

Troop Committee Minutes
December 19, 2017

Members Present: Shari Duff, Jason Hale, Teresa Westendorf, Kelly Mocaabee, Teri Mocaabee, Melissa Schlueter, Andy Hamrick, Michelle Lowe, Eric Locher.

Welcome and Call to order: Shari Duff (Chair Pro-Temp) called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Opening Prayer: Kelly Mocaabee gave the opening prayer.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the November 21, 2017, Committee Meeting Minutes Teresa Westendorf and Teri Mocaabee. All approved, Motion carried.

Chaplain Report: Deacon Michael Thomas reported the following –

- Scout Sunday – February 4, 2018 at 10 am Mass with Reception immediately following.
- Scout Week is also being celebrated as part of the Catholic Schools Event.

Scoutmaster Report: Mr. Duff reported the following:

- Troop Progress –
 - 5 Eagle Ceremonies upcoming, one New Eagle through the Crew.
 - T-12 months until replacement for Scoutmaster will be needed.
 - Receiving Honor Guard Requests (one at Perry Fisher's Eagle Project dedication)
 - Summer Camp information – will need to know which adults will be available. Woodland Trails Camp is the summer camp. \$90 per adult (none Free). Camp Director or Camp Ranger – is former Troop 452 Eagle Scout – John Newby.
- Disciplinary problems - none
- Actions of PLC –
 - December – OA Election during tonight's meeting – 5 are eligible.
 - January – New Leadership Election
- Troop needs - None currently.

Outdoor/Activities Coordinator: Mr. Duff reported the following:

- Reports on past events:
 - December 2-3 – Card/Game Night, MMH Cleanup, Organization of Equipment – Troop Hall was cleaned and organized. Shed and Trailers were emptied, inventoried, and repacked. There is a list of items missing that will need to be replaced. Card/Game Night – wonderful time had by all – lots of board games this year with a really long game of Risk.
 - December 19 – A Election during the Troop Meeting
- Information for upcoming events:
 - January 2, 2018 – Troop Leadership Elections
 - January 14, 2018 – Winter OA Banquet
 - January 2018 – Bushwhack Hike
 - February TBD – Skiing/OA Lockin – Checking with Mr. Payer on which weekend for Skiing
 - February/March – Merit Badge Challenge and Introduction Campout
 - February 16th – Fish Frys start

Venture Crew: Mrs. Schlueter/Mr. Locher reported the following:

- Crew progress – Doing Well. First Eagle Scout.
- Crew Needs – n/a
- Reports on Past Events
 - Attended Turkey Bowl Campout – responsible for Crockpot desserts and sweet potatoes.

- December 15-16 – The Web overnight and annual Youth protection training for Venture Crew.
- Information for upcoming events
 - N/A

Treasurer: Michelle Lowe:

- Special Fundraiser/Income - Junior Regatta and July Fest money came in.
- As of November 30, 2017- balance was \$27,809.01
- As of December 19, 2017 individual balances were:
 - \$16,355.41 Troop General Fund
 - \$2,088.46 Bill Fehn Campership Fund
 - \$610.60 Troop Equipment Fund
 - \$480.00 Troop Leadership training fund.
 - \$386.59 Troop Trailer fund
 - \$6,366.92 Boy's Accounts
 - \$(117.45) Negative Scout Acct Balance (5 accounts)
- Mrs. Lowe will be spending time with Mr. Jason Hale as they transition the treasurer records and functions.

Secretary/Newsletter Coordinator: Shari Duff

- Intend to stay in position for at least another year, but will need someone for transitioning thereafter. (T-12 months)
- If anyone has connections for donations for Fish Fry, now is the time to get started asking. If you need a donation letter, please get with Mrs. Lowe. Also, if you hear of any papers, magazines, websites, or TV/Radio stations that are/will be advertising Fish Frys, please send our information in to the organization.

Webmasters: Michelle Lowe/Shari Duff:

- New information/postings on website (photos, resources, etc.)
- Information/Dates on the calendar through December 2018, if known.

Medical Records/Fundraising Chair: Tanya Hartness unavailable for meeting.

- Status of Emergency Medical Forms for Scouts/Adults
- Popcorn - Teresa Westendorf
 - Popcorn funds in Scout Accounts

Advancement Chair report: Melissa Schlueter

- Recent Advancements:
 - Perry Fisher – Crew – Eagle Scout
 - Eli Mocaabee – Eagle Scout
 - Will Duff – Eagle Scout

Training Coordinator: Peggy Marsh unavailable for meeting:

- New training materials
- Youth leader and adult volunteer training opportunities
- Keep monthly VIRTUS bulletins up to date
- Upcoming Virtus classes
 - Thursday, January 18, 2018 - 6:30 pm at STM
 - Tuesday, February 20, 2018 – 6:30 pm at St. Veronica Church
- Upcoming District/Council training opportunities/activities
 - For training opportunities, visit <http://www.danbeard.org>

Webelos to Scout Coordinator (works with membership coordinator) - Julie Esposito/Dick Bader

Religious Emblems: Reported

- Kelly Mocabbee finished Ad Altare Dei. Scouts will attend a Religious Board of Review – typically at IHM in the coming month. Emblems will be given at the Cathedral Downtown. Recognition at Scout Sunday for all Religious Emblems.
- Shawn Hartness coordinator for Protestant Emblems. Intent to start after the holidays. The meeting location will be at the Union Township Civic Center. Time and days TBD.

Equipment Coordinators: Michelle Lowe/Marianne Gallivan reported:

- During the equipment inventory and patrol box inventory, many pieces of equipment are missing – some of the equipment missing is irreplaceable and/or expensive. Development of a sign in/sign out sheet for the patrol boxes, with a check-in to make sure the equipment is all in place immediately following a campout – will be required moving forward. Shari will send out an email to the troop to see if anyone took equipment home to clean, and still has it. The concern is “borrowing” of equipment from other Scouts or scout groups who borrow as a courtesy, on whether or not the equipment is getting back to the troop. Another concern is that scouts take equipment home to clean and then drop out of scouts or don’t return for a while and forget they have it. Cost to replace needed equipment may exceed the budget for that line item. The committee would like to replace equipment before the March Introduction Campout.

Fish Fry Coordinators: Michelle Lowe/Andy Hamrick reported:

- Andy Hamrick will be working with Michelle Lowe during the ramp up for donations and during this Fish Fry.
- Need to replace some inside signage for the “thank you” signs – they’ve gotten tattered. Will check with inside troop to see if we have connection for some signage or check with Vistaprint for reduced cost sales after the 1st of the year.
- May need to increase cost of meal due to fish pricing.

Cubmaster: Mrs. Archer submitted report for Julie Esposito

- Pack Progress
- Membership/Attendance
- Assistance/needs from the Troop:
- Upcoming Events:
 - January 19 – Pinewood Derby – will need Scout assistance

Action items and Old/New Business:

- Soles4Shoes – February 4, 2018 – collection of shoes again for this year during Scout Sunday. Shari helped coordinate last year, but with the reception that will be hosted after Scout Sunday, setup, and subsequent clean up – this may not be possible. No real commitment to the event is forthcoming, not because we do not want to do so, but because of time and commitment needs for that day. Will discuss again in January.

General Announcements:

- Community events –
- Council/District Updates/events:
 - See Calendar at www.danbeard.org/calendar for more events
- Date/time of next Troop Committee Meetings:
 - Tuesday, February 20, 2018 – 6:30pm – More Martyr Hall
 - Tuesday, March 20, 2018 – 6:30pm - MMH

Motion to adjourn at 8:17 pm by Michelle Lowe.

Respectfully submitted,

Shari Duff