

Troop Committee Minutes
October 15, 2013

Members Present: Christy Hale, John Rose, Shari Duff, Joel Barnhill, Michelle Lowe, Dick Bader, Marianne Gallivan, Deacon Michael Thomas, Steve Feist, Eric Locher, Mark Duff, Tricia Moore, Teresa Westendorf, and Chair Dee Archer.

Guests Present: Megan Hockenberry, and Becky Plank.

Opening Prayer: Mrs. Dee Archer gave the opening prayer.

Welcome and Call to order: Mrs. Dee Archer at 7:08 pm.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the August 20, 2013 and September 18, 2013 Committee Meeting Minutes by Mr. Steve Feist, seconded by Mrs. Christy Hale. All Approved, Motion Carried.

Chaplain Report: Deacon Michael Thomas reported on the following:

- Received an Email from Business Manager Mike Gennett indicating that there would be new carpeting installed in More Martyr Hall starting October 23, 2013.
- In the same email, indicated that there would be new paint in the Hall as well – but the date had not yet been determined.
- Indicated that the Christ Renews Group complained about the condition of the blue room indicating there were feathers and stuffing lying around. Committee indicated there have been no projects or boy scouts in the blue room over the preceding weeks. Mr. Duff went over and picked up approximately four small items.
- Pope Pius XII classes – have 2 boys from Troop 676 attending. Need paperwork for religious awards turned in by December 15, 2013 to Deacon Thomas. January 19, 2014 is the cathedral recognition of the awards.
- Encouraged scouts to get Parvulli Dei
- Encouraged scouts, not of the Catholic Faith, to pursue their own religious emblems.
- Notified committee of the Parish Mission and Faith Fair – asking for child care for upcoming Sun night/Monday night from 6:45-8:15pm.

Scoutmaster Report: Mr. Duff reported the following:

- Troop Progress – Court of Honor next week.
- Actions of PLC – Rundown of the 2014 calendar of events (through April 2014):
 - January 17-19 2014 – Bushwhack Hike in Shawnee State Park – staying at Camp Oyo (Portsmouth)
 - February 2014 – Perfect North Slopes Skiing, Fish Fry, Merit Badge Challenge
 - March 2014 – Cave Camping, Merit Badge Challenge, Fish Fry
 - April 2014 – Grassy Run
- Disciplinary problems and attendance – attendance at the meetings seem to be picking up now that the fall sport season is winding down. Scouts need to remember that the SPL has set the official uniform for the Fall and Winter meetings as the Class A shirt. Scouts need to respect and plan for this before coming to meetings.
- Other Troop Needs – none at this time
- Updates on:
 - September 20-22, 2013 – OA Fall Campout – at Camp Friedlander. There were 10 OA members from Troop 452 at the event.
 - Hudy Run – Received a nice letter of thanks from the volunteer organizer. Also received a \$1000 check for our efforts and the extra efforts performed by the scouts.
 - October 3-5, 2013 – Call of Duty Campout – 35 Total (6 adults, 8 Webelos, and 21 Scouts) attended. It rained a lot, but the scouts did great.
 - Upcoming events:
 - October 25-27, 2013 – Troop is not officially attending the District Camporee in Chilo, but there are some scouts going as an extra campout. Mr. Locher and Mr. Duff will be there.
 - November 9, 2013 – Handyman Challenge – can earn up to 2 Merit Badges, must be 1st class or above.

- November 15-17, 2013 – Turkey Bowl Campout – Stonelick Park. Parents/Family come out for dinner on Saturday Evening.
- 2014 is the official 50th Anniversary of the Troop. Suggesting a celebration open house and a commemorative patch. Troop Established in 1964. Suggests adding that date on the 452 number patch for the uniforms.

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

- Newsletter out the second week in October – working on next one
- Thank you for people/scouts who worked at Rob's Eagle Project. Occurred at grandparents' home and the grandparents were impressed with the focus and respect of the scouts.
- Reiterated the nice letter received from the Hudy Run Committee on the job the scouts did.
- Provided a rough draft of the Bill Fehn Leadership and Campership Fund based on discussions over the previous months. Asked for final suggestions to be submitted for consideration and action at the next Committee Meeting.

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

- Balance - \$12,304.24
- Boys' Accounts - \$3,538.23
- Campership Fund - \$831.00
- Equipment - \$2,176.00
- Net Balance unencumbered - \$5,483.01
- Received Check from Hudy Run Committee for \$1,000.00
- Had a budget committee meeting on October 1, 2013 with 6 committee chairs. Presented overall budget suggestions.
- Recharter fees are due December 1, 2013. National's Fees have gone up substantially. Motion by Marianne Gallivan to increase re-charter fee to \$60 per scout, Seconded by Steve Feist. All approved. Motion Carried.

Medical Records/Fundraising Opportunities Chair Report: Mrs. Hartness was unavailable for the meeting this evening.

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

- There were 3 advancements on October 1, 2013.
- She has not been asked to perform any Boards of Review in the near future.

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

- Reminded committee about Handyman Challenge
- Reminded committee about University of Scouting – November 2, 2013 for training at the adult and scout level (includes Den Chief Training)
- MB Challenge is February 15, March 1, and March 15, 2014 at Bethel HS. Snow date: March 22, 2014.
- NYLT will be the last 3 weeks in June 2014 and 1st week of July 2014. Scouts must be 13 years of age and First Class Rank or higher to attend.
- Check the Dan Beard Website for upcoming training opportunities.

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

- Need to purchase a cast iron skillet for one of the patrol boxes
- Need to purchase new tents.

Popcorn Kernal Report: Mrs. Westendorf indicated that 9 scouts had turned in orders totaling approximately \$1700.00 in popcorn sales. The deadline for receiving orders is October 20, 2013 from 2-4pm at her home. Shari Duff will send a reminder email of this date. It was suggested that the troop forego popcorn sales in the future, unless the proceeds will be credited to the scout's accounts.

Action Items and Old/New Business:

- Mr. Rose will provide opportunities for the Community to get pictures with Santa on Saturday, November 23, 2013 from 9am – noon at More Martyr Hall. There is a Christmas Bazaar the same day on the Church property. Need to advertise to parish and local community. Suggested there could be

cookies, water/punch for those who finish. We will not take pictures or print pictures. People can bring their own camera. We will ask for donations – which will be collected and given to the St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry, managed out of STM.

- Mr. Rose indicated there may be a Grant available to apply for specific purpose (purchasing tents, patrol boxes, etc). He will let us know when that might be available for review.
- Deacon Michael indicated he had asked about a van purchase on our behalf. It can be obtained (12 passenger or less), but the insurance costs through the parish will have to be absorbed by the troop. Also, the troop would have to provide who the “drivers” can be.

General Announcements:

- Council Updates – see calendar and website.
- Information from the Chartered Organization – none at this time.
- Mr. Rose asked if anyone would attend the 4 Chaplains Mass in February. There is also a Remembrance Service in Kentucky. The Committee referred Mr. Rose to Mr. Duff on taking the request to the PLC.
- Community Events:
 - November 11, 2013 – Veteran’s Day Parade. Mrs. Archer will obtain details.

Next Troop Committee Meeting:

- Tuesday, November 19, 2013 at 7pm at More Martyr Hall (Troop Hall).

Motion to adjourn at 8:25 pm by Mrs. Tricia Moore.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shari Duff,
Troop Committee Secretary