

Troop Committee Minutes
December 15, 2015

Members Present: Shari Duff, Chris Sapelli, Teresa Westendorf, Tanya Hartness, Shawn Hartness, Marianne Gallivan, Karmella Franic-Everhart, Michelle Lowe, Eric Locher, Cindy Abrams, Jim Abrams, Dee Archer, Jennifer Mann, Russ Bowman, Mark Duff, and Julie Esposito.

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 6:32 pm.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the November 17, 2015 Regular Committee Meeting Minutes by Mr. Chris Sapelli, seconded by Mrs. Karmella Everhart. All Approved, Motion Carried.

Chaplain Report: Deacon Michael Thomas was unable to attend the meeting.

- Troop Project – Mrs. Archer indicated that she had walked the donated property that the Troop has been asked to help clean up. She submitted pictures during the meeting to Mr. Locher and Mr. Duff. They will walk the property this weekend to determine if there are any safety concerns or hazards that need to be addressed.

Scoutmaster Report: Mr. Duff reported the following:

- Troop Progress – On January 5, 2016 – Troop Elections and OA Elections will take place. Rob Duff and Jacob Novick will help with the OA Elections.
- Actions of Patrol Leaders Council –
- Disciplinary problems and attendance – Attendance has been very good recently.
- Updates on:
 - Re-Charter has been completed. Our Troop is “Gold Level” for Journey to Excellence. This provides free rank patches for the troop in 2016.
 - Several Scouts are working with Mr. Duff on Citizenship in the Community (12). Many should be and/or are ready to finish.
 - Isaiah Hartness has completed his final Merit Badge needed to start on the Eagle Scout Paperwork. The holidays may delay processing slightly.
 - Mr. Payer is working with the troop on Medicine MB.
 - Mr. Payer is being awarded with the Boy Scout Medal of Merit for performing CPR on a gentleman who collapsed, until the EMT’s arrived.
 - Winter break from school is a GREAT time to work on the pre-requisites for MB Challenge Merit Badges.
 - Mr. Duff was just informed that he will be a main Scoutmaster for one of the Dan Beard Council Contingents going to the 2017 Jamboree at Summit Bechtol Reserve. The dates are July 19-28, 2017. With registration currently open, scouts that sign up will need to place a \$150 deposit to hold their spot. Some scouts from our troop are already signed up and ready to go.

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

- Report on past events:
 - Nothing of note this month
- Upcoming Events:
 - December 15th – deadline for MB Challenge registration
 - December 19th – Hall Cleanup and Gaming/Card Night – 9am Sat through 9am Sunday.
 - December 27-31 – Winter Camp at Camp Crooked Creek, Louisville, KY. Mr. Duff will send any known pre-requisites to the 7 scouts attending. Scouts do need to go through the Cyber Chip and have that obtained prior to camp.
 - January 9-10 – Winter Bushwhack Hike – looks like it will be in Hocking Hills – 12 mile hike which will include Old Man’s Cave. There is an issue with obtaining lodging, as Chief Logan Reservation is unavailable that weekend. Mr. Duff will try to get this resolved shortly.

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

- Updates:
 - Communication Issues - Ms. Sarah White is the new Secretary and has started sending out emails to the Venturers. She will need to also send out the emails to parents – just in case. Otherwise, the communication issues are getting better.
 - Not all positions have been filled yet.
 - Recharter has been completed with 13 youth returning. Gold Level in Journey to Excellence.
- Crew Needs
- Upcoming Crew Events:
 - January 15 (Friday) – Lock In at The Web.
- Past Events:
 - December 12 Venture Crew Leadership/Game Day – MMH – went well. No video games were played. Board and card games were played all day.

Cubmaster Report: Mrs. Julie Esposito 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.
 - Has some ideas for “stations” to help keep the scouts corralled and organized. Will get with Mr. Duff and the Boy Scouts with details.
 - Cornhole station
 - Craft
 - Indoor Games
 - Snacks?
 - February 2, 2016 – Blue and Gold Banquet
 - 6:30-8:30 pm
 - Would like Honor Guard to perform the Flag Ceremony at 6:30pm. Cross-over will be after dinner.
 - Dessert after cross-over for the group- will allow the group that behaved the best to get dessert first, then so on and so forth.
 - April 9-10 – Campout at CubWorld.
 - May need Scout Troop assistance. Mrs. Esposito will email Mr. Duff.
- Positions to be filled:
 - Asst Cubmaster will be needed as of February 2016:

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

- November 1, 2015 – Beginning Balance - \$18,197.87
 - Withdrawals/Debits – (\$528.78)
 - Deposits/Credits - \$4,846.76
 - Ending Balance 11/30/2015 - \$22,515.85
- As of December 14, 2015
 - Troop General Fund \$19,491.74
 - Gas Fund - \$0.00 (new fund for this budget year, to track gas monies collected for trip and track reimbursement of gas cards)
 - Bill Fehn Campership Fund \$1,137.88 (increased by \$298.16 due to scouts aging out/non-rechartering)
 - Troop Equipment Fund \$1,036.70 (increased by \$1,000 due to start of new budget year)
 - Troop Leadership Training Fund \$480.00
 - Scout Hall Roof Fund \$0
 - Troop Trailer Fund \$2,190.00
 - Scout Accounts \$3,115.11
 - Scouts with Negative Balance (\$68.22)
 - Outstanding Checks \$0.00
 - Interest Earned - \$44.76
 - Ending Troop Fund \$27,451.43
 - Money Received from past investment \$2,688.91 Motion to transfer these funds and authorize purchase of appropriate new troop trailer by Mr. Chris Sapelli, Seconded by Mrs. Marianne Gallivan. All Approved, motion carried.

- Financial Reports – motion to approve by Marianne Gallivan. Seconded by Chris Sapelli. All approved. Motion Carried.

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

- Submit newsletter items

Webmasters – Mrs. Lowe/Mrs. Duff reported on the following:

- Please continue to RSVP on-line for tracking purposes.
- Please update and add missing information on the web-site (phone numbers and such)
- If you have a corporate domain email – please be aware that emails from us may be blocked through the corporate firewall. Normal yahoo and gmail accounts seem to be fine and are not being blocked. If you have issues, please get us a personal email instead of a corporate email.

Medical Records/Fundraising Opportunities Chair Report: The following was reported:

- Keep checking the status for Emergency Medical Form Expiration dates.

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

- Recent Advancements –
 - Alex Forney
 - Conrad Hale
 - Jack Nicoloff
 - Jack Everhart
 - Devin Marsh
- Upcoming Boards of Review –
 - None known – at this time.

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 –

- Mrs. Esposito indicated that the Webelos II's from our Pack, are at tonight's meeting and ready to cross over.
- Mrs. Esposito will email the email lists for parents of the Webelos to Mrs. Duff so she can start including them on communications.

Religious Emblems Coordinators – Mr. Feist (Catholic)/Mr. Bowman (Protestant)

- Catholic Religious Emblems – Mr. Feist not present – but started.
- Protestant Religious Emblems – Mr. Bowman was present – has gotten requests from 3 High School Aged scouts to start the God and Life Program and one Middle Schooler for the God and Church Program. He will be working on the God and Life Program so that those High Schoolers have an opportunity to earn their Religious Emblem before they “age out”. Classes will start after the first of the year. He will send Mrs. Duff an email to send out to the group with the details.

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.
- Fish Fry meeting to be held next week to get started for the year. Tentatively, the meeting will be held next Tuesday Evening at the Amelia McDonald's at 6pm. Look for an email confirmation from Mrs. Duff.
- Mr. Greg VerPlanck whose son is a former Eagle Scout from the troop, is moving out of the area. He found a large 10' by 20' “garage” in his garage and stopped by to donate it to the Troop before they leave.

Action Items and Old/New Business:

- Quarter Auction – committee members will be attending a few after the first of the year so that they can report back.
- January 1, 2016 – The new Boy Scout Rank Requirements will be in force. Copies of the new requirements will be available for the boys.
- 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).
- Mulch sale will be upcoming – details will be worked out shortly.
- Fish Fry starts early this year and will be ramping up right after the first of the year.

General Announcements:

- Community Event Updates –
 - None at this time.
- Council/District Updates/Events –
 - See Agenda for Dan Beard Calendar Items
- Other Information –
- Next Troop Committee Meeting:
 - Tuesday, January 19, 2015 at 6:30pm at STM Cafeteria/Parish Dining Room.

Motion to adjourn at 7:53 pm by Mr. Chris Sapelli

Respectfully Submitted,
Shari Duff,
Troop Committee Secretary