

Troop Committee Minutes

September 18, 2012

Members Present: Chair Dee Archer, Deacon Michael Thomas, John Rose, Tricia Moore, Gina Diliberto, Marianne Gallivan, Scoutmaster Mark Duff, Assistant Scoutmaster Eric Locher, Shawn Hartness, and Tanya Hartness.

Guests Present: None.

Welcome and Call to order: Mrs. Archer at 6:32 pm.

Eagle Project Presentation: Mrs. Archer introduced Mr. Benjamin Gallivan, Life Scout, to present his Eagle Project for consideration and approval of the Committee. Benjamin Gallivan is currently the ASPL.

- Eagle Scout Project is painting the entire inside of the “Pink House” – the St. Vincent De Paul House located on the STM property.
- House has 2 bedrooms, living room, kitchen, bathroom, and hallway.
- Materials needed: Paint rollers, Paint Pans, Ground cloth. Paint will be provided.
- Funding: Eagle Scout project funds through Lowe’s Home Improvement. Other supplies are available through the scout’s family.
- Anticipates needing 16-18 people over a weekend.
- St. Vincent De Paul needs the project completed quickly – however, there is currently drywall and plumbing work that needs to be done first. Mr. Bob Guenther is the contact person and will let Benjamin know when they will be ready for him.
- Motion to approve the project as presented by Mrs. Tricia Moore, seconded by Mr. John Rose. Abstention by Mrs. Marianne Gallivan. All others approved, motion carried.
- Meeting temporarily suspended to transfer to the “Blue Room”.

Re-convening of Meeting: Mrs. Archer at 7:03pm in the “Blue Room”. Mrs. Archer also thanked those individuals who came early to hear Benjamin Gallivan’s Eagle Project Presentation.

Opening Prayer: Opening prayer by Deacon Michael Thomas.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the August 21, 2012 Committee Meeting Minutes by Ms. Gina Diliberto, second by Mrs. Tanya Hartness. All Approved, Motion Carried.

Chaplain Report: Deacon Michael Thomas reported on the following:

- Requested that the Code of Conduct that was under revision be sent out to committee members for comment and review before the next meeting.
- Mentioned that Mr. John Osterling, Sr. had passed away. Mr. Osterling was a former Committee chair for the Troop. Mrs. Shari Duff made a motion to make a donation of \$25.00 to the Renovation of the Handicap Entrance of the Church, per the family’s wishes. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Tricia Moore. All in Favor. Motion Carried.
- Indicated that he was in the process of working on a “Scout Night” Virtus Training. When that is available, those who want to attend, must register on-line. This will become part of a National Database, so that anyone Trained may work with other Catholic Churches and Youth Programs through the Catholic Church. Deacon

Thomas is looking at a late October/early November date. He will provide the committee with viable date options.

- Would like a Representative from the Pack to join the Troop Committee for coordination and communication purposes. Mr. Duff will speak with Mr. Dick Bader, Cubmaster of the Pack about this. It was noted that Mr. Duff is still the Assistant Cubmaster and attends both meetings.
- The Church is in the middle of switching to a new Archdiocesan Accounting System which necessitates one Treasurer for both the Pack and the Troop. Mr. Feist has agreed to manage both. It was noted that while it may be easier for the Accounting System, it would not be easier for the Pack and Troop functions, as their year and funding timelines do not follow the same “year”. In addition, that would make Mr. Feist need to be available for all Cub Scout and Boy Scout events. Discussion about the accounting ensued. Deacon Thomas will go back and see what work out can occur on this issue.
- Asked that we please keep the Girl Scouts in our prayers, as they are going through a difficult time within their organization (on a National level). Still active on the local level and through Church support.

Scoutmaster Report: Mr. Duff reported on the following:

- Boys seem to be progressing very well in light of the changes that have occurred within the troop. The transition seems to have gone very well.
- The PLC meeting occurred as part of the weekend Troop Leadership Training session. They have a calendar of events established and were presenting to the remainder of the Troop earlier this evening. The calendar will be presented shortly.
- The Troop Leadership Meeting occurred this past weekend.
 - Twelve boys attended
 - Discussion of what Leadership is and what it is not
 - Positions and Job Descriptions
 - Leading by Example
 - PLC Calendar of Events
 - October – Peterloun Campout
 - November – Thanksgiving Campout and Family Dinner (November 16-18, 2012)
 - December – Cleaning/Card Night Campout at MMH (December 8-9, 2012)
 - January 2013 – “Bushwhack Hike” – 10 mile Hike through Clifton Gorge with camping at Camp Birch in Yellow Springs, OH (Date determined by local Council)
 - February 2013 – Merit Badge Challenge and Skiing (Date determined via Dan Beard Council)
 - March 2013 – Cave Camping – Either in Louisville for Cave Ziplining (providing camping locally available) or Blue Springs Caverns in Bedford, IN. (Date TBD)
 - April 2013 – Grassy Run Rendezvous (April 26-28, 2013)
 - May 2013 – Shooting Range Campout in Circleville, OH
 - June 2013 – Summer Camp – Woodland Trails – Hamilton, OH (June 23-29, 2013) – boys will need cots.
 - July 2013 – Anglers Club/Fishing Trip – Eastgate area (Date TBD)
 - August 2013 – Red River Gorge Hiking Trip (Date TBD)

Motion to approve the PLC Calendar through July 2013 made by Mr. John Rose. Seconded by Mrs. Tricia Moore. All approved, motion carried.

August 2013 details to be re-presented to the committee before final approval can be issued.

- Six Scouts helped with the Cub Scout Opening meeting by keeping the Cub Scouts occupied during the den leader/parent meeting.
- Court of Honor is scheduled for October 2, 2012 with dinner at 6:30pm.
- Asked the Committee if the boys could pursue a winter-time sweatshirt option as a Class B uniform. Motion to approve the request by Ms. Gina Diliberto. Second by Mr. Shawn Hartness. All approved, motion carried.

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

- Newsletter is "finished", but awaiting approval this evening of the calendar of events, so that they may be included in the publication. Look for the newsletter in the coming days.

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Feist was unavailable for the meeting, but submitted the following in writing to the Committee Chair:

- Checking Balance - \$5,027.00, Boys Accounts - \$2,261.40, Troop Balance - \$2,765.60, current Popcorn Sales \$447.00.
- Kroger Sales Fundraiser was denied by Mr. Mike Gennett, as the STM School offers the Scrips program as a fundraiser. It was brought up that a majority of the scouts and their families do not belong to the parish and do not go to STM School, therefore, participating in the program for Scouts would not be a "conflict of interest", because the families would not participate in the STM School fundraiser anyway. Mrs. Hartness explained that Kroger can separate the two entities, so that a check to the School and a check to the Scouts could be managed, even under the same Tax ID number. Mrs. Duff asked for re-consideration by the Church, with the understanding that the Scouts would not solicit through STM for participation in the Scout Fundraising Program, referencing that she would like her Kroger portion be credited to the scouts. Deacon Thomas indicated he would review the options and get back with the committee.
- Mrs. Gallivan interjected the following about Popcorn Sales:
 - Popcorn Show-n-Sell is scheduled for Lowe's Home Improvement September 22, and she still needs scouts and parents for all shifts beginning at noon until 8pm. Mrs. Duff will send out an email reminder and request for help tomorrow (Wednesday).
 - Popcorn Show-n-Sell is scheduled for STM during Mass on September 22 at 4 pm, and September 23 at 10 am and noon. These shifts are covered.
 - Popcorn Show-n-Sell for September 29 and 30 was cancelled due to a lack of response for workers.
 - Popcorn Show-n-Sell is scheduled for STM during Mass in October as well.
 - Rob Duff "won" the Early Bird Popcorn Sales Walmart Gift Card.

Outdoor Chair Report: Mrs. Moore indicated there was nothing currently pending, as she was awaiting the PLC Calendar. Mrs. Moore indicated her intention to resign from the Outdoor Chair Position. Her resignation was accepted. We will look for someone to take on that position between now and the next Committee Meeting.

Advancement Chair Report: (No Current Advancement Chair) so Mr. Duff reported on the following:

- Mr. Jacob Treinen attained the Life Scout Rank since the last Committee Meeting. Many scouts are in the process of working on their next ranks with merit badges and time served in Leadership Positions.
- Mrs. Tricia Moore indicated interest in fulfilling the Advancement Chair Position. She was recommended for the position by Committee Chair. Motion to approve Mrs. Moore in this position made by Mrs. Marianne Gallivan, seconded by Mr. John Rose. All approved, motion carried.

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

- Mr. Eric Locher will be asked to fulfill this position, as he is well-versed in the requirements for trained adults and scouts. He has expressed interest in fulfilling this position to the Committee. He was unavailable at this Committee Meeting to formally appoint, therefore, the topic will be placed on the agenda for next month.

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

- There is a list of needed equipment and First Aid supplies for the Troop that is in this edition of the Newsletter. Please refer to the list and let us know if you know of someone who might help with any of these items.
- Assistant Scoutmaster Bryan Gallivan will be working with the scouts on proper care of the patrol and troop equipment in the coming weeks.

Old/New Business:

- Michael and Helen Fehn were asked to help determine the criteria for the William Fehn Memorial Scoutership Fund. Meeting has not yet been set.
- Skyline Chili will work with the scouts to secure a date for a fundraiser.
- Mr. John Rose offered to help with a Breakfast with Santa and donate proceeds of "Pictures with Santa" to the Troop. Mrs. Archer checked with the School to see if the PTO will be offering this type of event this year – currently no such event is scheduled. Mr. Rose's schedule is filling up for this type of event with limited dates.

Next Troop Committee Meeting:

- Tuesday, October 16, 2012 at 7pm at More Martyr Hall (Troop Hall).

Meeting Temporarily Suspended: To prepare for Mr. Calvin Verplanck's Eagle Project Presentation at 8:31pm.

Meeting Re-Convened at 8:40pm by Mrs. Archer: Mr. Calvin Verplanck, Life Scout, was introduced to the group and asked to present his Eagle Project for Review.

- Eagle Project Presentation included a handout with pictures detailing some of the discussion.
- Eagle Project is replacing 4 signs at 3 separate Trail Heads at East Fork State Park with signs similarly existing.
- Signs need to be dug out, replaced with 4X4 stained and sealed posts, replacing cross signs with routed out new signs (also sealed and routed letters painted). Signs need to

be “hiked” to, as they are not right next to existing parking areas – rather, they are inland on some of the trails.

- Mr. Verplanck indicated he would like to do the project in mid-October, as he thinks it will take multiple days with the hiking that must be done to get to the signage.
- Mr. Verplanck indicated he believed the work would take approximately 90 “man” hours, but that would include paying someone to rout out the lettering.
- Final notching and placement of the signs would be done on-site, the day of the event.
- This project was approved and recommended by the on-site Ranger at East Fork State Park.
- Funding for the project is as follows:
 - Equipment to manage on-site is available through Mr. Verplanck’s family. Lowe’s Home Improvement will donate \$100 per Eagle Scout Project for materials. Routing will need to be paid – funding of which may need to come from outside fundraising sources. It was suggested that Mr. Verplanck check into the local Vocational Schools to see if it could be done via a learning project by the students.
- Motion to approve the project was made by Mrs. Duff, seconded by Mrs. Moore. All approved, motion carried.

Motion to adjourn at 9:01 pm by Mrs. Moore.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shari Duff,
Troop Committee Secretary