

Troop Committee Minutes
January 16, 2018

Members Present: Shari Duff, Michelle Lowe, Jason Hale, Teresa Westendorf, Kelly Mocaabee, Teri Mocaabee, Cindy Abrams, Deacon Michael Thomas, Jennifer Gruber, Molly Camden, Jason Camden, Kevin Palmer, Marianne Gallivan, Melissa Schlueter, Chris Gruber.

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

Opening Prayer: Deacon Michael Thomas gave the opening prayer.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the December 19, 2017, Committee Meeting Minutes Teresa Westendorf and Jennifer Gruber. All approved, Motion carried.

Chaplain Report: Deacon Michael Thomas reported the following –

- Catholic Telegraph notice was posted for the Fish Fry list. Usually get an email or letter from them, and didn't get one. Shari forwarded the normal email to the contacts she had – in the hopes they are still listing the Fish Fry and we didn't miss the deadline for print.
- Scout Sunday – February 4, 2018 at 10 am Mass with Reception immediately following. Coffee and donuts will be supplied by the social committee. Teri Mocaabee and Shari Duff will help with set up at 8:30am and clean up thereafter. Other help would be welcomed.
- Soles 4 Souls – shoes will be collected through February 4, 2018. After the reception, if scouts could assist with moving shoes to the truck, that would be appreciated.

Scoutmaster Report: Mr. Duff reported the following:

- Troop Progress –
 - 5 Eagle Ceremonies upcoming, one New Eagle through the Crew.
- Disciplinary problems - none
- Actions of PLC –
 - January – New Leadership Election
- Troop needs - None currently.

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

- Reports on past events:
 - December 19 – OA Election during the Troop Meeting resulted in 4 being elected. Tapout will be at Grassy Run Campout, with OA Ordeal during the next weekend.
 - OA Banquet – January 14, 2018 – much smaller crowd this year. A reminder to OA Members – if in the OA, you should be providing Cheerful service to others.
- Information for upcoming events:
 - January 17, 2018 – Honor Guard at Wyler's
 - January 19, 2018 – Assist with Cub Scout Pinewood Derby
 - January 26-27, 2018 – Bushwhack Hike
 - January 30, 2018 – Dry Run/Training for Fish Fry
 - February 11, 2018 – Skiing at Perfect North Slopes
 - February 10, 24, March 10, 2018 – Merit Badge Challenge
 - February 10, 2018 – Council Eagle Scout Recognition Ceremony
 - February 16th – Fish Fry start
 - March 2018 – Introduction Campout
 - April 15 – full Summer Camp payment due

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

- Crew progress –
- Crew Needs – n/a
- Reports on Past Events
 - December 15-16 – The Web overnight and annual Youth protection training for Venture Crew.
- Information for upcoming events
 - Bowling Event this Sunday.
 - Tubing at Perfect North Slopes on February 11, 2018
 - Grassy Run in April
 - Shooting Day in March/May
 - Venture Camp - Summer

Treasurer: Michelle Lowe:

- Motion to Approve expenditure of annual Troopwebhost expense made by Teresa Westendorf, seconded by Kevin Palmer. All Approved, motion carried.
- As of December 29, 2017- balance was \$29,391.87
- As of January 15, 2018 individual balances were:
 - \$17,103.29 Troop General Fund
 - \$2,088.46 Bill Fehn Campership Fund
 - \$427.61 Troop Equipment Fund
 - \$480.00 Troop Leadership training fund.
 - \$357.17 Troop Trailer fund
 - \$6,178.47 Boy's Accounts
 - \$(198.51) Negative Scout Acct Balance (3 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.
- 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
 - Reminder to start making appointments for full physicals.
 - Adults and scouts who will camp over 72 hours will need full physical
 - Need three copies with front/back of insurance cards to Records Chair ASAP!
- Fundraising Opportunities
 - Mulch Sale – Teresa Westendorf – orders due March 20, delivery April 7
 - Fish Fry – Committee – Jan. 30 is dry run/training. Also getting donation of items
 - Amazing Race – Mark Duff
 - July Fest – Shari Duff

Advancement Chair report: Melissa Schlueter

- Recent Advancements:
 - Zander Naegele – Scout
 - Working on knots for scouts – as the new requirements have significantly slowed down advancement. A lot of one-on-one has been necessary.

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
 - Tuesday, February 20, 2018 – 6:30 pm at St. Veronica Church
 - Thursday, March 8, 2018 – 6:30 pm at St. Thomas More
 - Monday, May 14, 2018 – 6:30 pm at St. Thomas More
- 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 Mochabee finished Ad Altare Dei. Scouts attended their Religious Board of Review last week. Awards will be recognized at Scout Sunday, but will be awarded at the Cathedral Downtown.
- Shawn Hartness coordinator for Protestant Emblems. Intent to start after the holidays, but no information as of now on where and when they will be.

Equipment Coordinators: Michelle Lowe/Marianne Gallivan reported:

- Reminder sent out for scouts to bring in any equipment they may have at home. Full patrol box of “stuff” is missing. The committee will be replacing equipment before the March Introduction Campout. Scouts will need to fill out/sign out/sign in equipment and will have one week to return the equipment. Missing equipment will be the responsibility of the patrol and/or the scout that took equipment home, if it does not return or is damaged beyond normal wear and tear.

Fish Fry Coordinators: Michelle Lowe reported:

- Michelle Lowe is in need of someone to help during fish fry in anticipation of stepping down after this year. Her job can be broken down into smaller parts, but there needs to be one person over-seeing it all.
- Need to replace some inside signage for the “thank you” signs – they’ve gotten tattered. Shari will get these ordered for this year. There are usually significant discounts right after the holidays.
- Meal pricing will adjust due to the cost of fish price. Cost increase is approximately .22 per entree. Recommendation for increase in price by .25 each full meal. All agreed.
- Dry Run/Training scheduled for parents and scouts on January 30 during normal troop meeting time.

Cubmaster: Mrs. Archer unavailable for the meeting, but submitted a verbal 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. Boxes placed in school and vestibule. Also, will need assistance moving them from collection areas to the truck after the Scout Sunday reception.

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 8:15 pm by Cindy Abrams.

Respectfully submitted,

Shari Duff