

Troop Committee Minutes
June 16, 2015

Members Present: Shari Duff, Deacon Michael Thomas, Melissa Schlueter, Michelle Lowe, Teresa Westendorf, Christy Hale, Jim Abrams, Rob Ell, Tricia Moore, Mark Moore, Marianne Gallivan, Sonny Forney, Jennifer Mann, Tanya Spencer, John Rose, Tanya Hartness, Shawn Hartness, Karmella Franic Everhart, Cindy Abrams, Brian Elig, and Jenny Elig. Scoutmaster Mark Duff was also present.

Guests Present: None.

Opening Prayer: Deacon Michael Thomas gave the opening prayer.

Welcome and Call to order: Secretary Shari Duff called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the May 19, 2015 Regular Committee Meeting Minutes by Mrs. Teresa Westendorf, seconded by Mr. Ben Marsh. All Approved, Motion Carried.

Chaplain Report: Deacon Michael Thomas reported the following:

- July Fest – Scouts are asked to perform the same role as in previous years – trash collection throughout the weekend.
- Please keep up with VIRTUS bulletins

Scoutmaster Report: Mr. Duff reported the following:

- Troop Progress – New scout visiting tonight
 - Working on Cooking Merit Badge as a Troop
 - Working on Personal Fitness Merit Badge as a Troop
 - Mrs. Duff willing to work with scouts who have previously started Family Life or Personal Management Merit Badges.
 - Pre- Summer Camp Swimming Test will be scheduled with the YMCA – look for information in an upcoming email on when.
- Actions of Patrol Leaders Council – none currently.
- Disciplinary problems and attendance – None currently.
- Other Troop Needs – Nothing noted.
- Updates on:
 - Possible Service Project – mulch distribution for mulch customer who is seriously ill. Mr. Duff has left a message to help spread the mulch, but has not yet received a call back.

Outdoor Activities Coordinators: Mrs. Melissa Schlueter reported the following:

- May 21-22 Flag Placement at Batavia Cemetery – Thank you to all who came out to help. Our Troop received a donation of \$100 from the VFW for our efforts.
- May 24 Memorial Day Crosses – Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park – per Mrs. Archer, there was a good turnout of Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Adults to assist the Veterans. Thanks to all!
- June 6 – OA Root Beer Float Sale – at Amelia Kroger – earned \$574.05 for camperships for Dan Beard Council.
- June 11- Many thanks to our Troop Elite Honor Guard members who performed the flag ceremony for the District Roundtable at Sycamore Park. Special mention and recognition of outstanding scouting families within the district. Certificates were presented to the Gallivan Family and the Lowe Family.
- June 14 – First Aid Merit Badge was offered at the Scout Hall for any scouts wanting/needing that Merit Badge. Thanks to Mr. Payer and Mr/Mrs. Schlueter for coordinating this opportunity.
- June Scuba Merit Badge/Certification in Columbus – grueling 2 weekends, but the scouts persevered. Very reasonable in pricing for Scuba Certification – loves working with scouts.
- Upcoming Events:
 - June 20 Amazing Race – We are supposed to meet at Nisbet Park – look for an email for specifics. With rain expected, there may be an activity change for our group. Still need volunteers.
 - July 5-11 Summer Camp – Camp Falling Rock, Newark, OH - most of the merit badges offered are open program, although some MB's have set program times due to needs of the camp. Meeting at Amelia Middle School Campus for drop off and pick up. May need some additional drivers.

- July 10-12 St. Thomas More JulyFest – still need helpers for the weekend. Please sign up on-line or email Shari with your preferences and availability.

Venture Crew: Mrs. Melissa Schlueter gave the following report:

- May Outing – 8 Scouts participated in a shooting sports event.
- Last Saturday – there was a Pistol Shoot at the Miami Valley Rifle and Pistol Range. 4 scouts participated.

Cubmaster/Webelos to Scout Coordinator: Mr. Dick Bader indicated the following:

- August 28 - will be the beginning of the year picnic/Fall recruitment. Boy Scout assistance will be needed during that event.
- Day Camp (Cub Scout) will occur this summer at East Fork from July 20-24. If Boy Scouts want to earn service hours, they can volunteer as CIT's – but will need to take BSA Youth Protection Training online.
- Unit positions needed for the Pack –
 - Cubmaster
 - Assistant Cubmaster – February 2016
 - Pack Communications/Racemaster – February 2016
 - Michael Everhart will work with someone to run Pinewood Derby Softward
 - Pack Event Planning as of February 2016
 - Treasurer
 - Assistant Tiger Den Leader

Treasurer's Report: Mrs. Michelle Lowe submitted the following:

- Indicated the need for addition drivers for summer camp.
- \$100 donation for Flags in Cemetery
- \$800 Flying Pig Donation
- As of May 2015, balances were:
 - \$18,602.15 – Beginning Balance
 - \$2,141.17 – Deposits
 - \$2,876.62 - Withdrawals
 - \$100.00 – Checks Written
 - \$17,766.70 – Ending Balance
- As of May 31, 2015
 - Troop General Fund \$7,322.59
 - Bill Fehn Campership Fund \$839.72
 - Troop Equipment Fund \$36.70
 - Troop Leadership Training Fund \$700.00
 - Scout Hall Roof Fund \$0
 - Troop Trailer Fund \$2,190.00
 - Scout Accounts \$2,974.39
 - Scouts with Negative Balance (\$155.73)
 - Outstanding Checks \$0.00
 - Interest Earned - \$52.19
 - Ending Troop Fund \$14,063.40

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

- Submit Newsletter items for next issue to Mrs. Duff.
- Updates/Information from Troop Historian – none received.
- Keep up with VIRTUS bulletins
- Volunteers for Amazing Race.
- Need helpers for July Fest.

Webmasters – Mrs. Lowe/Mrs. Duff reported on the following:

- Received some photos from a former scout within the troop.

Medical Records/Fundraising Opportunities Chair Report: The following was reported:

- Mrs. Hartness reminded those in attendance that the website and automatic newsletters that go out indicate when the medical forms will expire. When they do expire, we need 3 copies of the medical forms along with 3 copies of the insurance card for the file. Those without medical forms will not be able to camp.
- Buy It In Clermont Books and money must be turned in ASAP.

Advancement Chair Report: Mrs. Melissa Schlueter reported the following:

- There are quite a few scouts that are getting through rank advancements.
- Eagle Courts of Honor – Mrs. Westendorf and Mrs. Schlueter asked if money could be set aside to help the families of Eagle Candidates with the expense of the Court of Honor. Discussion resulted in a motion to approve partial cost to be absorbed by the troop. Motion was seconded, motion denied.

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

- Deferred to the prepared report from Mrs. Archer on the Agenda
 - District/Council training opportunities on-line at www.Danbeard.org.
 - Keep VIRTUS bulletins up to date.

Membership Coordinator – Mr. Terry Schlueter

- Any changes to the Troop Roster (additions/deletions) – notify the Treasurer as needed.
- Need for additional or updated forms
- Updates/Issues from Troop Scribe- none received.

Religious Emblems Coordinators – Mr. Feist (Catholic)/Mr. Bowman (Protestant)

- Catholic Religious Emblems – Mr. Feist not present
- Protestant Religious Emblems – Mr. Bowman not present.

Fundraising Chair (works with Treasurer) – Mrs. Tanya Hartness reported the following:

- Nothing to report.

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

- Still need 4 piece chef sets and items for Fish Fry and Thanksgiving boxes.
- Totes exist and are put together in the basement for Fish Fry and Thanksgiving Turkey Bowl campout.

Action Items and Old/New Business:

- Scrapbooking/Crafting Day Fundraiser – Date has been set for October 24 –Carolyn Gallivan and Marianne Gallivan’s schedule will accommodate – will need scouts as helpers throughout the day.

General Announcements:

- Community Event Updates –
 - Fourth of July Campout – East Fork
- Council/District Updates/Events –
 - See Agenda Items
- Other Information –
 - John Rose commented to the group and needs a list of Recent Eagle Scouts from Mrs. Schlueter.
- Next Troop Committee Meeting:
 - Tuesday, July 21, 2015 at 7pm at More Martyr Hall.
 - Mrs. Archer will be in Michigan.

Motion to adjourn at 8:23 pm by Mr. Ben Marsh.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shari Duff,
Troop Committee Secretary