

Troop Committee Minutes December 16, 2014

Members Present: Christy Hale, Tanya Hartness, Shawn Hartness, Marianne Gallivan, Dee Archer, Karmella Franic-Everhart, Dick Bader, Michelle Lowe, Steve Lowe, Laura Palmer, Shari Duff.

Guests Present: None.

Opening Prayer: Deacon Thomas gave the opening prayer.

Welcome and Call to order: Chair Dee Archer called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the November 18, 2014 Committee Meeting Minutes by Mr. Steve Lowe, seconded by Mr. Dick Bader. All Approved, Motion Carried.

Chaplain Report: Deacon Michael Thomas reported the following:

- Thank you from Deacon Thomas and Father Bill for all of the work done at the scout hall and throughout the year by the scouts and adults.
- Scout Sunday will be the 4pm Mass on Saturday, January 31, 2015. There may be a conflict if anyone participates in the US Grant Winter Camporee Campout as an individual. May not be an issue as this is not a PLC/Troop participating campout.

Scoutmaster Report: Mr. Duff reported the following:

- Troop Progress – Nothing to address at this time.
- Actions of Patrol Leaders Council – Elections tonight. Under a close election – Jacob Novick is the new SPL. He is not available this evening (band concert) to pick his ASPL's and other key personnel. That will occur over the break and final position elections will occur after the new year.
- Disciplinary problems and attendance – None at this time.
- Updates on:
 - Rechartering – 38 Rechartered – 14 of whom are Life/Eagle Scout Rank. Expecting approximately 10 Webelos crossing into our troop.
 - Venture Crew Parent/Scout Informational Meeting – will occur this Friday, December 19, 2014 at 6pm. We will need to form a Committee, just like this one. Scout accounts were discussed and treasurer functions. Whether or not a combined Troop/Venture account was possible. The Venture Crew will be “Outdoor Sports”, as an educational program through the Youth Programing. The Committee Chair will be Dee Archer. Mr. Locher will be the Venture Crew Leader with Mr. Payer, Mrs. Schlueter, and Mr. Schlueter as the Official trained adults. Meetings will be during their events, and they can combine their campouts with the Troop.
 - December 13-14 – Hall Clean Up/Card Night Campout. New shelving built in the basement with cage doorway for equipment. There is a lot of scout equipment stored in the basement that needed organizing and secured. General cleaning and straightening also occurred.
 - Christmas Break – No meetings December 23 or December 30 – except PLC.
 - OA Troop Elections – early in the month. We had 7 scouts elected by their peers. If they go to Grassy Run, they can be tapped out. The first OA Ordeal of the season is the weekend following Grassy Run. Those that successfully complete their Ordeal and all OA members in good status may qualify to attend the NOAC- National OA Conference in Michigan this summer during the 100th Anniversary celebration of the OA.
 - OA Adults - Due to size of troop and the number of scouts elected – we can submit (nominate) two adults for the OA. Two names were submitted – motion by Mr. Dick Bader, seconded by Mrs. Michelle Lowe. All approved. Motion Carried.
- Information on Upcoming Events:
 - Winter Bushwhack Hike – January 17-18, 2015 – Camp Birch – Pinetree Lodge.
 - January 18, 2015 – OA Banquet – included in master ticket. Still need to RSVP if you are going. Banquet in Fairfield.

Cubmaster Report: Mr. Dick Bader indicated the following:

- Pack Progress – Finished Re-charter as well. Re-chartered 36 for the Pack with 13 Tigers.
- Assistance from the troop will be needed for the Pinewood Derby in January. Date is Friday, January 16, 2015 with a back-up snow date of Friday, January 23, 2015.
- Blue and Gold Cross-Over will be February 3, 2015. Assistance from some of the Troop will be needed.

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Feist reported the following:

- Re-Charter is completed. Expense of \$1528.00 for Re-charter.
- As of November 30, 2014, balances were:
 - \$17,505.27– Total
 - \$1,528.00 – Re-Charter
 - \$3,306.28 – Scout's Accounts
 - \$4,579.00 – Remaining Troop Funds
 - \$1,750.00 – Campership Fund
 - \$479.00 – Equipment Fund
 - \$700.00 – Adult Leadership Education Fund
 - \$500.00 – Roof Repair Fund
 - \$6,190.00– Trailer Purchase Fund
- Religious Emblems – 3 Scouts will earned Ad Altare Dei Catholic Award and passed their Board of Review. There is a large recognition on Sunday, January 25, 2015 at the Cathedral Downtown in recognition of these scouts.
- Scout Account Balances available at the meeting, will be updated with Popcorn earnings. Notify Mr. Feist if you have any questions and if you'd like to use the account for Re-Charter.
- "Buy It Books" – 2 available.

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

- Submit new newsletter items to Mrs. Duff.
- Received confirmation of mulch sale details. Pricing can be held from last year. Will get flyers and information out regarding the sale.

Medical Records/Fundraising Opportunities Chair Report: Mrs. Hartness reported the following:

- Nothing to Report from Mrs. Hartness for this month.

Advancement Chair Report: Mrs. Moore reported the following:

- The following scouts have attained rank advancement:
 - Isaiah Hartness – Life Scout
 - Jacob Novick – Life Scout
 - Alexander Elig – Second Class
 - Wyatt Gollaway – Tenderfoot
- Still awaiting final paperwork on Matthew Miller Eagle Packet (letters of recommendation).

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.
 - Next VIRTUS class – Wednesday, January 21, 2015, 6:30PM – STM.

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

- Fish Fry Information:
 - Still have frozen items in household freezers that can be used for Fish Fry – if the dates are not exceeded. Those individuals will check the items prior to Fish Fry. Boxes of frozen supplies include Fried Fish, Baked Fish and French Fries.
 - Donation letters out for supplies for Fish Fry.
 - Parents of existing scouts will get first opportunity to sign up for Fish Fry jobs. Look for email soon.

Action Items and Old/New Business:

- Mrs. Michelle Lowe is researching some additional options for scout website/webhosting. She hopes to have a better handle on a recommendation after the holidays.
- Mr. Rose was unavailable for the Santa pictures during the same time as the scheduled STM PTO Bazaar. It was decided that moving forward, we will schedule Santa Pictures the Saturday after Thanksgiving, regardless of the Bazaar schedule.
- We have a new scout that transferred from another troop, effective November 2014.

General Announcements:

- Community Event Updates –
 - December 20 – Columbus Zoo – Bird Study/Mammal Study Merit Badges
 - January 8 – Microsoft Store – Photography Merit Badge
 - January 10 – Museum Center – Reptile/Amphibian Study Merit Badge and Geology Merit Badge.
- Council/District Updates/Events – OA Christmas Party – Thursday, December 18 – Scout Achievement Center – 7pm
 - January 6 – Life to Eagle Seminar – Scout Achievement Center
 - January 30- February 1 – US Grant Winter Camp-O-Ree – Clermont County Fairgrounds
- Other Information –
- Next Troop Committee Meeting:
 - Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at 7pm at More Martyr Hall (Troop Hall).

Motion to adjourn at 8:08 pm by Mrs. Marianne Gallivan.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shari Duff,
Troop Committee Secretary