

Troop Committee Minutes

May 17, 2011

Members Present: Chairperson Dee Archer, Scoutmaster Jack Stevens, Treasurer Steve Feist, Advancement Chair Mark Duff, Outdoor Chair Tricia Moore, Equipment Co-Chair Marianne Gallivan, Bryan Gallivan, Mark Moore, Joel Barnhill, Jeni Houser, Bill Lyon, Bill Bajorek, Steve Lowe, Deacon Michael Thomas, and Secretary Shari Duff

Call to order: Mrs. Archer at 7:02 pm

Opening prayer: Deacon Michael Thomas

Opening Comments: Mrs. Archer thanked everyone for attending the meeting and welcomed the parents. Brief introductions were made by everyone in the room.

Approval of Minutes:

- March 22, 2011 Meeting – Tabled until next month
- April 19, 2011 Work Session Meeting – Tabled until next month

Eagle Project Presentation: Mr. Paul Hudson presented his Eagle Project Proposal for Approval to the Committee. The following are the key points to the Project Proposal:

- Renovate Cross Country and Track Practice trails at the back of Glen-Este High School Property.
- Trails in disrepair due to the harsh weather over the previous few years
- Project would include:
 - Removal of debris
 - Clearing fallen trees from the trails
 - Clearing overgrowth in the area
 - Clearing roots in the trails
- Walking surface is in acceptable shape, no intent to work on re-surfacing
- This project is more of a maintenance project as opposed to an improvement project
- This project requires no outside donations for funding. If anything is needed, Paul and his family will provide.
- This project will require use of standard household tools or gardening equipment. Paul indicated he would ask his family and scout families to bring this type of equipment with them.
- The length of the project will take a few weekends/weeknights.
- Approval for the project on the school grounds has been obtained by Mr. Spicer, Glen-Este High School Principal.

The Committee asked numerous questions. Mr. Hudson was advised to obtain written permission from Mr. Ed Dyer, Facilities Director through the West Clermont Schools. He was also asked to find out where the debris should be placed (dumpster, haul away, leave in the woods, etc.) Additionally, Mr. Hudson was asked about his progress on Merit Badges, he still has 3 more to go. Mr. Hudson turns 18 in late July. Mr. Hudson was advised to get started very soon on his project.

Motion to approve the Eagle Project by Mrs. Marianne Gallivan, seconded by Mrs. Shari Duff. All Approved. Motion Carried.

Scoutmaster Report: Mr. Stevens reported on the following:

- March Primitive Campout – 3 Patrol Leaders stayed in their own tent, not with Patrols as they were instructed. It snowed during the campout, so those boys working on Camping Merit Badge were able to have that requirement signed-off.
- April Campout – Grassy Run District Campout was postponed until May 20-22, 2011 due to flooding of the campgrounds. Instead the boys camped on the Church grounds by Patrol Method. There was a lack of leadership, only 2 Patrol Leaders in attendance. Assistant Patrol Leader stepped up. Equipment has been checked over. Mr. Stevens indicated that due to the confusion on what was purchased for food for the different patrols, he was suggesting that each Patrol have a Rubber Maid tote for non-perishables, a cooler for perishables, and 2 ½ gallon – 5 gallon drink coolers.
- May Campout – May 13-15, 2011 – WOW Weekend was attended by only 6 boys, who hosted 6 cub scouts and adults from Pack 452, and 6 cub scouts and adults from Pack 464. This was a tremendous amount of work for the Boy Scouts. Boy/Cub Scouts ran the Orienteering Course while there.
- A basic Website is up and running, with three adults with administrative capabilities. Three boys have expressed interest in helping maintain the site. The site address is Troopmasterweb1.com/T452
- Another tent has torn, which leaves us with 2 torn tents, one with broken poles...we're down to 2 tents (although there are other older tents available for use). Mr. Stevens knows why they keep tearing and will get with the patrols to teach how to get into and out of the tents without tearing them.
- Mr. Stevens reported that the Troop received Quality Unit for 2010.

Secretary's Report: Mrs. Duff indicated that the 1st Troop 452 Newsletter had been emailed and asked for comments, questions, and suggestions for future issues. She is currently working on the next issue.

Mrs. Archer expressed gratitude for those who participated in the Easter Vigil with the church.

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Feist indicated there is \$3880.68 in the account, of which \$983.00 is allocated to various boys. He notified by email, anyone who still owed funds for Summer Camp. The troop account has paid for Summer Camp, so if someone still owes for their son(s), please get that paid as soon as possible. He thanked everyone for their assistance during Fish Fry and commented that it was the best year yet. Fish Fry totals are as follows:

\$9314.00 Gross Income

4582.00 Expenses

4732.00 Net Profit

114.00 Donations

10% of the Net Profit benefit the Troop

10% of the Net Profit is tithed to the Church

Remainder of Net Profit is divided between the boys based on the number of volunteer hours attributed to them. Number of volunteer hours totaled 1304, divided by the Remaining Net Profit equals approximately \$2.90/volunteer hour as a credit to the boys' accounts.

Mr. Feist indicated that 24 boys and 3 adults will be attending Summer Camp at Camp Friedlander.

Mr. Feist indicated that the Troop has “Buy It In Clermont” Books for sale and that for each book sold by the boys, they get \$8.00 toward their Scout Account. The books cost \$20.00 each.

Discussion by the committee occurred with regard to refunds due to the cancellation of the Grassy Run Campout and the cost differential to camp on the Church Grounds. (Cost was less because there was no facility fee at the Church grounds, however, money by the boys had already been paid based on the cost for the Grassy Run Event.) Some of the boys did not attend the Church Grounds campout, who had paid for the Grassy Run Event. No refunds are issued when food has already been purchased, which occurred in this particular case.

Mr. Bryan Gallivan made a motion that any excess funds from the Grassy Run event ONLY, be held on account in the scout’s name for boys whom had already paid. Mr. Steve Lowe seconded the motion. All approved. Motion Carried.

Outdoor Chair Report: Mrs. Tricia Moore has been contacting boys/parents to make sure all medical forms and updated physical forms are up to date and on file with her. This will be critically important for Summer Camp. Boys will be prevented from entering camp if any information is out of date or missing.

Mrs. Shari Duff, Secretary of the Committee, will email a link for the medical forms to everyone within the next week.

Mrs. Dee Archer again indicated that the Quality Unit Award presentation will occur during the District Dinner on May 19, 2011.

Advancement Chair Report:

- Mr. Mark Duff indicated that all but a few boys have made Scout Rank. Those whom have not, should have the Rank by Summer Camp and are being worked with by their Patrol Leaders.
- Mstr Elijah Kiyuna has made Tenderfoot Rank.
- Mstr Benjamin Gallivan is in need of a Board of Review for Star Rank.
- Board of Review training for adults was offered on May 10, 2011 by Mr. Stegmann, and will be offered in July before or after Summer Camp. Anyone wanting to sit on a Board of Review will need to take the training with Mr. Stegmann.
- Many of the boys are working on the requirements for the Tenderfoot Rank. Tenderfoot Rank requires a 30-day physical fitness component, which has not been able to be completed due to the incessant rain on Troop meeting nights. The hope is that many will be able to have this completed before Summer Camp.
- Mr. Duff reminded those in attendance that according to BSA, it is encouraged to have boys make it to First Class Rank within the first year of entrance to Boy Scouts.
- Mr. Duff reminded those in attendance that boys should be encouraged to attend campouts, as there is a 20 days/nights of camping requirement for the First Class Rank as well. He indicated that Summer Camp can be a big help in getting the days/nights needed for Rank.
- Court of Honor is May 24th where boys will get Rank certificates and Merit Badges earned since the last Court of Honor. The Dinner meat will be provided by the Troop, with side dishes/soda provided by the parents based on last name. See the newsletter for the side dish assignments. Dinner will start promptly at 6:30pm in the STM Cafeteria.

- Mr. Duff reminded the Committee that all Board of Review requests must go through him for scheduling. This was a change of which the committee recently became aware.
- Mr. Duff indicated there is an Eagle Court of Honor for 3 Eagle Scouts within the Troop. Mr. Travis Gallivan, Mr. Andrew Bak, and Mr. Matthew Kelly and their families have invited the troop and their parents to join them in this celebration on Sunday, June 5, 2011 in the STM Cafeteria from 2-4pm.

Chaplain Report: Deacon Thomas indicated that Council had contacted the Church to consider adding a Venture Crew to their ministries. He will have a meeting with Ms. Leah Wainscott, District Executive from Dan Beard Council in the coming month to discuss further.

Deacon Thomas also addressed an issue regarding a blog entry about Girl Scouting and sexual orientation that was forwarded to some within the scouting family and parish. Deacon Thomas reported that this blog was in opposition to the opinion of the church.

Deacon Thomas indicated that there was a conflict noted in the year long meeting schedule for the July 26, 2011 usage of the Troop Hall. The carpets are scheduled to be cleaned, so the meeting must occur off-site. As this is the meeting right after Summer Camp, Mr. Duff indicated that the boys would just meet in the picnic shelter and have a debrief session instead.

Deacon Thomas reported that Fr. Wagner was approached by the Festival Committee asking about the use of the Troop Hall as a Diaper Changing Station, Father Wagner would like our input on this matter. Discussion on the pros/cons ensued, noting that ultimately, Fr. Wagner may make any decision he wishes on the usage of the Parish facilities. However, the following concerns/issues were noted:

- Concern for cleanliness, during and after the festival, due to biohazard exposure (feces and urine)
- Concern for hands washing facilities...use of bathroom facilities/paper towels, etc.
- Concern for the "smell"/disposal of the biohazards.
- Concern that others will also wander into the building and will vomit, etc. in the facility.
- Concern for overall security of the equipment against damages/theft - cannot fully "lock up" and secure equipment in the basement/other areas of the building.
- No real way to secure all areas of the building, including the basement (walls do not go all the way to the ceiling).
- Use and cleanliness of the bathroom facilities (they will be used...who will be responsible for clean-up/maintenance/re-stock of the bathroom facilities during and immediately following the festival - as the facilities will be used for meetings early the next week).
- Concern that the air conditioning will be inefficient with the frequency of in/out

The committee offered some of the following as suggestions: 24 hr security monitoring, tarps on flooring, continuous cleaning/maintenance of facility, tent with "sides" divided in middle with tables for diaper changes on one side and chairs for nursing mothers on the other. Still need to address a hand washing station if the festival committee is going to offer any service whether in a tent or in the parish facilities.

The Committee expressed dislike in opening ANY of the STM building facilities during the festival.

Training Chair Report: Mr. Stegmann will be scheduling another Board of Review Training Session for parents and other adults in July. Look for information in another month regarding the date and location of the session.

Equipment Chair Report: Mrs. Gallivan reported that the Troop had received a donation of a drink cooler from Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lyon. Mrs. Gallivan also reported that she has a specific list of items that the troop needs and will get an updated list to Mrs. Duff for inclusion in the next newsletter. She also indicated that she had received verbal commitments from a few others regarding donations of items they will also make.

Mrs. Gallivan indicated that a meeting between the Equipment Chair and the Quartermaster had not yet taken place as they were still waiting for the weather to clear enough to put the second axle on the trailer.

Mrs. Gallivan showed the committee some of the adult sized t-shirts that Mrs. Kay Newby has for sale for \$2.00 each. These shirts could be silk-screened for Class B usage.

Mrs. Gallivan asked Mrs. Archer and Deacon Thomas who could be contacted regarding organization of More Martyr Hall. There are questions regarding whether the equipment is used, in working order, or may be thrown out/donated if not.

Old/New Business:

- Committee Meeting Date/Time/Location – This will remain unchanged for the time being.
- Mr. Fehn Update – Mr. Fehn has been re-admitted to Christ Hospital with further complications with his heart. The committee will be kept apprised and will send a card when he is settled back into a rehab facility (Forest Hills Nursing/Rehabilitation Facility).
- Memorial Weekend Flag, Cross, and Vigil Ceremony at the Union Township Veteran's Park is not a Troop Event, however, it is encouraged that each Scout attend at some point to help with the placing of crosses, flags on the crosses, or the 24-hour vigil. Boys must be in Full Class A Uniform to participate.
- The Flag Retirement Ceremony in June is also not a Troop 452 Event, however, all boys and parents are welcome to attend.

Next Troop Committee Meeting:

- Tuesday, June 21, 2011 at 7pm at More Martyr Hall (Troop Hall).

Motion to adjourn at 8:37pm by Mrs. Marianne Gallivan.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shari Duff, Committee Secretary