

**Troop Committee Minutes**  
**August 18, 2015**

**Members Present:** Shari Duff, Deacon Michael Thomas, Dee Archer, Peggie Marsh, Melissa Schlueter, Terry Schlueter, Teresa Westendorf, Christy Hale, Jim Abrams, Cindy Abrams, Mark Hall, Marianne Gallivan and Bryan Gallivan. 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 7:05 pm.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve the July 21, 2015 Regular Committee Meeting Minutes by Mrs. Melissa Schlueter, seconded by Mrs. Peggie Marsh. All Approved, Motion Carried.

**Chaplain Report:** Deacon Michael Thomas reported the following:

- Reminder to send pictures to Dick Berish of troop milestones for inclusion in the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the parish.
- Father Bill is very pleased that we have everyone trained in VIRTUS. New Classes start back up and are set for St. Veronica on Saturday, September 12, 2015 at 9am or at St. Thomas More on Monday, September 28, 2015 at 6:30pm.

**Scoutmaster Report:** Mr. Duff reported the following:

- Troop Progress -
  - Working on Cooking Merit Badge as a Troop throughout the summer.
  - Working on Personal Fitness Merit Badge as a Troop – many scouts have not been keeping track of their fitness activities and documenting them.
  - Several Scouts have completed the Scout Strong Summer Program which followed 6-8 weeks of healthy eating and exercise.
  - PLC preparation of yearly calendar of events will occur in October for 2016.
    - Finance/Budget committee meeting should occur closely thereafter/before.
  - Brian Cabell has an Eagle Project Presentation, but unable to attend during committee meeting. Mrs. Archer, Peggie Marsh, Marianne Gallivan, Melissa Schlueter, and Shari Duff will meet with Brian at 6:30pm on Thursday, August 20, 2015 at MMH to discuss.
- Actions of Patrol Leaders Council – Elections last month
  - New SPL – Jacob Treinen
  - ASPL – Isaiah Hartness
  - New ASPL – Michael White
- 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:
  - Activities:
    - Friday, August 28 – Welcome Picnic for Cub Scouts
    - September 11-12 – Search/Rescue/Survival MB Campout
    - Sept. 18-20 – OA Fall Fellowship Campout
    - Sept. 19 – Hudy Run Fundraiser
    - Oct 3-4 – Marengo Caves Campout
      - Staying at Tunnel Mill Heritage Reservation Camp
    - October 10 and 24 – 9-12:30pm – American Labor MB – limited to 30 scouts
    - October 17 – 8:30-3:15pm – Southern Hills Technical and Career School – mini merit badge challenge
    - November 7 – Handyman Challenge?
    - November 7 – University of Scouting
    - November 13-15 – Turkey Bowl?

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

- Report on past events:
  - July 25 Dan Beard Riverwalk – 5 mile hike – 11 scouts (and many parents) completed the walk.
  - August 1-2 – Shooting Campout – Miami Valley Rifle and Shooting Range – 20 scouts attended
  - August 3-7- NOAC – 5 scouts attended this 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary conference at Michigan State University
  - Gettysburg Trip – between Troop 443 and Troop/Crew 452 – there were 17 total scouts and adults that attended. Great Trip.
- Upcoming Events:
  - August 28 Boy Scout assistance at Cub Scout Welcome Picnic – Class A Shirts and help with cub scouts while parents are meeting with the den leaders.
  - September 12 – OA Root Beer Float Sale – we will not participate this time due to a scheduled campout.
  - Hudy Run Fundraiser – Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>
  - Survival Campout – Sept 12<sup>th</sup>.

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

- Meetings are the first Wednesday of the month at 7pm.
- Crew in need of 3 or 4 big ticket items.
- Upcoming Crew Event – similar to Peterloon – in St. Louis, MO in September. Some Crew members and adults will be going.
- Class B T-shirts will be ordered in the coming weeks.
- Planning an upcoming Crew Event to Hueston Woods.

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

- Community Day Camp – at East Fork in July – went well. Many from the Pack and Troop were there as participants and helpers.
- August 15 Pack/Family Canoe Trip – occurred recently in the Loveland area down the Little Miami.
- August 28 Cub Scout Welcome Picnic at the STM Picnic Pavilion – there are already 7 Tiger Scouts signed up.
- Discussion and mention at the Picnic will include asking for volunteers for the Leadership positions needed – including a Popcorn Kernel.

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

- As of July 1, 2015, balances were:
  - \$16,315.04 – Beginning Balance
  - \$1,225.86 – Deposits
  - \$611.64 - Withdrawals
  - \$0.00 – Checks Written
  - \$16,929.26 – Ending Balance
- As of August 11, 2015
  - Troop General Fund \$10,074.20
  - 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 \$3,852.93
    - Scouts with Negative Balance (\$34.78)
  - Outstanding Checks \$0.00
  - Interest Earned - \$36.62
  - Ending Troop Fund \$17,693.55

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

- Newsletter went out – submit items for next Newsletter to Mrs. Duff.
- Please spend time looking at the Calendar in the Website – it has all the items through the end of the year – up-to-date.

- 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.
- Popcorn Kernel – Mrs. Westendorf – the sale has “kicked off” – meeting with the scouts will occur at a future meeting when more scouts are in attendance. Report tabled until next time.

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

- There have been a few scouts that have attained rank advancement.
- So far she has purchased 283 Merit Badges for the Fall Court of Honor.
- Cameron Lowe’s Eagle Project presentation occurred since the last Committee meeting and was approved as presented. Look for information soon on this project.
- Troop Court of Honor is scheduled for Tuesday, October 27 at the STM Parish Dining Room.

**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](http://www.Danbeard.org).
  - Keep VIRTUS bulletins up to date.
  - August 15 Den Chief Training at St. Veronica.

**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 integrated so that parents and scouts can see or print out a record for themselves. As new completed Blue Cards are turned in – the website is updated.

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

- Catholic Religious Emblems – Mr. Feist not present – but will be starting in mid-September.
- Protestant Religious Emblems – Mr. Bowman not present – but will be offering one level (either high school or middle school) every other year – similar to what Mr. Feist does.

**Fundraising Chair (works with Treasurer)** – The following was reported:

- All Money is in for the Buy It In Clermont Book Sale.
- Mrs. Westendorf is our Popcorn Kernel and will be meeting with the scouts at a future meeting. She also reminded parents to have their scouts collect money at the time of the order.

**Equipment Chair Report/Fish Fry Committee:** Mrs. Gallivan reported the following:

- There are some supplies that will need to be purchased for the patrol boxes – many of those are “consumable” items. They will purchase and bring the receipt.

**Action Items and Old/New Business:**

- Scrapbooking/Crafting Day Fundraiser – Date has been set for October 24 with the committee. Information will be included in the bulletin and in the school’s bulletin.
- Parent meeting will be set in October – re: Troop growth, fundraising issues.
- Crew Committee Meeting needs to be set up. Need to order Crew Flag – similar to Troop Flag – cost is \$125.00. Motion to Approve by Peggie Marsh, Seconded by Marianne Gallivan. All Approved, Motion Carried.
- Isaiah Hartness Eagle Project Presentation:
  - Union Township Cemetery and Union Township Veterans’ Memorial Park – Tree Planting
  - Total of 25 Trees up to 2” in diameter

- Township has indicated they need/want these planted
- Bezak will help with funding of purchase of trees as they have the contract with Union Township. If Bezak will not assist in funding – the township will fund the purchase.
- Planting will occur over two weekends and will need approximately 30 scouts
- Will be doing funding for food purchase to help feed the volunteers
- Ideal weekend – September 26. Need to have in the ground by the end of October for ideal planting and watering.

Motion to approve project made by Mrs. Archer, seconded by Mrs. Gallivan. All approved.  
Motion Carried.

**General Announcements:**

- Community Event Updates –
  - None Noted
- Council/District Updates/Events –
  - August 20 – OA Chapter Meeting
  - August 27 – Popcorn meeting at SAC
  - September 10 – Roundtable
  - September 11-13 and 25-27 – Woodbadge Training – Camp Craig
- Other Information –
- Next Troop Committee Meeting:
  - Tuesday, August 18, 2015 at 7pm at More Martyr Hall.

Motion to adjourn at 8:23 pm by Mrs. Peggie Marsh.

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