering Environmental Science Merit Badge this spring to the entire troop. This is an Eagle Required MB.

Mr. Duff indicated the campout on March 26-27, 2011 would be a primitive campout. Food and water would be provided, but no bathroom facilities or TP would be available.

Secretary Report: Mrs. Duff indicated there were not too many mulch orders as yet, but that there was still one week left. Many committee attendees indicated they had orders still to turn in. Final order must be called in by April 1st to Ohio Mulch. Delivery of mulch will occur on April 13th or 14th. Boys/Adults/Trucks will be needed for Saturday, April 16 starting at 9 am. Bring gloves, and wear clothes that will get dirty and stained.

Mrs. Duff indicated that she needed clarification on duties regarding communications for future reference.

Mrs. Duff was approached by a parishioner to sell 2-3' white pines as part of the mulch sale. It was determined by the committee that it would be considered next year, but was too late this year to incorporate into the sale.

Scout Chaplain Report:

Deacon Thomas pointed out a couple of necessary corrections to the February 22, 2011 minutes. Mrs. Duff will correct and resend.

Deacon Thomas indicated that when the equipment and trailer are ready, we should have two albums of pictures detailing what is in the trailer and the outside of the trailer for insurance purposes. One album for the church, and one for the troop. Mrs. Gallivan and Mrs. Bak will ensure that occurs.

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:

Mrs. Archer indicated that she would secure space for the March 29th Church Youth Protection Training. Mrs. Duff will send out an email reminder for the parents.

Mrs. Gallivan provided information regarding the Fingerprinting schedule for parents/volunteers with the troop. The IHM Parish Office located at 7820 Beechmont Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45255, phone 388-4466 – offers fingerprinting by appointment during the hours of 1-4:30pm on Tuesdays, 9:30 – 11:30 am and 1-4:30pm on Wednesdays, and 9-11:30 am on Thursdays. Please specify sending the results to STM.

Mrs. Archer indicated that the Parish Secretaries need any schedule changes ASAP. Kate and Donna keep the calendar for the STM facilities. If any date changes are made to the schedule, the committee must notify them the day after the committee meeting.

One of the newer camp stoves has been found to be broken and a hazard. It was purchased at Bass Pro Shop and will be returned by either Mrs. Bak or Mr. Feist.

Mrs. Bak provided schematic drawings of patrol boxes as templates for Mr. Gallivan to build. New supplies to build the boxes and fill them will be needed.

Mrs. Gallivan indicated that Ms. Kay Newby has a box of assorted red t-shirts that she would sell for \$2.00 each for boys needing Class B shirts, especially for summer camp.

Important Dates: April 5th – No Committee Meeting

April 19th – No Scout Meeting/No Committee Meeting – Holy Week

May 10th – Court of Honor (COH) – if space available
May 17th – Committee Meeting or COH – if space available

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 8:42pm made by Mr. Gallivan.

Next Meeting Date: Troop Committee Meeting – Committee Only – TBD by Mrs. Archer.
Troop Committee Meeting and parents – look for announcement based on availability of facilities outside of the troop hall.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shari Duff,
Committee Secretary