

**Troop Committee Minutes**  
**October 20, 2015**

**Members Present:** Dee Archer, Deacon Michael Thomas, Shari Duff, Marianne Gallivan, Christine Hale, Cindy Abrams, Teresa Westendorf, Melissa Schlueter, Tanya Hartness, Shawn Hartness, Laura Palmer, Krista Nutter, Rob Gollaway, Jennifer Mann, and Peggie Marsh. Also in attendance, Mark Duff and Dick Bader.

**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 6:30 pm.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve the September 15, 2015 Regular Committee Meeting Minutes by Mrs. Marianne Gallivan, seconded by Mrs. Christy Hale. All Approved, Motion Carried.

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

- Troop Project – Painting the SVDP House – SVDP will provide the paint. At this point, the project will need to be completed in the spring.
- Thank you from parish for all of the cooperation with VIRTUS and training within the Boy Scout Program.

**Eagle Project Presentation:** Brady Barnhill presented the following for consideration:

- Eagle Project is at the Wildey School in Owensville
- Rework front entrance sign, beautify and fix front signage and area.
- Move back entrance sign

The committee asked questions and requested more information. Decision on the Project was tabled, pending additional information at a future meeting. Brady is to get back with Mrs. Duff when he is ready and she will re-convene a committee for final review.

**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
    - Has been updated (some different dates from what was originally proposed).
- Disciplinary problems and attendance – Attendance is picking up now that fall sports through the schools have concluded.
- Updates on:
  - Parent meeting occurred on October 13. Recharter is \$60 this year with commitment to work 2 fundraisers. If two are not worked, additional \$60 will be added to the recharter for the next year. If commitment is not made this year for two fundraisers, recharter this year will be \$120.

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

- Report on past events:
  - September 18-20 OA Fall Fellowship Campout – Camp Friedlander – Troop 452 was the largest troop there.
  - September 19 – Hudy Run Fundraiser – good turnout – thank you to all who helped. We were done early and out by noon.
  - October 3-4 – Marengo Caves Campout – awesome caving trip. Camped on their property. Modified the tours within the cave due to very high water.
  - October 10 – American Labor MB – 17 Scouts signed up. 15 showed up. This is a MB that is not popular to earn.

- October – Mrs. Nutter offered Sustainability MB with a tour of her home. It is a fully “Sustainable” home (with a really cool countertop that glows in the dark). The 6 scouts who attended, will need to do some work and attend on November 21 to finish.
- Upcoming Events:
  - October 17 – South Hills Tech and Career Center – mini MBC – cancelled
  - October 27 – Court of Honor – lots of merit badges earned and some special extras as well
  - November 7 – Handyman Challenge – 25 scouts signed up – 12 from Troop 452. 36 Slots open.
  - November 7 – University of Scouting Event
  - November 14-15 – Turkey Bowl Campout – Mountain Man Village Campsite at Cub World. \$5 per person, \$20 max per family, under age 5 – free. To help offset food cost.
  - December 27-31 – Winter Camp at Crooked Creek – email Mark if interested.
  - Merit Badge Challenge is open for registration signup.
  - DeSTEMber event is December 12 – STEM based mini MB opportunities.

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

- Still experiencing communication issues
  - Not everyone is on the text messaging list, and there isn’t a true email list.
  - Troop Web Host is getting set up for regular communications – including parents.
- Crew Needs
  - Class B t-shirts have been ordered and distributed
  - Crew Flag – has been ordered and received.
- Upcoming Crew Events:
  - September Fall Fun Rally – Beaumont Scout Reservation (St. Louis) – was awesome and outstanding!
  - October 30-November 1 – Area 6 Venturing Event at Camp Friedlander – may not participate as an overnight campout.

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

- Assistance from the Troop to the Pack for the following events:
  - Halloween Pack Event – Thank you to the troop for their assistance at this pack event.
  - January 8, 2016 – Pinewood Derby
  - February 2, 2016 – Blue and Gold Banquet
- Positions to be filled/ currently 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/Race Master – Todd Treinen
  - Pack Event Planner – Markus Hall
  - Treasurer – Karina Horton
  - Assistant Tiger Den Leader – Keith Swarts
  - Pack Popcorn Kernel – Jennifer Hogan

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

- Budget presented for 2016. Motion to approve by Melissa Schlueter. Seconded by Marianne Gallivan. All Approved. Motion Carried.
- September 1, 2015 – Beginning Balance - \$17,902.84
  - Withdrawals/Debits – (\$923.77)
  - Deposits/Credits - \$2,208.86
  - Ending Balance 9/30/2015 - \$19,187.93
- As of October 16, 2015
  - Troop General Fund \$11,449.44
  - 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 \$3,496.12
    - Scouts with Negative Balance (\$28.22)

- Outstanding Checks \$0.00
- Interest Earned - \$36.58
- Ending Troop Fund \$18,491.98
- Financial Reports – motion to approve by Christy Hale. Seconded by Peggie Marsh. All approved. Motion Carried.

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

- Submit items for next Newsletter to Mrs. Duff.

**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.
- ALL Adults must submit emergency medical forms to Mrs. Hartness for inclusion with the scouts before they may attend a campout. This is required for the parish and by BSA.
- Popcorn Kernel – Mrs. Westendorf – money and forms due tonight.

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

- The scouts have earned “bazillions” of Merit Badges for the COH this month.
- Troop Court of Honor is scheduled for Tuesday, October 27 at the STM Parish Dining Room.
- Cameron Lowe’s Eagle Project completed October 17 – Benton Home, Batavia
- Isaiah Hartness Eagle Project completed September 26 – UT Veterans Park
- Brian Cabell’s Eagle Board of Review Scheduled for 6:30pm Thursday, October 22 at MMH.
- Sam Westendorf needs a BOR.
- Need helpers to get through BOR’s when scouts need them.

**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.

**Membership Coordinator** – Mr. Terry Schlueter submitted the following:

- Nothing to report

**Webelos to Scout Coordinator** - (works with Membership Coordinator) – Mr. Dick Bader –

- Unavailable for this part of the meeting.

**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:

- Popcorn Kernel - scouts need to collect money at the time of the order and turn all orders/money in by October 20th.
- Buy It In Anderson books are available for sale. See Mrs. Hartness. Books are \$25 each.

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

- Turkey Bowl needs will be addressed this month to get ready for the campout...we will need crockpots and roasters – please put your name on the item so we can get it back to its rightful owner.

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

- Scrapbooking/Crafting Day Fundraiser – Event Cancelled due to lack of interest. Going to re-try in the spring.
- October 20 (tonight) – committee meeting in a new location and an earlier time. Seemed to work this evening. Will try again next month.

**General Announcements:**

- Community Event Updates –
  - None Noted
- Council/District Updates/Events –
  - October 23-25 – US Grant Fall Camporee
  - October 24 – “Uncle Dan” Dedication and Statue Unveiling – SAC
  - October 24 – Cub Scout Spook-o-ree – Boy Scout volunteers needed
  - November 7 – Handyman Challenge – American Modern Insurance
  - November 7 – University of Scouting – Princeton HS
  - November 12 – District Roundtable- Grant Career Center
  - November 14 – Camp Conservation Day – Camp Michaels
- Other Information –
- Next Troop Committee Meeting:
  - Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at 6:30pm at STM/Cafeteria.

Motion to adjourn at 7:31 pm by Ms. Cindy Abrams.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

Shari Duff,  
Troop Committee Secretary