

Troop Committee Minutes
October 21, 2014

Members Present: Michelle Lowe, Dick Bader, Teresa Westendorf, Melissa Schlueter, Dee Archer, Shari Duff, Kevin Palmer, Russ Bowman, Karmella Everhart, and others (sign-in list unavailable – Shari was running late).

Guests Present: Mrs. Helen Fehn and Mr. Tom Habig.

Opening Prayer: Dee Archer gave the opening prayer.

Welcome and Call to order: Chair Dee Archer called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the September 16, 2014 Committee Meeting Minutes by Mr. Dick Bader, seconded by Mrs. Melissa Schlueter. All Approved, Motion Carried.

Chaplain Report: Deacon Michael Thomas was unavailable for the meeting, but submitted the following:

- Deacon Thomas strongly recommended Saturday, November 8 – Youth Ministry Leader Class and Religious Retreat – St. Veronica Parish.
- A reminder that all fundraising activities must be approved in advance by the Committee.

Scoutmaster Report: Mr. Duff reported the following:

- Troop Progress – nothing to report.
- Actions of Patrol Leaders Council – PLC meets next week. Card night and Bushwhack dates and location will be determined.
- Disciplinary problems and attendance – school has started back, attendance is light when homework/sporting events are an issue.
- Updates on:
 - Venturing Crew – Meeting with Deacon and Dee in the coming weeks to sign and establish the Crew Charter for January 2015. This is a scout lead Crew exclusively, but will need a parental committee. Males and Females may join. Campouts will be with the Troop. The crew will be a shooting sports crew (shooting and archery). The plan is to go out one time per month with one meeting per month.
 - September 20 – Hudy Run Fundraiser – received \$1000 donation – thank you to all that helped with the event.
 - September 26-28 – Survival Campout – very successful and a beautiful weekend.
 - October 7 – Fall Court of Honor – 234 Merit Badges were earned.
 - October 10-12 Peterloo – 56 Scouts/Adults were registered to go. A huge thank you to the adults who went to help, those who drove, and those who were part of the early crew to set up before dark and before the big rain.
- Information on Upcoming Events:
 - Troop 443 Scoutmaster – Mr. Roy Gerber has stepped down from the Troop. He and his son are very interested in the Venture Crew.
 - October 25 – Troop 452 50th Anniversary Celebration – Information sent out by Mrs. Duff with sign-ups at the meeting this evening.
 - Turkey Bowl Campout – November 14-16 – Sign up for campers and for the diner Feast on Saturday night.
 - November 8 – Handyman Challenge – 6 Merit Badges offered. Scouts 1st class and above may attend. American Modern Campus from 8-4:30pm. Cost is \$15 with sign-up on line.
 - Please make sure your Youth Protection for the Church and for BSA is kept up to date, otherwise we cannot recharter adults.
 - Matthew Miller should be ready for an Eagle board of review very soon – pending a meeting with the District Rep and appropriate signatures.

Cubmaster Report: Mr. Dick Bader indicated the following:

- Pack Progress – 35 Cub Scouts with 2-3 crossing over to Boy Scouts from Webelos II.
- This Friday is the Halloween Pack Event
- Assistance from the troop will be needed for the Pinewood Derby in January.
- Trunk or Treat event – Thank you to Mr. Schofield and Mr. Bader for taking care of the bonfire and Mrs. Archer for taking care of the s'more bar.

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Feist was unavailable for the meeting and did not submit a Treasurer's Report.

- Finance Committee/Budget Committee met Wednesday, October 1, 2014 at 6pm and reviewed current financial standing and made a recommendation for re-charter dues. The Budget through 9/30/2014 reflected \$48K in revenue and \$45K in expenses .
- Dues owed to Council for re-charter is \$27.00 for insurance/re-charter, the Troop typically charges \$30- which helps cover Merit Badges, Merit Badge Books, neckerchiefs, and other insignias. The Committee Recommended that Re-charter fees be set at \$60 for each scout. Motion to approve made by Mr. Dick Bader, seconded by Mrs. Teresa Westendorf. All Approved, motion carried. Mr. Duff mentioned that if a scout is dually charter (Troop and Crew), they would only need to help pay for the expenses of the Crew and not pay another fee to Council for the Troop and Crew.
- Motion to approve ¼ of the 2014 budget for the first quarter of 2015, pending a better budgeting total from Mr. Feist. Motion made by Mr. Dick Bader, seconded by Mrs. Teresa Westendorf. All Approved, motion carried.
- Discussion about needs of the troop with a regular on-site treasurer or co-treasurer ensued. Further discussion was tabled.

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

- Submit new newsletter items to Mrs. Duff
- If you can help with the Open House, please let Mrs. Duff know ASAP. Set up will begin approximately 10:30 am. Mrs. Duff will be coming from a soccer game, but should be there approximately noon.

Medical Records/Fundraising Opportunities Chair Report: Mrs. Hartness was unavailable, but the following was reported:

- Emergency forms will be needed for Webelos going on the Turkey Bowl Campout. Mrs. Hartness will send an email out if she needs forms.
- Mrs. Westendorf indicated that scouts will receive approximately 32% of the price of any popcorn they sell. All orders and Money will need to be turned in tonight – no exceptions.

Advancement Chair Report: Mrs. Moore was unavailable for the meeting:

- The following scouts have attained rank advancement:
 - No report.

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.
 - November 1, 2014 – University of Scouting
 - November 8, 2014 – Handyman Challenge
 - VIRTUS class Monday, November 10 from 6:30-10pm at the STM PDR.

Equipment Chair Report/Fish Fry Committee: Mrs. Gallivan/Mrs. Hale/Mrs. Lowe reported on the following:

- Most of the big items have been purchased – at this point we are only replacing worn out items.
- They will put together a “Turkey Bowl Patrol Box” that includes serving utensils and larger stock pots, etc. so scouts do not need to use Tea Kettles to make stuffing. ☺
- One of the patrols put a hot item on the new table and melted it. It is still usable, but the Equipment Cmte will meet with the Patrol Leaders' Council on properly using the equipment- especially before the Turkey Bowl Campout.

Action Items and Old/New Business:

- Roster of contact information for Troop Members has been emailed by Mrs. Duff. Please forward any additions or corrections to her for inclusion.
- Mrs. Duff emailed Mr. Rose twice to see about available dates for possible Santa pictures – no coordinated date has been established. The PTO bizarre is December 13th.
- Mrs. Duff will email facility scheduler to see what facilities may be available for Santa Pics.

General Announcements:

- Council Updates –
 - November 1 – University of Scouting to be held at Seven Hills School/Princeton HS
 - OA – Service Hours can be earned toward Arrowman Service Award (ASA) by working Spook-O-Ree October 25, stay overnight and also work clean up October 26.
 - November 8 – Camp Conservation Day (Lunch provided for OA members October 26 and November 8)
- Community Events – Veterans Day event information will be emailed if/when received.
- Other Information –
- Next Troop Committee Meeting:
 - Tuesday, November 18, 2014 at 7pm at More Martyr Hall (Troop Hall).

Motion to adjourn at 8:18 pm by Mr. Russ Bowman.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shari Duff,
Troop Committee Secretary