

Troop Committee Minutes
December 17, 2013

Members Present: Chair Dee Archer, Steve Miller, Mark Hall, Steve Lowe, Marianne Gallivan, Theresa Westendorf, Shari Duff, Tanya Hartness, Tricia Moore, Russ Bowman, and Dick Bader.

Guests Present: None.

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

Welcome and Call to order: Mrs. Dee Archer at 7:03 pm.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the November 20, 2013 Committee Meeting Minutes by Mrs. Marianne Gallivan, seconded by Mrs. Theresa Westendorf. All Approved, Motion Carried.

Chaplain Report: Deacon Michael Thomas was unavailable for the meeting, but submitted the following:

- Scout Sunday will be celebrated at the 10:00 am Mass on Sunday, February 16, 2014
- Additionally, from Mr. Steve Feist, 4 scouts completed their Board of Review for the Pope Pius XII emblem on December 11, 2013 at IHM. One Scout (currently) will begin working on requirements for the Ad Altare Dei emblem on January 21, 2014.
- A sincere thank you to the scouts for cleaning up the Hall. Other groups have commented on how orderly and clean everything is now. The parish is deeply grateful for all the hard work.
- The parish office sends their wishes for a very blessed and Merry Christmas.

Scoutmaster Report: Mr. Duff reported the following:

- Troop Progress – There are some scouts who seem to be “stagnant” and have not advanced. Most who are stagnant are missing their 30 day physical fitness component for Tenderfoot. Once they have that, there will be a need for a flurry of BOR’s. Mr. Duff and Mr. Locher will be pushing scouts to complete that requirement.
- Actions of the PLC –
 - Card Night – December 14 & 15, 2013
 - OA Election tonight
 - 9 eligible for election – scouts will get a letter of election and an invitation to attend their Ordeal. Scouts will have an opportunity to attend one of three ordeal campouts during the summer. Please look at the dates carefully, as there will be conflicts with Summer Camp. Tapouts will occur at the Grassy Run Campout. Please do not tell your son if he is elected – let it be a surprise.
 - Troop Elections after Christmas Break
- Attendance – Attendance at the meetings has picked up with the completion of Fall sports. Tonight there are 20 of the 28 registered scouts in attendance.
- Other Troop Needs –
 - We will be bringing on 13 Webelos (at a minimum), with all the needs that will entail, with only 3 scouts dropping off the charter (aging out).
 - Mr. Duff extended a HUGE thank you to those parents who consistently volunteer to drive scouts and/or attend campouts. That said, he is very concerned that we will have enough drivers to get 40 scouts to events ongoing.
 - Discussion on re-doing the bulletin boards to have pocket folders with information for the scouts/parents, sign-up sheets for outings, sign-up sheets for parent drivers/helpers.
- Updates on:
 - December Card Night – cleaned/straightened the Quartermaster area. It rained profusely, which hampered scouts checking individual patrol boxes very well.
- Information on upcoming events:
 - Bushwhack Hike – January
 - Skiing at Perfect North Slopes – February
 - Cave Camping – Blue Springs Caverns
 - Merit Badge Challenge – February/March
 - Camp Logan – August – to see Tecumseh

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

- Newsletter will be pulled together for right after the first of the year. Email Shari with any suggestions.
- A HUGE thank you to Marianne Gallivan and Michelle Lowe for their assistance with cleaning, staging, and setup for the Pictures with Santa Event. Another HUGE thank you for all the helpers and parents who brought such wonderful goodies for the event. We had a lot of wonderful comments about the event. 5 boxes of food for the SVDP Food Pantry were collected and \$138 in cash donations for the Food Pantry were also collected.
- Meeting will be set after the beginning of the year to allow parents/scouts the opportunity to sign up for Fish Fry jobs. Meeting for new parents will be in late January/Early February to explain about Boy Scouts and the upcoming Fish Fry.

Treasurer's Report:

- Mr. Feist was unavailable for the meeting but indicated to Mrs. Archer that it was a "quiet" month.
- Mrs. Gallivan added that Buy It In Anderson Books are available - \$8 per book sold is credited to your scout's account. Please contact Mr. Feist if interested.

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

- Make sure your Medical forms are up to date and on-file for Campouts. She will be contacting you via email if your son's Medical form is out of date.
- She would like a list of participants for campouts to make sure the forms are ready and current.
- Medical forms can be obtained on the homepage at www.Scoutlander.com – with our Troop or on www.danbeard.org, click on resources, click on forms, click on Medical form (don't print out the entire 22-page document). We will need three copies of the form and three copies (front and back) of their insurance card.
- New Fundraising opportunities – suggested we ramp up restaurant fundraisers during spring and summer (after Fish Fry) or look at once every 3-4 months.

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

- No recent advancements.
- Boards of Review
 - Congratulations to Benjamin Gallivan who passed his BOR for his 2nd Eagle Palm on December 10th.
 - Rob Duff Eagle Board of Review this Thursday, December 18, 2013 at 7pm.

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

- 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 griddle for one of the patrol boxes
- Will need to make/refurbish 2 new patrol boxes. Mrs. Gallivan indicated that the "Old Goats" would get one of the old patrol boxes in the interim, so the scouts will have access to the patrol boxes.
- Need to purchase new tents when the ScoutMasters make a decision.
- Scouts will need to attend a training for Fish Fry prior to the event.

Action Items and Old/New Business:

- Mr. Rose did a wonderful job at the Pictures with Santa on Saturday, November 23, 2013. A HUGE thank you to Mr. Rose for his service. Another HUGE thank you to the many elves (scouts), they were a great representation of the scouting program.
- Discussion regarding what the requirements should be for scouts to get a Recruiter patch. The Organization gets to choose. Motion to offer recruiter patch to those scouts who bring someone brand new to scouting by Marianne Gallivan, seconded by Steve Lowe. All in favor, motion carried. Motion

to offer recruiter patch to those scouts who bring a scout from another troop (even if they were going to drop out) into our troop. Three (3) yes votes, seven (7) no votes. Motion failed.

General Announcements:

- Council Updates –
 - Dec. 18 Day Camp Meeting
 - Dec. 27 Harlem Globetrotters Scout Day
 - Jan. 16 Cyclones Scout Night
 - Jan. 24 U. S. Grant Winter Camp-O-Ree
- Information from the Chartered Organization – none at this time.
- Community Events:
 - Should consider marching in the Amelia and/or Batavia Christmas Parades in 2014
- January 10, 2014 – Cub Scout Pinewood Derby – 5:30-9:00 ish – need scouts to play games with scouts in between the derby runs.

Next Troop Committee Meeting:

- Tuesday, January 21, 2014 at 7pm at More Martyr Hall (Troop Hall).

Motion to adjourn at 8:22 pm by Mrs. Tricia Moore.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shari Duff,
Troop Committee Secretary