

Troop Committee Minutes
November 21, 2017

Members Present: Shari Duff, Teresa Westendorf, Melissa Schlueter, Kelly Mochabee, Teri Mochabee, Jason Hale, Peggie Marsh, Dee Archer, Michelle Lowe.

Welcome and Call to order: Dee Archer called the meeting to order at 6:38 pm.

Opening Prayer: Dee Archer gave the opening prayer.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the September 19, 2017, Committee Meeting Minutes Teresa Westendorf and Melissa Schlueter. All approved, Motion carried.

Chaplain Report: Deacon Michael report presented by Dee Archer –

- Cub Scout changes are pending approval by the Charter Organization as denoted by decisions made at the National Catholic Committee on Scouting. If approved, the program will start in May 2018.

Scoutmaster Report: Mr. Duff reported the following:

- Troop Progress –
 - Eagle Boards of Review will be needed in early December..
- Disciplinary problems - none
- Actions of PLC – Calendar of activities for next year.
 - January – Bushwhack Hike – John Bryant State Park
 - February – Skiing/Lock In for OA members
 - March- Introduction Campout
 - April – Grassy Run
 - May – OA Month (no troop campout scheduled)
 - June – Summer Camp
 - July – 50 Mile Canoe Trip
 - August – Shooting Campout
 - September – Survival Campout
 - October – Ft. Ancient Campout
 - November – Turkey Bowl Campout
 - December – Card/Game Night Campout
- Troop needs - None currently.

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

- Reports on past events:
 - General: Eagle Scout paperwork in final stages for Eli Mochabee and Will Duff. Paperwork needs to be submitted by December 20 for 2017 inclusion. Jacob Novick is currently working on his project but running into issues with his Beneficiary and availability of the site for the work on weekends.
 - September 21 OA Meeting – No Information.
 - September 30 Rockquest Overnight 9pm – 9am – Lots of scouts participated. Mr. Westendorf has a new camp name “Monkey man”. A few crew members also attended to finish a belaying requirement.
 - October 6-8 – US Grant District Fall Camporee – No information.
 - October 7 – We-Hin-Ah-Pay Trail Grand Opening – Mrs. Archer attended and was one of the first 100 to walk the trail.
 - October 20 – Battle of Belzer Campout – Indianapolis Council messed up the dates with the Re-enactors. There were only 6 available for over 200 scouts. It will be a while before the troop will consider this activity again.

- October 24 – Fall Court of Honor – Lots of Merit Badges were earned. It was a good event and appreciated by all. Jack Everhart and Sam Schoolfield were presented their Ad Altare Dei Emblems as they were on their 8th grade class trip last Scout Sunday.
- November 17 – annual Turkey Bowl Campout – Successful despite the rain. Suggestion for consideration – Pot Luck sign up for side dishes. Turkey and dutch oven items prepared by scouts. Additional thanks to parents who made their scouts stay for Saturday night, despite gear being wet. Had access to dryers in the shower house.
- Information for upcoming events:
 - December 2-3 Card/Game Night Campout – Work day at the Scout Hall –
 - Smaller Trailer needs “Love”, repaired shelving, re-configuration
 - Pull out patrol boxes, clean out, look for missing equipment
 - Clean Scout Hall
 - Cut up wood under the ramp into manageable pieces.
 - January TBD – Bushwhack Hike – John Bryant State Park in Yellow Springs. Scouts really enjoy this hike. Need to get space at Camp Birch. Mark needs to contact the troop in charge to see about patches.
 - February TBD – Skiing/Lock-in for OA Members
 - Sign up for MB Challenge going on now
 - OA Dues can be paid online now
 - OA Election will happen in December with our Troop

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

- Crew progress – Doing Well.
- Reports on Past Events
 - September 23 – COPE Course – Didn’t get to the High Ropes course, but had fun with the event. Amusing video available for those that would like to see it.
 - October 6-8 – Outpost Camout – Kids did great. It was a Survival Campout and they had a wicked rainstorm to get through with just a tarp. They all got through.
 - November 17 – Turkey Bowl Campout with Troop – In charge of desserts and sweet potatoes. Worked out well.
- Information for upcoming events
 - December – The Web (15th) – Meeting at 9pm for the annual mandatory video. Then going to THE Web for an overnight.

Treasurer: Michelle Lowe:

- Special Fundraiser/Income - waiting on Junior Regatta and July Fest money to come in.
- As of October 31, 2017- balance was \$30,933.95
- As of November 20, 2017 individual balances were:
 - \$18,354.81 Troop General Fund
 - \$0 Troop Gas - transferred to general fund
 - \$1,891.25 Bill Fehn Campership Fund
 - \$610.60 Troop Equipment Fund
 - \$480.00 Troop Leadership training fund.
 - \$386.59 Troop Trailer fund
 - \$5,093.43 Boy's Accounts
 - \$388.70 – Negative Scout Acct Balance (5 accounts)
- Budget Committee Met November 15, 2017 - This year will be a very lean year as we only have two fundraisers.
 - Income

○ Recharter Fees	\$1900
○ Dues	\$1100
○ Other Income	\$100

- Fish Fry Donations (1/2) Donation \$750
 - **Total Income** **\$3850**
- Expenses
 - Registration and Insurance \$2280
 - Advancement \$1200
 - Religious Books \$100
 - Equipment Purchases \$500
 - Uncategorized Event/Misc \$120
 - Troop Vendor Purchase (propane, etc) \$619
 - **Total Expenses** **\$4819**
- **Net Difference needed from fundraisers** **\$969**
- July Fest and Amazing Race Fundraisers (anticipated) \$1300
- Mrs. Lowe will be spending time with Mr. Jason Hale as they transition the treasurer records and functions.
- For budget consideration next year – due to the significant increase in recharter fees at the council/national level, we did not have time to warn parents for an increase. As such, we anticipate Dues/Recharter will be \$80 next year. Will send an email starting now to mention to parents for preparation. \$120 if they do not work fundraisers.

Secretary/Newsletter Coordinator: Shari Duff

- Intent to stay in position for at least another year, but will need someone for transitioning thereafter.
- New/existing mandatory parent meeting was October 10 during normal scout meeting time. Gave out information on recharter, fundraisers, calendar, and obligations that evening. Had new parents stay for more indepth information.
- Hoodies were received and distributed in early November.

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
 - Total Sales - \$5595.00
 - 32% Commission to Scout Accounts. See her for your total. Has not been added to the scout accounts yet.
 - Check to Council for popcorn - \$4076.60

Advancement Chair report: Melissa Schlueter

- Recent Advancements:
 - Perry Fisher – Crew – Working on a Monument for the Fire Department. He is reliant upon many outside contractors. Trying to help him get done before his birthday.
 - Nick Reichardt – Eagle Scout – October 16
 - Logan Westendorf – Eagle Scout – November 15
 - Eli Mocahbee and Will Duff Eagle Projects Complete.
 - Boards of Review Upcoming – 2 Eagle Boards of Review needed in December.

Training Coordinator: Peggy Marsh reported:

- New training materials
- Youth leader and adult volunteer training opportunities
 - A few parents have provided the BSA Youth Protection Certificates
- 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 finishing Ad Altare Dei. The troop covers the cost of the Religious books, the Emblems are purchased by the home church (or family if the church does not supply). 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/Fish Fry Coordinators: Michelle Lowe reported:

- Andy Hamrick has volunteered to be the chair of Fish Fry. Others are willing to assist.
- Equipment/Troop Needs – need to budget for patrol box supplies.
- Work day December 2, 2017.

Cubmaster: Mrs. Archer for Julie Esposito

- Pack Progress
- Membership/Attendance
 - At the November 8 meeting, the Committee discussed the decision by BSA to welcome girls into the program. Mrs. Esposito with input from the Committee, has put a plan in place. However, before going forward, the plan must be approved by the AOC and our Charter Organization. They are awaiting word from the National Catholic Committee on Scouting for direction.
- Assistance/needs from the Troop:
 - Mrs. Esposito will contact Mr. Duff with specific needs for the Pinewood Derby in January
- Upcoming Events:
 - December 2 – Pack Service Project
 - January 19 – Pinewood Derby

Action items and Old/New Business:

- None at this time.

General Announcements:

- Community events –
 - November 23 – Thanksgiving Day
 - November 10-January 1 – Christmas Nights of Lights – Coney Island
 - November 24-December 30 - Winterfest – Kings Island
 - November 17- December 31 – Holiday in Lights – Sharon Woods
- Council/District Updates/events:
 - November 23 – Scout Shop closed
 - November 23-25 Scout Achievement Center Closed
 - November 23-December 3 Camps Closed
 - November 28 – Giving Tuesday
 - December 2 – Scouting University at Princeton HS
 - December 9 – Game On! 10am-5pm
 - December 9 – Wilderness Engineers Workday
 - December 16-17 Camp Craig, Cub World, Friedlander Closed
 - December 16 – Wilderness Engineer Workday at Camp Michaels
 - January 26-28 – Winter Klondike – Camp Friedlander
 - See Calendar at www.danbeard.org/calendar for more events

- Date/time of next month's Troop committee meeting:
 - Tuesday, December 19, 2017 – 6:30pm – More Martyr Hall

Motion to adjourn at 8:15 pm by Teresa Westendorf.

Respectfully submitted,

Shari Duff