

## **Troop Committee Minutes**

### **November 20, 2012**

**Members Present:** Chair Pro-Tem Shari Duff, Kevin Palmer, Tricia Moore, Tanya Hartness, Marianne Gallivan, Mark Duff, Eric Locher, Bryan Gallivan, Steve Miller, and Michelle Lowe.

**Guests Present:** None.

**Opening Prayer:** Mr. Bryan Gallivan gave the opening prayer. Additionally, "Happy Birthday" was sung to Mrs. Marianne Gallivan by the committee.

**Welcome and Call to order:** Mrs. Shari Duff at 7:01 pm.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve the October 16, 2012 Committee Meeting Minutes by Mr. Bryan Gallivan, seconded by Mrs. Tricia Moore. All Approved, Motion Carried.

**Chaplain Report:** Deacon Michael Thomas was unable to attend, but sent the following by email:

- Reminded everyone to register to attend the VIRTUS training scheduled for the Scout Parents and Troop Volunteers on Tuesday, December 18, 2012 at 6:30pm in the STM Cafeteria.

**Scoutmaster Report:** Mr. Duff reported on the following:

- Handyman Challenge was open to 30 Scouts, First Class and above. Of those in attendance, 10 were Troop 452 Scouts.
- At the Railroading Merit Badge in West Chester – the event was open to 20 Scouts – 5 were Troop 452 Scouts. Most of the participants were from Clermont County Troops.
- Card Night – Scheduled for December 8-9, 2012. Cleaning the Troop Hall all day on Saturday with a Card/Game Night overnight. We'll need adults to help with inventory/cleaning/working with power equipment.
- National Jamboree Lock-In Campout – January 4-5, 2013 for the scouts participating in National Jamboree in July.
- Bushwhack Hike is January 12-13, 2013. We will leave approximately 7am on Saturday, hike throughout the day, camp at the cabin at Camp Birch in Yellow Springs, OH, and return on Sunday morning. It will be a one night overnight, as the cabin is \$200 per night. Moore, M/M Lowe, Gallivan, Duff, and Locher will participate as the adults on this outing.
- O/A Election will occur in either December or January.
- O/A participants – Annual Dues are upcoming. Purchasing the "Master Ticket", allows scouts to participate in all the main events throughout the year and is a better "deal" than paying separately for each item.
- Winter Camporee – the Troop will not be participating, however, Mr. Duff will be in charge and will be in need of "victims" for Saturday's events. The theme is "Search and Rescue". Some of the scouts had expressed interest in helping as staff during the weekend. Sycamore Park – January 25-27, 2013.
- Thanksgiving Campout was an expensive campout, but well attended and the boys had fun. They "hung out" and had fun with another Troop (from Norwood).

- PLC and Elections will be coming up in the next month. It will require those boys elected to the PLC to attend another meeting per month for planning purposes. This is move the troop toward a true boy-led group.
- University of Scouting – Troop 452 had 6 Scouts participate in Youth Leadership Training. This is the first year for this type of training event for the Scouts.
- NYLT – Upcoming this summer. Any scout 13 years of age or older AND First Class Rank or above may attend. Dan Beard Council offers the training for \$225 per scout. Simon Kenton offers the training for \$150 per scout (but drive time/traveling expenses may bring the cost back up).
- Sweatshirts – the glow in the dark ink is too cost prohibitive at this time. Zippered Sweatshirts will be dark green with silk screening.

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

- Newsletter materials are needed. Anyone with pictures from the Thanksgiving Campout, please email them to Shari for inclusion in the Winter Edition.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mr. Feist submitted the following report:

- Checking Balance (as of 10/31/2012) - \$5,503.82, Boy's Accounts - \$2,269.00, Troop Balance - \$3,234.82.
- Popcorn Sales - \$3,698.00, Expense - \$2,690.00, Profit - \$1,008.00. 14 Scouts sold popcorn
- Expense since last month - \$55 for the TroopMaster program (3 year subscription).
- Dues need to be submitted ASAP for the Re-Charter.
- Information was available detailing the anticipated income and expenses for the Troop over the next year. Discussion ensued regarding fundraising opportunities and the number of planned "out of council" outings. The finance committee handed out the minutes from the meeting with "assignments" regarding the details in the meeting. It was noted, with the number of organizations "selling" – that the scouts are inundated with fundraising through the schools and the two fundraisers that the Troop encourages. As such, more focus will be given on restaurant fundraisers, rather than required "selling".
- Tax ID number needed (and given) to Mrs. Tanya Hartness for an Applebee's and Wendy's fundraiser. Kroger Card fundraiser will be pursued with the understanding that the program will only be promoted within the Troop families. If any Troop family is already participating in the School's program, they will be encouraged to continue to do so through the school.

**Outdoor Chair Report:** Mrs. Shari Duff asked for a motion to appoint Mrs. Tanya Hartness to the position of Outdoor Chairperson. Mrs. Marianne Gallivan made the motion, Mrs. Tricia Moore seconded the motion. All approved, motion carried.

- Mrs. Hartness reported that the Registration for Merit Badge Challenge would be open until December 9th. The Merit Badge Challenge will be held at Bethel-Tate High School – February 2, 23, and March 9, 2013.
- Some emergency medical forms have expired. Mrs. Hartness with some volunteers will go through the forms and send out emails to those that need updates.

**Advancement Chair Report:** Mrs. Moore reported on the following:

- There are boys that will be ready for Boards of Review shortly. Look for a separate email requesting assistance with that.
- Another Board of Review Training will take place after the first of the year.

**Training Chair Report:** Mr. Locher reported on the following:

- The Board of Review Training will be done with the committee members participating in a “Mock” Board of Review during the New Parent Meeting in the spring. Practicing in a “mock” event lends itself to better learning.

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

- Older Scouts and Adult volunteers are needed to fix patrol boxes, and clean, emboss, and inventory the equipment on Saturday, December 8, 2012 with at 9 am start time.

**Old/New Business:**

- Meeting still to be scheduled with Mike Fehn regarding the Bill Fehn Campership Requirements.
- Additional restaurant fundraising nights will be established and dates forwarded when known.

**Next Troop Committee Meeting:**

- Tuesday, January 15, 2013 at 7pm at More Martyr Hall (Troop Hall).

Motion to adjourn at 8:27 pm by Mr. Kevin Palmer.

**Respectfully Submitted,**  
Shari Duff,  
Troop Committee Secretary