

Troop Committee Minutes

April 17, 2012

Members Present: Chairperson Dee Archer, Scoutmaster Jack Stevens, Steve Feist, Deacon Michael Thomas, Shawn Hartness, Tanya Hartness, Marianne Gallivan, Bryan Gallivan, Shari Duff, Steve Lowe, Michelle Lowe, Eric Locher, Lee Stegmann, and Mark Duff

Guests Present: Mr. George Kinnard

Call to order: Mrs. Archer at 7:10 pm

Opening Prayer: Opening prayer by Deacon Michael Thomas

Guest Introduction and Presentation: Mr. George Kinnard made a presentation to the committee regarding the Veteran's Park placing of the Crosses and 24 hour Vigil during Memorial Weekend. He would like the scouts help in the following fashion:

- Need 9 Scouts to carry in Flags to Post the Colors, at the beginning of the official ceremony on May 27th.
- Need scouts to read names for a few hours
- Need scouts to set flags and crosses
- Scouts may stay all night and pitch a tent as names will be read each hour during a 24 hour period.
- Need scouts to retreat colors during the closing ceremony.
- Need scouts to pull out the flags and crosses the following Thursday.
- Sat., May 26, 2012 @ 8am – Setup (to square lines) – boys needed at 9am to start placing crosses.

Committee referred this service to the community to the Scoutmaster for review with the PLC and Troop participation. Mr. Kinnard indicated he would be willing to make a presentation to the scouts if needed. Mrs. Archer and the committee thanked him for his time, efforts, and service.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the March 20, 2012 Committee Meeting Minutes by Mrs. Gallivan, second by Mr. Duff. All Approved, Motion Carried.

Chaplain Report: Deacon Thomas reported on the following:

- Thank you to adults and scouts for the wonderful fish fry, cleaning, and good representation of scouts and the scouting program to the people in attendance.
- Thank you to Mr. Stevens and Adam fro the Easter Vigil Fire.
- As we take on new parents, guardians, etc., remember – they must become fingerprinted.
- As of May 1st, need a letter from the parish for fingerprinting, so STM will pay for it.
- New Child Protection classes will be required starting in August or September.
- Communications and Reminders –
 - Reminded Everyone to please communicate in person and not via e-communications.
 - E-Communications are for information only.
 - Difficulties should and must be done in person with the person(s) involved. We must realize that we are teachers to our children on how and what should

be disseminated by technology...ie – we are the example – they will follow our lead.

- Stop and think before sending an e-communication
- Reminder that we must have 2 – deep leadership for everything.

Scoutmaster Report: Mr. Stevens reported on the following:

- The Mammoth Cave Trip went well and the boys really want to do more of these types of trips which will necessitate potentially more fundraising. Also, the committee needs to build in “travel expenses” for those that are driving to off-set the cost of fuel. There were a huge number of ticks on this trip which we will need to watch for this year as we did not have a hard enough winter to kill them off.
- Mrs. Gallivan shared with Mr. Stevens that at one of the restaurant stops, there was a compliment from people about how well behaved our boys were.
- In the “thorns” section of the Mammoth Cave Debrief – there were hardly any complaints.
- Grassy Run – we have new patrol boxes that need to be assigned equipment numbers. Equipment Chair – Mrs. Gallivan, ASM Bryan Gallivan, and SM Jack Stevens will get together to assign those numbers. Patrols will be solely responsible for getting their equipment and “stuff” back into their own boxes and if something is missing, the boys in that patrol will be responsible for replacement.
- Mr. Bryan Gallivan is an Assistant Scoutmaster for the Troop and will work specifically with the boys regarding care and use of all of the troop equipment.
- Court of Honor went well...we were very close on food. Suggest sign ups for food for the next COH.
- The SPL and ASPL (Benjamin G. and Chris B.) are doing well.

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

- Newsletter needs to go out soon, please send information that you would like included.
- Mulch sale was completed for this year and final accounting was presented at the meeting as a separate handout. All scouts were notified of their “profits” for their accounts in an email. Discussion about Easter/Spring Break, for next year occurred with regard to the Mulch Sale.
- Today is Mrs. Lowe’s Birthday, so the committee sang, “Happy Birthday” and thanked her for being present at the meeting instead of celebrating.
- All emails going out from the Secretary are now “Blind Carbon Copied” (bcc’d), so that no one uses the email list for anything other than generic dissemination of information regarding the troop and/or activities. Anything needing to go out to the group, needs to be processed through Mr. Stevens or the Secretary of the Committee.

Treasurer’s Report: Mr. Feist reported on the following:

- Suggested that there be a Budget and Finance Meeting – to set the 2012/2013 Fundraising needs based on the anticipated expenses of the Troop during the next year. He will let the committee know of some dates in which he is available in May.
- Mr. Feist indicated there is \$8,936.42 in the account, of which \$5857.33 is allocated to various boys, and \$3,079.09 is Troop Funds.
- Fish Fry tithe was \$517.75.

Outdoor Chair Report: Mrs. Moore sent the following information via Mrs. Duff:

- A final list of participants is needed for WOW weekend in May. The Troop is already registered and there will be Webelos as our troop's guests.
- A final list of participants is needed for Grassy Run so that she may get them registered for the event.
- The Credit Card Information will be needed for her to register on-line through Double-knot.

Advancement Chair Report:

- Mr. Duff indicated that the Court of Honor occurred on April 10th. Boys earned over 80 merit badges. Numerous rank advancements also occurred.
- Boys will be in need of Rank Boards of Review, so please be available for this purpose.
- Many opportunities for Service Hours will be upcoming, and boys will need to watch this for their rank requirements.

Training Chair Report: Mr. Stegmann will get an up-to-date completed training list for the group.

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

- Will get with Mr. Stevens to set "a date" for numbering and inventorying the new patrol boxes.
- Indicated that a replacement ax handle is needed. She was authorized to make that purchase.

Old/New Business:

- July Fest dates are set – July 13-15. (The weekend after the boys return from Summer Camp). We do not yet know what capacity the scouts will be needed. Hours worked do count for service hours in Rank Requirements. Please mark the dates on the calendar.
- Gallivans will not be at Grassy Run but reminded the committee that they have the leftover food from the Fish Fry that can be used at this campout.

Next Troop Committee Meeting:

- Tuesday, May 15, 2012 at 7pm at More Martyr Hall (Troop Hall).

Motion to adjourn at 8:33 pm by Mrs. Gallivan.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shari Duff,
Troop Committee Secretary