

Troop Committee Minutes

May 22, 2012

Members Present: Chairperson Dee Archer, Shari Duff, Eric Locher, Shawn Hartness, John Rose, Mark Duff, Steve Feist, Deacon Michael Thomas, Lee Stegmann, Steve Lowe, Marianne Gallivan, Tricia Moore, and Jack Stevens.

Guests Present: Mr. Len Slovenski – US Grant District Commissioner and Mr. John Rose – Former Troop 452 Scoutmaster.

Call to order: Mrs. Archer at 7:03 pm

Opening Prayer: Opening prayer by Mr. Steve Feist.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the April 17, 2012 Committee Meeting Minutes by Mr. Feist, second by Mr. Locher. All Approved, Motion Carried.

Chaplain Report: Deacon Thomas reported on the following:

- No requests have been made yet from the July Fest Committee or via any other organizations within the Church for Scout assistance.
- Atari Dei – Next week is the last week for Religious Award Meetings for the Summer.
- The Church is in need of a list of activities/building needs for the troop for the next year.

Scoutmaster Report: Mr. Stevens reported on the following:

- WOW Campout had a poor turnout in the number of scouts. Also, there were difficulties in the campsite set-up. Many other activities that the boys participate in conflicted with this year's date.
- We have picked up a new scout through Mr. Bowman's Pack.
- Noticed that some of the equipment (including the newer patrol boxes) need some work.
- Scouts took wrong tents to WOW.
- Need to get patrol box supplies bought and overall patrol supplies numbered.
- Need a list of inventory and packing lists for the patrols.
- Scouts seemed unmotivated for the weekend. (Lack of Leadership with Self-Motivation)
- High Adventure trip was cancelled for this year.
- Outdoor Campout in New Richmond is the next campout scheduled for June 15-17. Mr. Duff will act as the lead on this campout.
- National Jamboree Shakedown is scheduled for July 13-17. Dan Beard Council is sending a "Shakedown" contingency to test all of the new equipment and activities at Summit Bechtel Reserve in preparation for the National Jamboree next summer. There are still some boy scout positions left – submit the application right away. The cost will be \$300.00, however, the boys will only need their clothes and personal items. (Transportation, food, and activity fees are covered).
- The PLC will set the yearly calendar of events at Summer Camp.

- The previous calendar showed that the boys elected to have a Whitewater Rafting/Canoe Trip in August (date TBD). We will see if there is still interest in that type of trip.
- National Jamboree slots for next summer are filling up, but there are still some openings. Go online to the Dan Beard Council site to fill out paperwork if interested in attending.
- For Summer Camp this year there are 22 boys and 4 adults registered - \$5190.00. Mrs. Duff made a motion to approve gas reimbursement for 2 vehicles driving up to Summer Camp so there are “back up” vehicles available. Mr. Lowe seconded the motion. All approved, motion carried.
- Due to World Choir Games in Cincinnati while the boys will be at Summer Camp – motor coach services to transport the boys are unavailable and cost prohibitive. Riggs, First Student, and Petermann Busing will also be contacted.
- A special thank you to Mr. Locher who was able to get a four-drawer lateral locking file cabinet for the troop. He had multiple keys made which will be given to the scoutmasters and advancement chair as they will have access to paperwork that will need to be secured.

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

- Newsletter needs to go out soon, please send information that you would like included.

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

- Buy It In Clermont Discount Coupon Books are available for sale. Scouts receive \$8.00 per book sold in their Scout Account with the Troop. Books sell for \$20.00.
- Balance in the treasury is \$3,916.45 after paying for Summer Camp. Of that, \$1835.00 is allocated to the scouts’ accounts. Therefore, \$2081.00 is allocated to the Troop.
- May/June – Need to schedule a Budget/Finance Meeting – Monday’s work best.
- Need to work out the Bill Fehn Campership Requirements at that meeting.
- Thursday, May 24th in Bethel is the US Grant District Budget Training Meeting.

Outdoor Chair Report: Mrs. Moore had no report at this time.

Advancement Chair Report: Mr. Duff reported on the following:

- Of the Scouts who crossed over one year ago, 1 has made Star Rank, and approximately one-half of the remainder have attained First Class Rank, with many of the others very close.
- Summer Camp Pre-Requisites have been difficult to obtain, as Camp Falling Rock does not list them on their website. Mr. Stevens and Mr. Duff will need to sit down and figure out what makes sense for pre-requisites so that the boys can come away with finished merit badges and not partials.
- If scouts are interested in being Counselors in Training (CIT’s) at Cub Scout Day Camp, they must fill out the volunteer document online. Many Rank requirements have a service/volunteer hours component, and this is a good way to obtain those hours. Cub Scout Day Camp is at East Fork State Park June 11-15, 2012.

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

- Mr. Stegmann is still working on putting together an up-to-date completed training list for the group. He believes all committee members are up to date with their training, but knows that some issues with duplicate registrations and linkage of the training data is causing problems with getting a true list.
- IOLS Training will be available at Woodland Lakes Christian Camp (in Amelia) June 9-10. Mr. Duff will be facilitating one section of the training during that weekend.

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

- A Maul Handle is needed to repair a piece of equipment. Once obtained, it will be replaced.
- Mr. Locher indicated he has an engraver that he would lend to help Mr. Stevens and Mrs. Gallivan “number” the patrol supplies.

Old/New Business:

- Mrs. Archer indicated she has a donation of a cast iron skillet for the troop.
- Mrs. Archer reminded the committee that we need to make a list of equipment and supplies for the church/insurance records.
- Mr. Feist indicated that the Knights of Columbus have re-scheduled their Flag Retirement Ceremony for Saturday, June 16th after the 4pm Mass. It was noted that the Survival Campout is already scheduled during that time.
- Mrs. Archer sent an email to the July Fest Committee chair to see where the scouts will be needed, and explained some of the difficulties last year with drinking patrons arguing with the boys about taking alcohol into the playground area.
- There was general discussion regarding Respect between the boys and other boys, and Respect between the boys and adults on the camping trips or on the troop committee. Inappropriate Language has been overheard and used by the boys to/and about other boys. It was suggested that the boys via the PLC have a peer-to-peer discussion on Respect and re-introduce the Scout Code of Conduct which details the expectations and ramifications should they be found in violation of the Code of Conduct.
- An update and encouragement of others to get “Board of Review” Training will be discussed at the New Scout Parent Meeting Scheduled for June 12th. Mrs. Duff will coordinate the informational session.
- Mrs. Duff was asked about the Parent/Troop Manual. This will be circulated via email to the Committee Members for review.
- Mrs. Archer reminded the committee and had handouts with information regarding the Memorial Weekend Flag and Cross Settings at Veteran’s Memorial Park in Union Township.
- Mr. Rose shared some Fundraising Ideas – which included:
 - Bagging Groceries at Biggs
 - Yard Flags
 - Car Washes
- File Cabinet Keys were given to the following:
 - Mr. Stevens
 - Mr. Duff
 - Mr. Stegmann
 - Mr. Gallivan

Next Troop Committee Meeting:

- Tuesday, June 19, 2012 at 7pm at More Martyr Hall (Troop Hall).

Motion to adjourn at 8:40 pm by Mrs. Gallivan.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shari Duff,
Troop Committee Secretary