

## **Troop 452 Committee Minutes**

**November 16, 2010**

**Members Present:** Deacon Michael Thomas, Mr. Steve Lowe, Mrs. Regina Bajorek, Mr. Steve Feist, Mrs. Shari Duff, Mrs. Tricia Moore, Mr. Bill Fehn, and Scoutmaster Jack Stevens.

**Secretary Pro-Tem:** Mrs. Shari Duff

**Call to Order:** Deacon Michael Thomas at 7:20pm.

Deacon Michael opened the meeting with prayer. Please note the following dates for Scout Sundays: January 23, 2011 – 2pm at the Cathedral, February 6, 2011 – Traditional Scout Sunday, Date TBD for Scout Sunday through STM.

### **Scoutmaster Report – Mr. Jack Stevens**

- PLC failed to complete the schedule for the troop activities for submission to the Committee.
- 11/23/2010 – Webelos II from Merwin Elementary will be visiting the Troop for possible consideration in joining.
- 12/14/2010 – Mr. Brian Gallivan was contacted by someone through work interested in visiting the Troop Meeting and Troop Committee Meeting to see how these run. This group will be chartering a new Troop in the Madisonville area.
- Re-chartering is being worked on currently. Positions need to be filled out on the forms. In addition, Mrs. Dee Archer needs to be moved to the COR and Committee Chair for both the Troop and Pack. Mr. Stevens also needs to know who has Asst. Scoutmaster Training – Travis, Lee, and others. We may be limited in the number of Asst. Scoutmasters for the forms.
- Mr. Stevens was disappointed in the low turnout for the Thanksgiving Campout. There was a lot of food left over and/or thrown away. He understood that there were numerous other commitments, including University of Scouting.
- Elections within the troop will take place the first week/weekend in December. Mr. Stevens explained the election process to the committee. Some positions are by Scoutmaster appointment, others are through elections from the boys themselves. Additionally, certain positions are required for “rank time”...ie...leadership positions that need to be held for a certain amount of time to complete rank requirements. These positions are not based on “seniority”.

- Patrol Leaders and Troop Guides are elected positions
- Den Chiefs are appointed positions. Three young men received Den Chief Training at University of Scouting recently. Mr. Stevens hopes to get them into the Pack to encourage young boys to follow into the Troop.
- December campout will be at More Martyr Hall as a “Card/Game Night”. It was suggested that the boys unload the trailer, bring the items into the basement of the Troop Hall. and also clean out some of the older unnecessary scout items in the back corner of the basement.
- January will be the Winter Camp-o-ree or Rock Quest once the PLC notifies the committee of their decision.

#### **Equipment Report – Mr. Stevens/Mr. Duff (via report)**

- Trailer Lights – plug on end of new wiring harness is wrong
- Trailer is highly overloaded which has caused severely worn tires on the inside edges.
- Need new tires and suggest making a dual axle to carry heavier loads.
- Need to remove the weight from the trailer.
- Could re-mount spare tire where battery was stored (battery stolen in the equipment theft).
- Need to replace some equipment:
  - Propane stoves
  - Lanterns
  - Coleman stoves need work
  - Adult tent needs leak proofing
  - Need to purchase expendables such as small propane cylinders
  - Need the Shed re-organized and cleaned. The condition it was left in after the last campout is unacceptable.

Mr. Finn asked about the next meetings for scheduling. The committee voted on the following:

- December 14, 2010 – Committee Meeting/Troop Meeting to coincide with the visiting Madisonville Webelos Group. We expect other groups (boys) to visit the troop for consideration during the February/March transfer from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts.

- December 21, 2010 – Troop Meeting
- December 28, 2010 – No Meeting

Motion to accept the above schedule made by Deacon Michael, seconded by Tricia Moore. All Approved, Motion Carried.

### **Committee Chair Report – Mrs. Dee Archer (via phone)**

On December 5, 2010, Mrs. Archer, Mr. Fehn, and Mr. Feist will be honored at a Religious Award Ceremony. Mr. Stevens submitted the above individuals for acknowledgement at this ceremony. Because Mr. Fehn had already gotten all of the types of awards available previously, they have initiated a brand new award – Lifetime Achievement Award.

### **Treasurer Report – Mr. Steve Feist**

- There is \$3071.00 in the treasury. \$200 is designated to the boys' accounts. We've paid for the 1<sup>st</sup> round of popcorn, need to pay/receive money for 2<sup>nd</sup> round of popcorn – approximately \$1,000.00. We have made approximately \$1500.00 in popcorn. Popcorn prizes should be in soon.
- Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at noon at More Martyr Hall is final popcorn pickup.
- December 7, 2010 – final money due for popcorn.
- Re-chartering due- \$50 per scout. If a scout sold more than \$350 in popcorn, the troop will pick up his re-chartering fee. There are a few boys who earned this bonus.
- There are "Buy It In Anderson" coupon books for sale - \$25 each. The boys get \$8 per book toward their account.
- There are Christ Magnets for sale - \$5 each. The boys get \$1 per magnet toward their account.
- We are in need of a Fundraising Chair. This person (along with help) coordinates fundraising efforts to support the efforts of the Troop. Mrs. Regina Bajorek volunteered to be the Fundraising chair as long as she gets help from experienced people. She requested help from the committee to have someone manage the popcorn sale.
  - Regina Bajorek/Steve Feist – Fish Fry
  - Shari Duff – Mulch
  - ? – Popcorn Kernel

- ? – Other Fundraising Efforts
- 10% of the Fish Fry and Mulch sales are tithed to the church to thank them for their sponsorship and support. Easter is 4/24 next year which is too late to wait for mulch. Mulch sales need to be in the end of March. Jack asked Deacon Mike about whether forms for the Fish Fry and Mulch Sale need to be in soon and to whom. Deacon Mike said they should be given to Mike Genett in a week or so since that church committee was somewhat in flux.

### **Outdoor Chair – Mrs. Tricia Moore**

All went well with the paperwork for the most recent campout.

### **New Business – all**

Mrs. Bajorek asked when the scout canned food drive was planned. Mr. Stevens indicated sometime in April.

Mr. Fehn asked if the Troop was going to pay for Registration fees due for the adults affiliated with the Troop. Mr. Feist answered that typically yes, the Troop covered those expenses, but that the fees to council had gone up and that we might need to consider increasing the overall fee to the boys to help fund operations of the troop.

In addition, Mr. Stevens mentioned that the cost of Merit Badges were \$2.48 each, Rank Patches will be free this year **IF** we make Quality Unit Award, and Eagle Kits cost \$25 each.

Mark Duff has been in contact with Mary Opp regarding the Troop Neckerchiefs. Mark will have more information at the next meeting.

Mr. Steve Lowe questioned when the committee would receive the list of activities from the boys for the upcoming year. Mr. Stevens indicated that the information was requested but not given by the SPL. Mr. Stevens indicated that he had some activities already planned as the SPL did not.

Mrs. Tricia Moore mentioned that a recurring theme at University of Scouting was that boys should wear their uniform at all activities, including all scout meetings. It was noted that the SPL and another PL were not in uniform that evening.

**Next Meeting** – December 14, 2010 – 7pm – More Martyr Hall.

The meeting was adjourned by Deacon Michael at 8:20pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shari Duff, Secretary Pro-Tem