

Troop Committee Minutes
July 21, 2015

Members Present: Shari Duff, Deacon Michael Thomas, Melissa Schlueter, Teresa Westendorf, Christy Hale, Jim Abrams, Cindy Abrams, Tanya Hartness, Shawn Hartness, Karmella Franic Everhart, Mike Everhart, Ben Marsh, and Laura Palmer. Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmasters Mark Duff, Eric Locher, and Dick Bader were also present.

Guests Present: None.

Opening Prayer: Deacon Michael Thomas gave the opening prayer.

Welcome and Call to order: Chair Dee Archer called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the June 16, 2015 Regular Committee Meeting Minutes by Mrs. Melissa Schlueter, seconded by Mrs. Laura Palmer. All Approved, Motion Carried.

Chaplain Report: Deacon Michael Thomas reported the following:

- July Fest – Thanked all of the parents and scouts who helped throughout the weekend.
- Thanked all of the leadership and parents for helping with the Troop going to summer camp – those who stayed and those who transported.

Scoutmaster Report: Mr. Duff reported the following:

- Troop Progress -
 - Working on Cooking Merit Badge as a Troop
 - Working on Personal Fitness Merit Badge as a Troop
 - Working on the Scout Strong Summer Program which is to follow 6-8 weeks of healthy eating and exercise.
 - Tightening down on who may sign off on Advancement requirements in the scout's books. Top 4 leadership, JASM, and Eagle scouts have been signing the books, but some items are being signed off that have not been completed. Ex. 5-mile hike for Second Class requirements are getting missed – the Orienteering course at Friedlander is only 1 mile long. Some scouts think it is 5 miles.
 - Quite a few Life Scouts will be contacting the committee for Eagle Project approval and review. Cameron Lowe will be ready with a project for presentation in the next week or so.
 - 2-3 Life Scouts will be completing their projects in the fall. Lower ranked scouts will need to help for service hours, and other scouts will want to help, as they will need help on their projects too.
 - 233 Merit Badges earned at Summer Camp – not counting others that scouts have earned up to and after Summer Camp.
- Actions of Patrol Leaders Council – Elections last week
 - New SPL – Jacob Treinen
 - ASPL – Isaiah Hartness
 - New ASPL – Michael White
 - New Patrol Leaders, etc.
 - Troop Leadership Training will be held in the near future for new leadership – most of whom have not gone through NYLT. Look for an email soon on that – it will be on a Saturday for 6-8 hours.
 - PLC next week
 - Will be planning the upcoming year's calendar for presentation/approval for activities.
- Disciplinary problems and attendance – None currently.
- Other Troop Needs – Need a parent meeting in the fall – plan for October. Cost of program for size of troop keeps increasing and is exceeding the cash that is being earned from the opportunities in fund raising. Finance/Budget committee meeting will be needed shortly after the PLC meets with their recommendations for activities.
- Updates on:
 - Possible Service Project – mulch distribution for mulch customer who is seriously ill. Mr. Duff heard back from the gentleman, and his family came over to complete the mulch spreading.

- Troop trailer – discussion on size and cost. Need one that may be a little bigger than the current trailer, but no ramp down from the back due to “slipping risk”.

Outdoor Activities Coordinators: Mrs. Melissa Schlueter/Mr. Eric Locher/Mr. Mark Duff reported the following:

- Report on past events:
 - June Scuba Merit Badge/Certification in Columbus – scouts completed Scuba Merit Badge and Lifesaving Merit Badge. Lots of fun working with Captain Rick’s Diving School.
 - June 20 Amazing Race – Shifted to another location due to the river being flooded. All seemed to have fun and all were thanked for helping during the event – especially those scouts and family members who “ran” back and forth the entire time.
 - July 5-11 – Summer Camp. 233 Merit Badges earned. Scouts seemed to enjoy themselves. Scouts will be voting on next year’s camp opportunity within the next month.
 - July 10-12 – St. Thomas More JulyFest – Appreciate the help of all of the parents and scouts who attended. Friday night was light due to rain. Saturday night was packed. Sunday was average – but major rain as well. This summer has been challenging for most of the festivals due to the abundant amount of rain.
- Upcoming Events:
 - June 25 – Mr. Duff offering a 5 mile hike downtown/Covington (Dan Beard Riverwalk)
 - August 1-2 – Shooting Campout – Miami Valley Rifle and Shooting Range – Look for details in an upcoming email.
 - August 3-7 – NOAC – 5 Scouts will be attending the 100th Anniversary Event at Michigan State University.
 - Edmund Hale completed his OA ordeal in July.
 - Scouts wishing to attain OA brotherhood should plan on attending the August OA Ordeal for that purpose.

Venture Crew: Mrs. Melissa Schlueter/Mr. Eric Locher gave the following report:

- Meetings are the first Wednesday of the month.
- Having issues with scouts/parents RSVP’ing for events.
- Last Event – had approximately 10 Venturers attend.
- Crew Members will be contacted via phone, as they are not fully communicating with texting or email.

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.
- Community Day Camp (Cub Scout) is going on this week at East Fork. We have approximately 10 Cub Scouts attending. We have approximately 5 Boy Scouts from our Troop working as volunteers at this Community Camp.
- Family Canoeing event is scheduled for August.
- Unit positions needed for the Pack – Mr. Bader has been working on securing volunteers for positions within the pack to assist with succession planning -
 - Cubmaster – Mr. Bader will stay on as Cubmaster through February 2016 to assist with transitioning.
 - Assistant Cubmaster –There is a parent that has indicated willingness to help as an Assistant
 - Pack Communications/Racemaster – There is someone in mind.
 - Michael Everhart will work with someone to run Pinewood Derby Software
 - Pack Event Planning as of February 2016
 - Treasurer – There is a parent that has indicated willingness to help.
 - Assistant Tiger Den Leader

Treasurer’s Report: Mrs. Michelle Lowe was unable to attend, but submitted the following report:

- 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
- Thank you for all of the volunteers who helped with the last fundraisers – it was greatly appreciated. The money raised at the last two fundraisers will just cover the cost of the merit badges earned this summer camp.

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

- No report.

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

- Keep checking the website for your scout and the mini-newsletter that comes out – the bottom of that email will have the expiration dates for medical forms.
- Buy It In Clermont Books and money are due ASAP. Most scouts and families have done so.

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

- There have been a few scouts that have attained rank advancement. After Summer Camp, there are many more on the list of scouts who have requested Boards of Review for Rank Advancement. Mrs. Schlueter has a list and will be getting with scouts in the order of request.

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 was unavailable for the meeting, but submitted the following:

- Parents need to update and fill out the information online for their scouts and themselves. There is only basic information on the website.
- Updating the merit badges earned on-line is slowing getting integrated so that parents and scouts can see or print out a record for themselves.

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:

- All Money is in for the Buy It In Clermont Book Sale.
- Mrs. Westendorf is our Popcorn Kernel and will be attending the “kickoff” meeting on August 1.

Equipment Chair Report/Fish Fry Committee: Mrs. Gallivan/Mrs. Lowe were unavailable for the meeting:

- No Report.

Action Items and Old/New Business:

- Scrapbooking/Crafting Day Fundraiser – Date has been set for October 24 with the committee. Mrs. Archer indicated that the facility scheduler has it for the 17th. No notification received by Mrs. Duff

for the dates requested. Originally, both October 17 and October 24th were reserved and scheduled. Mrs. Archer will be checking on the dates for the event.

- Mrs. Schlueter has provided (via email) a list of recent Eagle Scouts to Mr. Rose.

General Announcements:

- Community Event Updates –
 - July 26 – Salute to Veteran’s at the Clermont County Fairgrounds
- Council/District Updates/Events –
 - See Agenda Items
- Other Information –
- Next Troop Committee Meeting:
 - Tuesday, August 18, 2015 at 7pm at More Martyr Hall.

Motion to adjourn at 8:16 pm by Mrs. Teresa Westendorf.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shari Duff,

Troop Committee Secretary