

**Troop Committee Minutes**  
**September 19, 2017**

**Members Present:** Shari Duff, Michelle Lowe, Cindy Abrams, Andy Hamrick, Teresa Westendorf, Deacon Michael Thomas, Melissa Schlueter, Peggie Marsh, Dee Archer, Marianne Gallivan, Eric Locher, Chris Gruber, Jennifer Gruber.

**Welcome and Call to order:** Dee Archer called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm

**Opening Prayer:** Deacon Michael Thomas gave the opening prayer

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve the August 15, 2017, Committee Meeting Minutes Teresa Westendorf and Cindy Abrams. All approved, Motion carried.

**Chaplain Report:** Deacon Michael report presented by Dee Archer –

- Reminder: Scout Sunday 2018 will be February 4 at the 10:00am Mass. A reception will follow the 10:00am Mass only. The parish will fund the even, and Scouts are asked to staff the event and assist with set up and clean up.
- Michael Bader and Eli Mocahbee have approached the parish for Eagle Projects.
- Today is a Holy Day of Obligation. Catholic Scouts should have attended Mass by 7:30pm.

**Scoutmaster Report:** Mr. Duff reported the following:

- Troop Progress –
  - Multiple Eagle projects are still upcoming.
- Disciplinary problems - none
- Actions of PLC – Met to set up the 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:
  - August 19 – 9am – Aviation Merit Badge – Sporty’s Clermont County Airport – individual event.
  - August 19 – 9am – Will Duff Eagle Project – Mt. Moriah Cemetery – Thank you to all who helped with Phase I of the project.
  - August 26-28 – Trade Skills Weekend – Camp Friedlander – unknown if anyone attended.
  - Sept. 15-17 OA Fall Fellowship – 3-4 scouts attended.
  - Sept. 2 – Eagle Project for Logan Westendorf (Made benches at STM and installed at Shor Park)
  - Sept. 9 – Eagle Project for Ian Lowe – Empower Youth – signage, flag poles, landscaping, picnic bench
- Information for upcoming events:
  - September 21 – OA Chapter Meeting at STM MMH
  - September 30 – Rockquest Campout/Overnight
  - October 6-8 – US Grant District Fall Camporee
  - October 7 – 9am - Wi-Ne-Hi-Pay Trail - Opening weekend . First 100 scouts get a special medal and patch

- October 20-22 – Battle of Belzer Camporee. Indianapolis.
- October 24 – Fall Court of Honor – STM Cafeteria
- October 28 – Introduction to Backpacking – Scout Hall/Friedlander. Mr. Bader will lead.
- November 17 – Annual Turkey Bowl Campout – Cub World – Need roasters and crockpots.
- Many Life scouts will be finishing up Eagle Projects. Nick Reichardt and Devin Marsh’s projects are done. Ian Lowe, Will Duff, Cody Payer are upcoming or finishing. Logan Westendorf finished his project.

**Venture Crew:** Mr. Duff/Mr. Locher reported the following:

- Crew progress –Election for Leadership has occurred.
  - 17-18 are signed up for crew
  - 10-12 regularly show up
- Dates for the rest of the year for activities have been presented to the crew.
  - Would like to join the troop for Turkey Bowl Campout.
  - Sept – this weekend – COPE course
- Reports on Past Events
- Information for upcoming events
  - October 6-8 – Outpost – Friedlander
  - November – Turkey Bowl
  - December – The Web (15<sup>th</sup>)

**Treasurer:** Michelle Lowe:

- Special Fundraiser/Income - waiting on Junior Regatta and Amazing race money to come in.
- As of August 31, 2017- balances were:
  - \$24,114.26 Troop General Fund
  - \$0 Troop Gas - transferred to general fund
  - \$1,891.25 Bill Fehn Campership Fund
  - \$665.84 Troop Equipment Fund
  - \$480.00 Troop Leadership training fund.
  - \$399.38 Troop Trailer fund
  - \$7,829.97 Boy's Accounts
  - \$45.66 – Negative Scout Acct Balance (2 accounts)
- Convene Budget Committee for 2018 - September/October after PLC has presented calendar and had it approved by Troop Committee.
  - We will need a new Treasurer - Michelle Lowe has announced her intent to step down so she can help the next Treasurer.
  - For budget consideration – patrol boxes. We may have enough scouts crossing over to need two more.
  - Suggest \$60 for recharter for 2018. Must have by November 15<sup>th</sup>. Recharter to Council is \$38.50 per scout and adult.

**Secretary/Newsletter Coordinator:** Shari Duff

- Submit any newsletter items to Mrs. Duff
- Intent to stay in position for at least another year, but will need someone for transitioning thereafter.
- Set new/existing mandatory parent meeting for October 10 during normal scout meeting time. Set out calendar, fundraising, dues renewal, and obligations that evening. Have new parents stay for more indepth information.
- Sweatshirt Order due by September 30<sup>th</sup>. Forms emailed and provided to scouts.

**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 reported:

- Status of Emergency Medical Forms for Scouts/Adults
- Buy it in Clermont Books - Tanya Hartness - some still available – need to get these turned in.
- Popcorn - Teresa Westendorf
  - Turn in for Popcorn forms and money – October 17 from 6-6:30pm or 7:30-8:30pm.
  - Delivery November 10<sup>th</sup>

**Advancement Chair report:** Melissa Schlueter

- Recent Advancements:
  - Perry Fisher – Crew – Working on a Monument for the Fire Department
  - Matthew Abrams – Star
  - Boards of Review Upcoming – 5-7 Eagle Boards of Review needed.

**Training Coordinator:** Peggy Marsh reported:

- New training materials
- Youth leader and adult volunteer training opportunities
- Keep monthly VIRTUS bulletins up to date
- Upcoming Virtus classes
  - Tuesday, October 24, 2017 - 6:30 pm at St. Veronica
  - Thursday, November 2, 2017 – 6:30 pm at STM
- 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 Mochahbee covering Ad Altare Dei starting now. He will meet at STM for scouts from St. Veronica and STM on Sunday afternoons from 3-5pm. These meetings will be in the STM School Library. The intent is to be done by Christmas.
- 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:** Marianne Gallivan 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.

**Cubmaster:** Mrs. Archer for Julie Esposito

- Pack Progress
- Membership/Attendance
- Assistance/needs from the Troop:
  - Saturday, August 26 – 5:30pm Cub Scout Welcome Picnic – Thank you for your assistance! Eight new scouts registered at the picnic.
- Upcoming Events:
  - Sept 30 – Oct 1 Cub Scout Camporee – Cub World
  - October 13 – Pack Halloween Party
  - October 14-15 – Cub Scout Popcorn Sales after mass
  - October 21 and 28 – Spook-O-Ree – Cub World

**Action items and Old/New Business:**

- None at this time.

**General Announcements:**

- Community events –
  - Sept 14-15 – Lantern Lighting at the Mt. Moriah Cemetery. Troop Asked to participate with event and serving food. Mrs. Helen Fehn was at the event and appreciated our troop assisting. Thank you to Marianne Gallivan for spearheading the event.
  - Sept 23-24 – Great Outdoors Weekend
  - Sept 24 – Gold Star Mother’s Day/Family Day
- Council/District Updates/events:
  - See calendar for upcoming events
- Date/time of next month's Troop committee meeting:
  - Tuesday, October 10 , 2017 – 7pm for Parent Meeting
  - Look for email for Budget meeting
  - Tuesday, November 21, 2017 for Committee Meeting

**Motion to adjourn** at 8:01 pm by Teresa Westendorf.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Shari Duff**