

Troop Committee Minutes
August 15, 2017

Members Present: Melissa Schlueter, Cindy Abrams, Teri Mocahbee, Teresa Westendorf, Shari Duff, Michelle Lowe, Dee Archer, Chris Gruber, Andy Hamrick, and Mark Duff

Welcome and Call to order: Dee Archer called the meeting to order at 6:32pm

Opening Prayer: Dee Archer gave the opening prayer

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the July 18, 2017, Committee Meeting Minutes Teresa Westendorf and Cindy Abrams. All approved, Motion carried.

Chaplain Report: Deacon Michael report presented by Dee Archer –

- Today is a Holy Day of Obligation. Catholic Scouts should have attended Mass by 7:30pm.
- The JulyFest Chicken Dinner was delicious. On behalf of the parish, Deacon Michael would like to thank everyone who was there to help make the dinner a big success.
- Deacon Michael requested some cleaning in the Scout Hall during one of the Troop meetings. Mrs. Schlueter indicated that it had already been taken care of.
- From Mrs. Archer: If any scout is looking for some service hours, or to do a good deed, there is a pile of mulch near the library doors that needs to be spread on the Preschool playground.

Scoutmaster Report: Mr. Duff reported the following:

- Troop Progress –
 - Now that school will be starting, or has started, regular attendance should pick up, although Band and Fall sports will be a challenge.
 - Multiple Eagle projects are upcoming.
- Disciplinary problems - none
- Actions of PLC – Will be meeting in the next week/month to help set the calendar of activities for next year.
- Troop needs - None currently.

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

- Reports on past events:
 - July 19-31 – National Jamboree, WV – 16 scouts from our troop and crew attended. A good time was had by all.
 - August 5-6 – Shooting Campout – Miami Valley Rifle – Crew event that Troop was invited to attend.
 - August – 7 Scouts goint to Captain Ricks for a refresher. Offering another cheap price for scouts next spring if others would like to become certified.
- Information for upcoming events:
 - August 19 9am-noon - Aviation Merit Badge - Sporty's/Clermont County Airport
 - August 19 – 9am – Will Duff's Eagle Project – Phase I, Mt. Moriah Cemetery. See Flyer.
 - August 26-28 – Trades weekend at Camp Friedlander. Very similar to Handyman Challenge.
 - September campout was supposed to be fishing or ziplining. Scouts have not made a decision. Bigger issue is finding an open weekend. Suggested that there are a couple of times per year that weekends are a challenge with OA events and holidays. E.g. May – with Mother's Day weekend, Memorial Weekend, and Spring OA Ordeal/Event. September is a similar month of activities and holiday. We can still attain "Gold" level in Journey to excellence without a May or September Campout. Proposing to PLC for consideration.
 - September 15-17 - OA Fall Fellowship, Zordon's Base (Camp Friedlander)
 - October 7 – 9am - Wi-Ne-Hi-Pay Trail - Opening weekend . First 100 scouts get a special medal and patch
 - October 6-8 – US Grant District Fall Camporee

- October 13-15 – Battle of Belzer Camporee. Indianapolis. Scouts are divided between Confederate and Union encampments. They will cook and eat food from the era and have a “mock” battle at the end of the campout.
- 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. Logan Westendorf presenting his project this evening.

Venture Crew: Mr. Duff reported the following:

- Crew progress – added 3 more to the crew.
- Reports on Past Events
 - July 9-15 - Ranger Camp - Camp was fun, kids had a good time, they planned the rest of this year and next years events and are working on tweaking their calendar.
- Information for upcoming events

Treasurer: Michelle Lowe:

- Special Fundraiser/Income - waiting on Junior Regatta and Amazing race money to come in.
- As of July 31- balances were:
 - \$24,087.37 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
- Convene Budget Committee for 2018 - in August or September 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.

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 3 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 will be upcoming in the next couple of weeks.

Webmasters: Michelle Lowe/Shari Duff:

- New information/postings on website (photos, resources, etc.)
- Information/Dates on the calendar through May 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
 - Can Sell now. Has a successor Popcorn Kernel willing to step in, which should help with transitioning to other involvement.
 - Turn in for Popcorn forms and money – October 17 from 6-6:30pm or 7:30-8:30pm.

Advancement Chair report: Melissa Schlueter

- Recent Advancements:
 - July – Brady Barnhill Eagle Board of Review
 - August – Quite a few scouts attained new ranks

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
 - Monday, August 21st, 2017 - 6:30 pm at St. Veronica
 - Thursday, September 14, 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

- Steve Fiest will be transitioning out with Kelly Mochabee covering Ad Altare Dei starting now. He will meet at STM for scouts from St. Veronica and STM on Sunday afternoons from 3-5pm. The intent is to be done by Christmas.
- Shawn Hartness coordinator for Protestant Emblems. Time and days TBD.

Equipment/Fish Fry Coordinators: Marianne Gallivan reported:

- Michelle is willing to train someone this coming year. 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 – Scouts needed to lead the Swing! Nova STEM stations. Email sent out by Mr. Duff for this event.

Action items and Old/New Business:

- Summer Camp is set for Woodland Trails in Hamilton, Ohio for next year. Estimated date June 25-29, 2018.

General Announcements:

- Community events –
 - September 4 – Labor Day
- Council/District Updates/events:
 - See calendar for upcoming events
- Date/time of next month's Troop committee meeting:
 - Tuesday, September 19, 2017
 - Tuesday, October 17, 2017 (Band Concert for WCHS students)

Motion to adjourn at 7:30pm by Terri Mochabee.

Respectfully submitted,

Shari Duff