

Troop Committee Minutes November 17, 2015

Members Present: Shari Duff, Jim Abrams, Dee Archer, Chris Sapelli, Marianne Gallivan, Kevin Palmer, Shawn Hartness, Tanya Hartness, Michelle Lowe, Tanya Spencer, Molly Camden, Eric Locher, Dick Bader, Teresa Westendorf, Karmella Franic-Everhart, Mark Duff, Kelly Watson, Julie Esposito, and Deacon Michael Thomas.

Guests Present: None.

Opening Prayer: Mrs. Dee Archer 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 October 20, 2015 Regular Committee Meeting Minutes by Mr. Chris Sapelli, seconded by Mrs. Karmella Everhart. All Approved, Motion Carried.

Chaplain Report: Deacon Michael Thomas reported the following:

- Troop Project – The Troop has been asked to clean up the land site that was donated to the parish. The nature of the property – prior business, lots of rubbish and trash. Concerns by the committee on what potential hazards might be found on the property. A Couple of the Adult leaders will walk and evaluate the property to see if it is suitable for a Troop project. Mrs. Archer will send a copy of the plat and the address so the Adults can evaluate.

Scoutmaster Report: Mr. Duff reported the following:

- Troop Progress -
- Actions of Patrol Leaders Council –
 - Spent last meeting getting ready for Turkey Bowl
 - Successful Turkey Bowl
 - Next year’s Turkey Bowl is set for November 11-13, 2016 at the Frisch’s pavilion.
- Disciplinary problems and attendance – Attendance has been very good recently.
- Updates on:

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

- Report on past events:
 - October 27 – Court of Honor – Very Successful Evening.
 - November 7 – Handyman Challenge – Run by Troop 452 – garnered 30 additional Merit Badges for the troop. Noted that the Metal Work MB did not really complete all of the activities, so Mr. Schoolfield will finish that up with our group.
 - November 7 – University of Scouting – We did have adults and youth that attended.
 - November 13-15 – Turkey Bowl Campout – successful event
- Upcoming Events:
 - November 21 – Sustainability MB – Working with Mrs. Nutter on this with a few scouts. Should finish up on the 21st.
 - December 12 – DeSTEMber through the SAC (Scout Achievement Center)
 - December 19 – Card Night for the Scouts
 - December 27-31 – Winter Camp at Crooked Creek – email Mark if interested. This is a tent camping event.
 - December 15 - Merit Badge Challenge registration signup deadline.
 - January 9-10, 2016 – Bushwhack Hike in the Hocking Hills area – Chief Logan Scout Reservation.
 - February – Merit Badge Challenge

Venture Crew: Mr. Eric Locher gave the following report: (Venturing meets the first Wed of the month at 7pm)

- Still experiencing communication issues
 - Troop Web Host is getting set up for regular communications – including parents.
- Crew Needs
- Upcoming Crew Events:
 - October 30-November 1 – Area 6 Venturing Event at Camp Friedlander – may not participate as an overnight campout.

- Met on the 1st Wednesday for Crew Committee Meeting and regular meeting
- Met for Camp Conservation Days (November 14)
- Event set for December 12 for a Game Day at MMH.

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

- Assistance from the Troop to the Pack for the following events:
 - January 8, 2016 – Pinewood Derby
 - Will need scouts approx. 5:30pm for games and setup.
 - February 2, 2016 – Blue and Gold Banquet
- Positions to be filled/ currently filled:
 - Cubmaster – Julie Esposito – who will join us this evening.
 - 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:

- October 1, 2015 – Beginning Balance - \$19,187.93
 - 1 Check Written – (\$192.00)
 - Withdrawals/Debits – (\$2,746.37)
 - Deposits/Credits - \$1,948.31
 - Ending Balance 10/31/2015 - \$18,197.87
- As of November 17, 2015
 - Troop General Fund \$10,176.22
 - 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 \$4,227.52
 - Scouts with Negative Balance (\$68.22)
 - Outstanding Checks \$0.00
 - Interest Earned - \$39.37
 - Ending Troop Fund \$17,950.16
- Financial Reports – motion to approve by Marianne Gallivan. Seconded by Jim Abrams. All approved. Motion Carried.

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

- Submit items for next Newsletter to Mrs. Duff.
- Thank you for all the help that so many parents provide to the organization – especially those who brought themselves and their sons to help with Turkey Bowl Shopping, storing turkeys, providing roasters and other equipment, providing generators and electric cords, and came up early on Saturday of Turkey Bowl to help get things organized.
- Apologies to Westendorf family, as the heat from one of the roasters (or multiple) caused damage to one of the tables they provided. We offered to reimburse them for a new table, but they indicated there was no need.
- Re-charter due by November 24 - \$60 with commitment to two volunteer opportunities and \$120 without commitment to volunteer.
- Please keep Melissa Schlueter and Kurtis Moore in your thoughts and prayers – as both have sustained surgeries and hospital stays recently.

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.
- Buy It In Anderson Books still for sale at \$25 each – Dee will sell at the Bazaar.

- Popcorn Kernel – Mrs. Westendorf reported the following:
 - Total Amount sold - \$4,145.00
 - Scouts Earned \$1,023.46
 - We received \$12.00 in donations
 - Will receive a check in February of \$39.60 for the additional amount earned because we sold more this year.

Advancement Chair Report: Mrs. Melissa Schlueter was unavailable for the meeting. Others reported the following:

- Recent Advancements –
 - Kaden Nutter
 - Matthew Abrams
- Upcoming Boards of Review –
 - Brian Cabell’s Eagle Board of Review Complete. Eagle Court of Honor December 5
 - Brady Barnhill’s Eagle Project approved.

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 was unavailable for this part of the meeting:

- 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.

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

- Will need to inventory the patrol boxes from the Turkey Bowl to see what is missing, etc.
- Want to put together a binder with a library of equipment that the troop owns.
- Want to put together a check out list for verification of equipment given out and returned.

Action Items and Old/New Business:

- Mrs. Duff asked if there was any interest in offering a quarter auction as a fundraiser for the troop. Those who have participated in one before have indicated interest. Brief description of the event was discussed along with needing help and participants. Suggestion that a group of those interested attend other auctions in the area to get a better idea on how they run. Very few opportunities in the month before the next Committee Meeting to attend an event – should have more options in the new year.
- January 1, 2016 – The new Boy Scout Rank Requirements will be in force. There is some opportunity for grandfathering of scouts working on whatever rank they working toward. Mrs. Duff will make copies for all the scouts of the new requirements so they do not need to purchase new books.
- The Equipment Committee indicated they will need to put together a new patrol box based on the anticipated number of scouts crossing over.
- A few parents will be working on organizing an area for forms (extra medical forms, extra permission slips, etc.), as well as, a sign-up sheet for scouts who need a board of review in MMH during the Card night and MMH Clean up. With so many scouts and scoutmasters doing SM conferences, sometimes scouts think they are next for a BOR and we want to make sure we process their BOR’s in the proper order. We think this will help with process improvement for the scout’s sake (and ours).

General Announcements:

- Community Event Updates –
 - November 11 – Veteran’s Day Parade in Batavia – would scouts like to participate next year?
 - May be difficult – as next year the parade falls on the Friday night of the Turkey Bowl Campout.

- Council/District Updates/Events –
 - November 20-22 – NRA Pistol Instructor Training – Camp Friedlander
 - November 21 – Wilderness Engineers Workday – Camp Michaels
 - November 26-December 7 – All Camps closed
 - November 26-27 – Scout Achievement Center closed
 - December 2 – Friends of Scouting Kickoff
 - December 7 – Admiral’s Visit – Camp Friedlander
 - December 10 – District Roundtable – Grant Career Center
 - December 12 – DeSTEMber – Camp Friedlander
 - December 12 – Wilderness Engineers Workday – Camp Friedlander
- Other Information –
- Next Troop Committee Meeting:
 - Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at 6:30pm at STM Cafeteria/Parish Dining Room.

Motion to adjourn at 7:43 pm by Mrs. Teresa Westendorf

Respectfully Submitted,
 Shari Duff,
 Troop Committee Secretary