

Troop Committee Minutes
April 15, 2014

Members Present: Chair Dee Archer, Theresa Westendorf, Russ Bowman, Angie Eads, Angie Payer, Tricia Moore, Brian Elig, Michael Everhart, Karmella Franic-Everhart, Jennifer Mann, Rebecca Rapp, Mark Hall, Michelle Lowe, Steve Lowe, Tanya Hartness, Shawn Hartness, Shari Duff, Marianne Gallivan, and Mark Duff.

Guests Present: None.

Opening Prayer: Mr. Russ Bowman gave the opening prayer.

Welcome and Call to order: Mrs. Dee Archer at 7:03 pm.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the March 18, 2014 Committee Meeting Minutes by Mr. Michael Everhart, seconded by Mrs. Angie Eads. All Approved, Motion Carried.

Chaplain Report: Deacon Michael Thomas was unavailable for the meeting, but submitted the following:

- Those needing to complete their background check for the Catholic Church, please see Shari for your VIRTUS token.
- Reminded the group about the Easter Vigil Fire. Scouts must be in full Class A uniform and can meet at the church Saturday night at 8pm.

Scoutmaster Report: Mr. Duff reported the following:

- Disciplinary/attendance problems – No attendance problems. There is an issue with two scouts outside of scouting, not behaving in a scout-like manner. Mr. Duff will be having a Scoutmaster conference with both scouts and will watch them closely. If necessary, he will recommend them to the Chair of the Committee for a meeting with parents.
- Other Troop Needs – ALPS tents have been purchased and received.
- Updates on:
 - Total Number of Scouts – 42 currently registered with the Troop. Three will be attending NYLT in June.
 - Memorial Day Cross set up – Mrs. Archer will forward information when she receives it.
- Information on Upcoming Events:
 - April 25-27 – Grassy Run – 26 scouts currently signed up to attend. We will also have 6 Scouts and 2 Adults “tapped” for OA on Saturday Evening of the Campout.
 - Blue Springs Cavern – Due to extreme rain and flooding of the cavern, the trip had to be postponed. Currently it is re-scheduled for May 10-11, 2014.
 - Leadership Training occurred in the past few weeks on a Saturday at MMH. Eight scouts participated in that training.
 - First Aid Merit Badge – Mr. Payer offered First Aid Merit Badge to newer scouts and those wanting a refresher. It was discussed that the training was much better than what the scouts have been getting at Summer Camp. It was a long day (9hrs), but taken care of at one time by a trained paramedic.
 - Flying Pig Volunteers – Volunteers are needed for Saturday, May 3.
 - Scout in Need of Financial Assistance – Mr. Duff indicated a scout was in need of financial help for Summer Camp due to a family member needing surgery and currently unable to work. Motion to approve up to ½ of cost left after subtracting scout account funds made by Mr. Russ Bowman, Seconded by Mrs. Christy Hale. All approved, motion carried.
 - Requested approval of another Assistant Scoutmaster (Mr. Ryan Payer) with the size of the Troop. Motion to approve made by Mrs. Marianne Gallivan, seconded by Mr. Steve Lowe. All approved, motion carried.
 - Received a donation from Mr. Locher of a Large Dining Fly with Sides.
 - Summer Camp – Not having newer scouts go through their Trailblazer program. The Adult Leaders are providing opportunities for scouts to complete rank requirements like orienteering, totem chip, firem chip, and other Tenderfoot and Second Class rank requirements so they can spend time in merit badges at camp.

Cubmaster Report: Mr. Dick Bader was unavailable for the meeting.

- Mrs. Archer indicated April 16th was the Cub Scout Spring Recruitment Night.

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

- A thank you to everyone who helped with Mulch Sale, Delivery, and Fish Fry.
- Pictures of Fish Fry with WGRR on the Parish Website. WGRR said it was the best turn-out of the season for donations to St. Vincent De Paul. Also very complimentary of the way things ran and how nice the event was.
- Need items for the Newsletter – it will go out in the next few weeks.
- Easter Vigil Fire – Saturday night – meet at the church/MMH at 8pm.
- Flying Pig Volunteer Sign up still ongoing.
- Amazing Race Volunteer Sign up will be next – June 14th.
- Mulch Totals –
 - 1385 Bags of mulch sold – 230 more bags than last year
 - \$1362.60 Earned by the scouts
 - Tithe of \$165.58
 - Troop Profit - \$145.16
- May 6, 2014 is the next Court of Honor.
- Summer Camp Final Fees due April 22, 2014. If coming from scout account, let us know.
- Working on Family Life Merit Badge with scouts in the Troop.
- Those needing a background check under the new system or VIRTUS training – See Shari for token to pay for background check.
- Calendar of Events were updated and available at the meeting.
- Mrs. Lowe's Birthday is Thursday.

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Feist was unavailable for the meeting but submitted a report with the following:

- As of 3/31/2014 –
 - Checking Account - \$16,709.30
 - Troop - \$11,857.52
 - Boys Account – \$1,122.78
 - Campership - \$1,553.00
 - Equipment - \$2,176.00
 - Expenses - \$1,500.00 for ALPS Tents
- Buy It In Clermont Books will be in next week.

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.
- There is a new Medical form for scouts, although the old one is fine for the next year.
- Fundraiser for Dickie's BBQ on May 12th. This will be a flyer fundraiser (will need flyer for the organization to get credit for sales.)
- YOLO will also do a fundraiser. A new store will be going in the old Kroger location at Bach-Buxton Rd. Mrs. Hartness will stop in to schedule a fundraiser when it opens.
- Skallywag Tag fundraiser – there is a lot more involved than years ago – including paying ahead. May consider at a future time.
- Fundraiser at Everything Bagels check received of \$38.00.
- Suggestion of a Giant Yard Sale. Suggested a couple of parents pow-wow and work through details.

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

- The following scouts have completed a BOR and advanced:
 - Scout – Ethan Moore
 - Tenderfoot – Austin Payer
 - First Class – Cody Payer
 - Life – Kurtis Moore, Cameron Lowe, Brady Barnhill
 - Eagle Palm – Rob Duff
- Kadin Locher presented his Eagle Project for consideration:
 - Clearing debris, yard waste, and dump material from St. Vincent DePaul House on STM property. Also replacing fence posts along property line and developing/filling mulch beds for flower gardens.
 - Overall cost still to be determined, some items will be provided by STM.

- Looking for donations of food, water, trucks, and equipment to cut and clear property.
- Hoping to complete around mid-May.
- Committee approved the project.

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

- Deferred to the prepared report from Mrs. Archer on the Agenda
 - Youth leader and adult volunteer opportunities for training
 - Keep monthly VIRTUS bulletins up to date
 - District/Council training opportunities on-line at www.Danbeard.org.

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

- There is Baked/Fried Fish and Mac-n-Cheese left over from Fish Fry that will be cooked for our May Court of Honor.
- Fish Fry
 - Profit - \$8098.00
 - From Fish Fry - \$7018.00
 - Tithe - \$701.83
 - Donations - \$1080.00
 - Statistical information accumulated throughout the Fish Fry to keep track of orders by week, food ordered/used, pricing, etc. for next year.
 - A Huge THANK YOU TO ALL for your help – it really was the best and busiest fish fry season yet.

Action Items and Old/New Business:

- None

General Announcements:

- Council Updates –
 - April 25-27, 2014 – Grassy Run
 - May 3-4 – Scout Honors Weekend – Newport Aquarium
 - May 6 and May 22 – NYLT Parent Orientation Meeting – Scout Achievement Center
 - May 10 - BB and Archery Instructor Training – Cub World
 - May 15 – Life to Eagle Seminar – Scout Achievement Center
 - May 16-18 – WOW for Troops – Camp Friedlander
- Community Events – Relay for Life – June 21st at 2pm

Next Troop Committee Meeting:

- Tuesday, May 20, 2014 at 7pm at More Martyr Hall (Troop Hall).

Motion to adjourn at 8:34 pm by Mrs. Tricia Moore.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shari Duff,
Troop Committee Secretary