

Troop Committee Meeting Minutes
More Martyr Hall
December 14, 2010

Members Present: Chairperson Dee Archer, Scoutmaster Jack Stevens, Mr. Mark Duff, Mr. Todd Treinen, Mr. Bill Fehn, Mr. Mark Moore, Mrs. Shari Duff, Mr. Steve Lowe, Mrs. Tricia Moore.

Guests Present: Multiple parents from the St. Veronica Pack were present to see how a Troop Committee Meeting/ Boy Scout Meeting works, in order to prepare to re-invigorate their own Troop.

Call to order: Mrs. Archer at 7:15pm.

Blessing: Mr. Fehn gave the blessing for our meeting.

Minutes: Mr. Fehn made a motion to accept the minutes as previously emailed. Mr. Duff seconded the motion. All approved. Motion Carried.

Scoutmaster Report:

- Mr. Stevens indicated he was trying to finish the re-chartering packet. Many of the scouts turned 18, so they will drop off of the “boys” list and shift to the adult list if they so choose. Mr. Stevens is also trying to find out why some of the scout adults (boys turning 18 and other adults), do not just “carry over” onto the re-charter adult list.
- Currently there are 19 boys and 13 adults registered. We will not need to pay for 4 adult registrations. Approximate cost for re-charter is \$560.00 plus insurance. Approximate cost for adults \$20.00.
- Mr. Stevens reported that the Troop should make Quality unit. This would entitle the troop to “free” rank patches for the 2011 year. The only obstacle to Quality Unit would be the 75% retention requirement, as we are losing a huge number of young men due to turning 18...a lot of them became Eagles this year.
- Mr. Stevens reported that Michael Hutchins had received his final approval, the previous evening, for Eagle. Travis Gallivan had also received his final approval a few weeks prior. Matt Kelley was still waiting on final paperwork to come back from Council for his Eagle submission.
- Mr. Stevens indicated the Winter Camporee – “Fire and Ice” was scheduled for Sycamore Park January 28-20, 2011. The cost will be \$20 each and 2 adults will be needed for the overnight. Mr. Duff volunteered as one of the adults, and another will be needed. Mr. Stevens will be there during the day, but will be unable to stay overnight. If any Webelos come during the day, there will be PB&J and the Boy Scouts will be asked to provide a can of soup each (no creamed or tomato soup) for pot luck.
- Mr. Stevens indicated that he still had not yet received a schedule from the PLC, so he was anticipating the following “winter” events:

- Snow Cave Camping – depends on the snow fall levels. Usually a last minute decision, based on those levels.
 - Loveland Castle Camping – Mr. Stevens will check on this option
- Mr. Stevens indicated that the SPL has been getting things “together”, although the SPL still seems to have some difficulties with communication and planning.
- The Catholic Dioceses awarded three of our volunteers with awards on November 23rd:
 - Mr. Feist received the Certificate of Merit
 - Mrs. Archer received the Bronze Pelican
 - Mr. Fehn received the Lifetime Achievement Award, which was created for him.
- The Card Night Recap – Mr. Stevens indicated that for the first time, a deck of cards was actually provided for the night. In addition, game platforms, chips, pop, and pizza were provided. Equipment was removed from the trailer and placed in the basement. Lights out was at 1:30am.

Treasurer’s Report:

Mr. Feist was not present, so no Report was available.

Mr. Duff reported that twenty neckerchiefs were embroidered by Mary Opp.

Motion to approve \$200.00 payment of the embroidery to Mrs. Opp made by Mr. Duff, seconded by Mrs. Duff. All approved. Motion Carried.

Advancement Report:

Mr. Duff reported that we had multiple Eagle Scouts who completed their Board of Review within the past 3 weeks.

During Card Night, there were many boys who completed Scoutmaster Conferences and Committee Reviews for Advancement. Adam Stevens made Life Scout, Mr. Cabell made 1st Class, and Chris Feist made Star Scout. There were two scouts (Kurtis Moore and Grady Bajorek) who finished the Orienteering Requirement for 1st Class consideration. They are awaiting their Scoutmaster conference and Committee Reviews for Advancement and hope to have those done before the end of the year.

The boys were given paperwork a couple of months ago for the Merit Badge Challenge. Many of the boys are signed up already.

Mrs. Duff started working with boys on the Personal Management Merit Badge. She will continue to work with the boys interested in earning the Badge over the next 13 weeks. The next time she will be available at the troop hall will be January 4, 2011 to review the work completed thus far and work on another requirement.

Equipment Report:

Mrs. Bak was unavailable for the meeting, but Mr. Stevens reported that the new Quartermaster was Rob Duff.

Mr. Duff reported that the trailer had been emptied and needed to be switched from a single to a double axle. He obtained pricing on making the trailer a double axle with new tires, wheel fenders, etc. through a Cub Scout parent at cost. The cost to the

Troop is approximately \$400.00. The welding work will be done by Mr. Duff and Mr. Don DeBrunner.

Mr. Duff reported that most of the stolen equipment has been replaced.

Training Report:

Mr. Lee Stegeman was unavailable for the meeting. Mr. Stevens indicated that an email would be going out to those who needed to re-submit their Youth Protection Documentation and that there were “issues” with the Council’s system of tracking online training.

Outdoor Chairman’s Report:

Mrs. Moore indicated that the necessary paperwork for the boys has been organized, but that it will soon be necessary to get updates for the health forms as the activities ramp up for the spring and summer seasons.

Old Business:

Mr. Fehn indicated that 7 boys completed their Religious Award for the Catholic Faith. The Board of Review has been completed as well. January 23rd is the Award program through the Archdiocese.

Mrs. Archer indicated that Scout Sunday will be observed on Sunday, March 6th at the 10am Mass.

Mrs. Archer indicated that with the embezzlement by the church’s fundraising chair, the church was re-evaluating the fundraising committee. As such, requests for the mulch fundraiser and fish fry would be presented to the church for approval by Mrs. Archer and Deacon Thomas.

Mrs. Archer indicated that Deacon Thomas sent his regards and blessings to the committee and troop and was otherwise committed for the evening.

New Business:

Mr. Duff indicated that the Cub Scouts would be having their Pinewood Derby Event at the School’s gymnasium on Friday, January 21, 2011. He requested that the Boy Scouts help again this year by entertaining the Cub Scouts with games as the races progress. It was noted that they helped last year and the Cub Scouts enjoyed seeing the older boys.

Adjournment:

Motion to Adjourn at 8:01pm made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Duff.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shari Duff, Secretary Pro-Tem