

Troop Committee Minutes

August 21, 2012

Members Present: Dee Archer, Michael Thomas, Marianne Gallivan, John Rose, Steve Miller, Russ Bowman, Mark Moore, Steve Lowe, Michelle Lowe, Mark Duff, Shari Duff, Eric Locher, Joel Barnhill, Tricia Moore, and George Bak.

Guests Present: None.

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

Opening Prayer: Opening prayer by Deacon Michael Thomas.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the July 17, 2012 Committee Meeting Minutes by Mrs. Tricia Moore, second by Mr. Joel Barnhill. All Approved, Motion Carried.

Chaplain Report: Deacon Michael Thomas reported on the following:

- There was a change in scout leadership within the troop due to an issue with a specific scout and his actions. A scout was removed from a position of leadership in the Troop with the approval of Fr. Bill; because of this, the scout chose to leave our Troop.
- Group Emails are not to be “reply all”. As a reminder, if you are not a party to the conversation, you shouldn’t be responding or included in the email trail. If you are a party to the conversation, please utilize a private conversation directly with the person in question.
- Mr. Jack Stevens and Mr. Lee Stegmann submitted formal letters of resignation as Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster of the Troop. These resignations were accepted by the Committee Chair and Charter Organization Representative.
- The Charter Organization Representative, with the approval of Fr. Bill appointed Mr. Mark Duff as Scoutmaster of the Troop effective immediately following Mr. Stevens’ resignation.
- Would like to have a final copy and approval of a Troop, Scout, and Parent Code of Conduct, Troop By-Laws, and Scouting Program with a signed acknowledgement of each.
- VIRTUS Training is coming. Here are the important points:
 - Non-Catholics may hold “office” in Catholic sponsored organizations
 - Longer initial training will be needed (3-3.5 hours)
 - An on-line Sign-up will be available soon on the parish website
 - This is a National Database
 - Requires monthly updates (sign on once per month)
 - Looking to specialize the “scout” version – as it is specific to one youth organization and not the whole parish
 - Scout parents at this committee meeting agreed that they want their own training.
- Scheduling of meetings, courts of honor, fish fry, etc. must be done with Donna Buchheit. Mrs. Archer and Mrs. Duff will coordinate to see what was already on the schedule and what was not.

Scoutmaster Report: Mr. Duff reported on the following:

- Mr. Locher and Mr. Duff completed Wood Badge Training. As part of that training, the following was noted:
 - Discovered what we, as a Troop, are not doing correctly
 - SPL and PL are the only voted positions within the Boy Leadership
 - Other positions are appointed by the SPL with input from the Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster.
 - Our boys have not gotten the required Troop Leadership Training that is needed and indicated in the Scoutmaster Handbook. NYLT is part of the process, but after each election, there is supposed to be Junior Troop Leadership Training.
 - Would like to suggest that there be a September Youth Leadership Training at the Scout Hall to work on just the required Leadership Skills. The Committee approved this request, which will occur on September 15th at More Martyr Hall. Times will be determined and sent via email.
- Disciplinary Issue – There was an issue on the canoe campout with a scout not wanting to wear a life preserver. As a State of Ohio rule, there is no requirement on wearing life preservers, however, following Safety Afloat on a Boy Scout Event – all Scouts must wear Life Preservers - this is not negotiable. The scout must wear a life preserver, or may call a parent to come get him. As a reminder, if you are the “Adult” of record on a campout, you are in charge.
- Troop Operations – Mr. Duff and Mr. Gallivan are both Wood Badge Trained, which is very fortunate for our troop in focusing on Patrols. In addition, we have the unique opportunity to have another Wood Badge Trained Adult – Mr. Locher. With the recent resignation of Mr. Stegmann and Mr. Stevens, it was suggested that the committee consider asking and appointing another Assistant Scoutmaster for continuity of the troop.
- Peterloon is upcoming in October. The campsite and reservations are already secured. Our Troop will be hosting at least 15 Webelos from Pack 452.
- Benjamin Gallivan is now serving as Assistant Senior Patrol Leader.

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

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

Treasurer’s Report: Mr. Feist was unavailable for the meeting, but submitted the following by email:

- Checking Balance - \$5,104.08, Boys Accounts - \$2,188.40, Troop Balance - \$2,915.68.
- Bills paid in July - \$90 to Summer Camp, \$790 – Peterloon Registration
- Popcorn information is as follows:
 - Early Bird Popcorn Sale Starts Now for Take Order through the whole sale
 - Sept. 4th – all Early Bird Sale Orders are Due to Mr. Feist
 - Sept. 22nd – First Popcorn Pickup at 10am
 - First payment for Early bird Sale – October 23rd
 - Take Orders and prize orders are due October 23rd

- Second popcorn pickup November 17th at 10am
- Final Payment Due December 4th
- Troop Goal is for each Scout to sell \$350 worth of popcorn – Scout will Earn \$50 Re-Charter Fee if he does sell \$350.
- Scout who has the Highest Sales through the Early Bird Sale will receive a \$25 Wal-Mart Gift Card
- Scout who has the Highest Sales through the Take Order Sale will receive a \$25 Wal-Mart Gift Car
- We will be having some Show and Sells – More Details to follow.

Outdoor Chair Report: Mrs. Moore indicated that Spook-O-Ree information and staffing information was on the Dan Beard Council Site. Council is in need of “workers” for this event at Cub World in October. If your son is interested, please review the information on the Dan Beard Site or see the Adult Leadership.

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

- We will need a new Advancement Chair as Mr. Duff may not hold this position as the current Scoutmaster.
- Many boys continue to advance – with a few close to presenting Eagle Projects to the Committee.
- Many other boys are working toward additional ranks.
- Scout Books will be updated with rank requirements that were completed during Summer Camp in the Brownsea program.

Training Chair Report: Mrs. Archer reported on the following:

- Mr. Stegmann has resigned this position, so a new Training chair will be needed.
- Mr. Locher’s cousin is webmaster for the church and indicated he will step in to help train our troop webmaster.
- The committee requested that Mrs. Archer and Deacon Michael send a letter to request the hard copies of all training records for adults and boys from Mr. Stegmann.
- University of Scouting is set for November 3, 2012. This is a great opportunity for both scouts and adults to receive ancillary training. See the Dan Beard Council website or Mr. Duff for more information.

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

- There will be a list circulated via the newsletter and email with equipment needs of the troop.
- The following dates are set for Show and Sells for the Scouts – after Mass on Sept. 22/23rd, Sept. 29/30th, and Oct 20/21st. In addition, we will have a Show-n-Sell at Lowes Home Improvement Store on Sept. 22nd from 10am-8pm. Kroger could only accommodate two hours for a Show-n-Sell on Sept. 29th from 10-noon. As such, the committee decided that the setup and tear-down did not warrant the time allotted. Therefore, the Kroger Show-n-Sell will not take place. An email will go out for sign-ups.
- She will contact Kate to have the bulletin list the Show-n-Sells for the Scouts.

Old/New Business:

- Michael and Helen Fehn were asked to help determine the criteria for the William Fehn Memorial Scoutership Fund. Both were tickled to be asked and Michael will assist in this task.
- Kroger Card Fundraiser will be looked into further, as the STM School PTO already has this fundraiser, so the scouts may not be able to also have this as a fundraiser.
- Skyline Chili will work with the scouts to secure a date for a fundraiser.
- Mrs. Michelle Lowe made a motion to appoint Mr. Eric Locher as Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 452. Mr. George Bak seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.
- We will need parents to assist with an Eagle Scout Board of Review for Mr. Greg Bak at 6pm on Thursday, August 30th at More Martyr Hall. Please contact Mrs. Archer and Mr. Duff, if you can attend.
- Mr. John Rose offered to help with a Breakfast with Santa and donate proceeds of “Pictures with Santa” to the Troop. Mrs. Archer will check with the School to see if the PTO will be offering this type of event this year (ie...check for conflicts with an existing event).

Next Troop Committee Meeting:

- Tuesday, September 18, 2012 at 7pm at More Martyr Hall (Troop Hall).

Motion to adjourn at 8:36 pm by Mr. Steve Lowe.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shari Duff,
Troop Committee Secretary