

Troop Committee Minutes **September 15, 2015**

Members Present: Dee Archer, Deacon Michael Thomas, Chris Sapelli, Tanya Hartness, Shawn Hartness, Terry Schlueter, Cindy Abrams, Melissa Schlueter, Peggie Marsh, Ken Nutter, Laura Palmer, Teresa Westendorf, Shari Duff, Michelle Lowe, Steve Lowe, Jim Abrams, Marianne Gallivan, and Jason Camden.

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 7:04 pm.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the August 18, 2015 Regular Committee Meeting Minutes by Mrs. Melissa Schlueter, seconded by Mrs. Teresa Westendorf. All Approved, Motion Carried.

Chaplain Report: Deacon Michael Thomas reported the following:

- Troop Project – Painting the SVDP House to earn the Painting Merit Badge – may be challenging to complete before the weather breaks. Troop will pull together some volunteers.

Scoutmaster Report: Mr. Duff reported the following:

- Troop Progress -
 - Troop Leadership Training with the Youth will be done in smaller time blocks due to scheduling
 - 2 Upcoming Eagle Projects – purpose of the Projects are to have the youth provide Leadership, not do the project themselves.
- Actions of Patrol Leaders Council –
 - Proposed Calendar of Events
 - January – Bushwhack Hike in Hocking Hills
 - February – Skiing at Perfect North Slopes
 - March – MegaCaverns
 - April – Grassy Run
 - May – TBD
 - June – Canoeing
 - July – Summer Camp
 - August – Horseback Riding
 - September – Survival Campout
 - October – Peterloon Campout
 - November – Turkey Bowl Campout
 - December – Card/Game Night
 - Motion to Approve above Calendar of Events – Peggy Marsh, seconded by Michelle Lowe. All approved, motion carried.
 - Summer Camp Vote by the scouts – winner is Ransburg Reservation. Summer camp date is July 17-23, 2016 – in Indiana. Cost of camp is \$285 per scout. Adults are \$185 – and this camp does not offer any free adults.
- Disciplinary problems and attendance – Typical attendance at meetings now that school is in session and fall sports are in session – approximately 25 scouts.
- Other Troop Needs - Parent meeting set for October. Discussion will include the re-charter fee and the cost of our program.
- Updates on:
 - Activities:
 - Mini Merit Badge Challenge at South West Local Career and Technical Center has been cancelled due to lack of adult merit badge counselors through the school.
 - There are 17 scouts from T452 signed up for American Labor MB in October 10 and 24th.
 - December Campout opportunity – a Winter/Summer Camp. Scouts will have the opportunity to earn up to 7 merit badges. Offered December 27-31 at Camp Crooked Creek. Cost for the program \$150 per scout. This is an outdoor camping

event....scouts will camp in a tent. Most of the merit badges will be offered indoors and there are indoor showers/bathroom facilities.

- Summer opportunity – 3 day White Water Rafting event on the Powell River. More information to come.
- Easter this year is March 22 – Lent/Fish Fry is early for 2016.

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

- Report on past events:
 - September 11-12 – Survival MB Campout – Not all scouts were prepared for the torrential rain and cold. The event was shortened slightly (no second night), due to the concerns for the well-being of the scouts who did not have adequate clothing.
- Upcoming Events:
 - September 18-20 – OA Fall Fellowship Campout – Camp Friedlander – hope to have a great turnout by T452. Additionally, last chance this year to work on Brotherhood, if OA members are interested.
 - September 19 – Hudy Run Fundraiser – look for the details via email for duty assignments.
 - October 3-4 – Marengo Cave Campout –
 - Staying at Tunnel Mill Heritage Reservation Camp or the Marengo Caves Property – waiting on a return email/phone call
 - October 10 & 24 – 9-12:30 American Labor MB – IBEW Bldg in Sharonville
 - October 17 – 8:30-3:15 – Southern Hills Technical and Career School – mini-MBC – cancelled
 - November 7 – Handyman Challenge and University of Scouting. See Mr. Duff for more information.
 - November 13-15 – Turkey Bowl Campout

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

- Still experiencing communication issues
- Crew Needs
 - Equipment/items needed for Crew – borrow from Troop – with advance knowledge and permission so we know who has them and what they have taken.
 - Class B t-shirts have been ordered
 - Crew Flag – has been ordered, but not in yet.
- Upcoming Crew Events:
 - September Fall Fun Rally – Beaumont Scout Reservation (St. Louis)
 - Hueston Woods – Not participating in this event
 - October Shooting Event – Early in the month
 - October Cincinnati Crew Event at Camp Friedlander – Halloween Weekend

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

- Thank you to the Troop for the help at the Cub Scout Welcome Picnic on August 28.
 - 7 new Tigers
 - 1 new Webelos I
 - 1 new Webelos II
 - 1 new Bear
- Assistance from the Troop to the Pack for the following events:
 - January 8, 2016 – Pinewood Derby
 - February 2, 2016 – Blue and Gold Banquet
- Positions to be filled
 - Cubmaster – have someone who has indicated interest and the parish is waiting on the applications to sign.
 - Asst Cubmaster will be needed as of February 2016
 - Pack Communications
 - Pack Event Planner
 - Treasurer
 - Assistant Tiger Den Leader
 - Pack Popcorn Kernel – Jennifer Hogan

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

- As of August 1, 2015, balances were:
 - \$16,929.26 – Beginning Balance
 - \$1,148.58 – Deposits
 - \$175.00 - Withdrawals (CC bill)
 - \$0.00 – Checks Written
 - \$17,902.84 – Ending Balance
- As of September 10, 2015
 - Troop General Fund \$11,055.78
 - Bill Fehn Campership Fund \$839.72
 - Troop Equipment Fund \$36.70
 - Troop Leadership Training Fund \$480.00
 - Scout Hall Roof Fund \$0
 - Troop Trailer Fund \$2,190.00
 - Scout Accounts \$4,188.12
 - Scouts with Negative Balance (\$35.19)
 - Outstanding Checks \$0.00
 - Interest Earned - \$36.58
 - Ending Troop Fund \$18,790.32
- Budget/Finance Committee meeting with interested parties is set for early October.

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

- Submit items for next Newsletter to Mrs. Duff.
- Brian Cabell met with a group for his Eagle Project and completed the project. Pictures were sent by his mother and available for viewing at this meeting.

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

- Please continue to RSVP on-line for tracking purposes.

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

- Keep checking the status for Emergency Medical Form Expiration dates.
- Popcorn Kernel – Mrs. Westendorf – the sale has “kicked off” – money and forms due October 20th.

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

- There have been a lot of scouts that have attained rank advancement.
- Need to do 3 Boards of Review
- Brian Cabell Eagle project approved. Completion date September 13
- Cameron Lowe Eagle Project Saturday, October 17 – Benton Home, Batavia
- Isaiah Hartness Eagle Project Saturday, September 26 – UT Veterans Park
- Merit Badges earned and rank advancement are up to date on the website if turned in or obtained prior to this month.
- 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.
 - Keep VIRTUS bulletins up to date.

Membership Coordinator – Mr. Terry Schlueter 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 has started.
- 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:

- Mrs. Westendorf is our Popcorn Kernel - scouts need to collect money at the time of the order and turn all orders/money in by October 20th.

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.
- Turkey Bowl needs will be addressed this month to get ready for the campout.

Action Items and Old/New Business:

- Scrapbooking/Crafting Day Fundraiser – Date has been set for October 24. There are limited people signed up currently. If we don't have at least 10 – the event will be cancelled. Information will be included in the bulletin and in the school's bulletin.
- Parent meeting will be October 13, 2015 in the PDR if available – re: Troop growth, fundraising issues.
- Discussion about moving the Troop Committee Meeting to an evening other than Troop Meeting nights to allow the Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster to attend.
 - Another night might be difficult due to scheduling
 - Suggested that the meeting be scheduled earlier than the normal scout meeting, but couldn't be held at MMH due to Religious Emblems being held in the building from 6-7pm on Tuesdays.
 - Will try to accommodate from 6:30-7:15pm meeting at the STM PDR for the next Troop Committee Meeting, just to see how that works.
- Turkey Bowl –
 - For ease of use, we are checking on a couple of other locations for the Turkey Bowl campout, including Sycamore Park in Batavia. More information will be forthcoming on the location.
 - Due to the size of the troop and the cost to purchase food for the Turkey Bowl dinner, the budget may not allow for the Troop to pay for the entire amount. Motion to charge \$5.00 per person (in advance) for Turkey Bowl Dinner and kids 5 and under free of charge made by Michelle Lowe, seconded by Marianne Gallivan. All approved, motion carried.
 - RSVP and Turkey Bowl dinner money will be due by October 27, 2015.
 - Shopping for Turkey Bowl will be on Election Day, November 3, 2015 – as most scouts are off school.
- Finance/Budget Committee Meeting – September 29, 2015 at 6pm in the STM Cafeteria.

General Announcements:

- Community Event Updates –
 - None Noted
- Council/District Updates/Events –
 - September 11-13 and 25-27 – Woodbadge Training – Camp Craig
 - October 3 McCormick 5K Run – Camp Friedlander
 - October 10 BALOO Training – Clermont County Fairgrounds
 - October 10 Wilderness Engineer Workday
 - October 17 Wilderness Engineer Workday
 - October 17 Youth Open Shoot 9am-4pm
 - October 17 & 24 Cub Scout Spook-o-ree – Boy Scout Volunteers needed.
- Other Information –
- Next Troop Committee Meeting:
 - Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at 6:30pm at STM/Cafeteria.

Motion to adjourn at 8:29 pm by Mrs. Peggie Marsh.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shari Duff,
Troop Committee Secretary