

## **Troop Committee Minutes**

### **July 17, 2012**

**Members Present:** Shari Duff, Shawn Hartness, Tanya Hartness, Eric Locher, Marianne Gallivan, Sharon Treinen, Mark Duff, Lee Stegmann, Steve Feist.

**Guests Present:** None.

**Call to order:** Mrs. Duff (Chair Pro-Tem) at 7:07pm

**Opening Prayer:** Opening prayer by Mr. Steve Feist.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve the June 19, 2012 Committee Meeting Minutes by Mr. Stegmann, second by Mrs. Gallivan. All Approved, Motion Carried.

**Chaplain Report:** Deacon Thomas was on vacation and unavailable.

**Scoutmaster Report:** Mr. Stegmann filled in for Mr. Stevens and reported on the following:

- The PLC did not meet during Summer Camp. Once they get a chance to meet, they will present a calendar of events to the committee that they would like for the next year. The committee will then approve/deny the events, set tentative dates, and adult “leads” for the events.
- Peterloon Campout is in October and we need commitments from the scouts by next week with their reservation fee of \$19.00. Food costs will be determined closer to the event. As the fee is paid to council, there will be no refunds. Our troop will be hosting at least 15 Webelos from Pack 452.
- Summer Camp – Despite the storms that went through, the camp had power shortly after arrival. Downed trees and campsites were cleaned up throughout the week. Several questions were asked of those adults in attendance this evening - who were at Summer camp regarding the experience. The following is a synopsis based on specific questions asked:
  - Food was on par with other camp food – focusing on food that boys like (higher in carbs – mac and cheese, etc). There was plenty available and boys could go back for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> helpings.
  - Boys that participated in program had a great time and enjoyed themselves. Those that did not participate in program tended to complain.
  - This was a smaller camp than Friedlander.
  - Boys seemed to like the open format to the Merit Badges.
  - Boys talked about going to Woodland Trails for Summer Camp next year. Mr. Stegmann and Mr. Gallivan will be making a trip to Woodland Trails in the next week to see their format.
- July Fest – Good comments were received by the adults on site for the weekend. It would have helped to have more boys; however, due to Summer Camp timing, etc., it was expected. A special thank you to those who were on site the entire weekend. It was greatly appreciated by the committee and July Fest. Mr. Feist indicated that he had spoken with a July Fest Committee member who indicated that they hoped to make a donation to the Scout’s Camping fund for their help.

- Canoe Trip – The date is almost set. Mr. Treinen and Mr. Lowe will be in attendance. Mr. Locher and Mr. Duff are available if it doesn't interfere with their scheduled Wood Badge Training in Dayton.

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

- Newsletter needs to go out soon, please send information/pictures that you would like included.
- Contacted Skyline Chili at Merwin-Ten Mile about a scout night as a fundraiser. She will pursue a date in the near future.
- An updated calendar of important dates was previously emailed and available at the committee meeting this evening.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mr. Feist reported on the following:

- Current Balance - \$5043.40 with \$2345.49 allocated to the boys and \$90 still owed for Foxfire participants at Summer Camp. \$2697.91 is allocated to the committee. Mr. Stegmann questioned the nature in which the monthly report was given. He provided a brief listing of what has been reported via the minutes. It was explained that the report is based on previous month end figures and not current to-date figures.
- The Finance and Budget Committee cannot meet again until after the PLC submits their calendar and the committee approves the activities.
- Fundraising Updates
  - Popcorn – Mr. Feist is on vacation for the next two weeks and cannot attend the Popcorn meeting at council. It is scheduled for July 28<sup>th</sup> at 11am. Mrs. Hartness and Mrs. Gallivan will attend.
  - Restaurant Nights – Mrs. Hartness indicated that most restaurants in the Eastgate area offer fundraising opportunities including Chick-Fil-A and Applebee's. It was discussed that we will pursue those opportunities as well.
  - Mrs. Hartness researched a Kroger fundraiser. Quarterly they will send out a check based on a percentage of your purchases to the organization of choice. This is done through registering your Kroger card to the organization. More information will be forthcoming.
  - Once the dates for fundraisers are set, we can submit them to the parish for inclusion in the bulletin.

**Outdoor Chair Report:** Mrs. Moore was not available for the meeting.

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

- Boys earned lots of merit badges during summer camp, especially if they had their pre-work completed. Those who attended the Brownsea program will have their books updated as Mr. Stevens gets through the printout of completed requirements from camp.
- Courts of Honor – we are checking the calendar with the parish to make sure there are no conflicts with the kitchen and cafeteria for some suggested evenings. As soon as we get information back from the parish, we will set some dates for the calendar.
- Merit Badge Offerings – Aviation MB through the Clermont County Airport is "open" for registration at the moment. Please get your son signed up on-line if he wishes to attend. The MB is offered in August. HandyMan Challenge is offered in October for scouts First Class and above. This is an opportunity to earn 2 merit badges in one day and is only offered in US Grant District.

- Mr. Greg Bak completed his Eagle Project and will be going through the proper channels for his Board of Review.
- Many parents will be needed in the coming weeks for Boards of Review. Again, it was encouraged that parents participate in this venture – as this is a “cross-check” of the program.

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

- Please get any training certificates to Mr. Stegmann as soon as you can, so that he may update the training records.
- IOLS (Individual Outdoor Leadership Skills) Training – is being offered September 9 – 10, 2012.
- Updated training list was circulated at the meeting. Mr. Stegmann must have your BSA member number to cross-reference training information. In addition, you must be approved and registered with the troop.
- Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster Specific Training is scheduled for September 17, October 1, and October 8. See Mr. Stegmann or the Dan Beard Council Site for more information.
- A list of tentative training opportunities was circulated at the committee meeting for those who might be interested.

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

- Mr. and Mrs. Gallivan, Mr. Stevens, and Adam Stevens spent a day inventorying and engraving patrol boxes. Another engraving session will be needed in the future. There are needed items for the patrol boxes. It was noted that there needs to be a meeting or two in which the EDGE method of training is employed regarding all of the items in the patrol boxes and proper maintenance and cleaning of equipment.
- The committee advised Mrs. Gallivan to step in and insist through the PLC and Scoutmasters/Assistant Scoutmasters to devote this time to proper equipment care and the understanding that if there is missing or broken equipment that those members of the patrol will be responsible for replacement, unless due to normal wear and tear.
- An inventory of the trailer equipment was done previously and will be typed up and laminated so that it can be placed in the trailer, with an additional copy for the church records.

**Old/New Business:**

- It was suggested that Mrs. Gallivan provide Mrs. Duff with a list of needed items to include in the newsletter, in case individuals are looking for an opportunity to make donations of these needed items to the troop.

**Next Troop Committee Meeting:**

- Tuesday, August 21, 2012 at 7pm at More Martyr Hall (Troop Hall).

Motion to adjourn at 8:17 pm by Mr. Feist.

**Respectfully Submitted,**  
Shari Duff,  
Troop Committee Secretary