

Troop 645
Committee Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2007

Attendees: Vladimir Zokvic, Barb Campbell, Paula Martin, Rae Cornell, Gary Mandley, Marlaine Teahan, Brian Hildreth, Brian Kowalk, Kris Sunstrum, Tom Campbell, Mary Brodin, Theresa Lynch, Andy Tardiff

A. Welcome, Call to Order – 7:05 p.m.

B. Approval of August Minutes

Gary Mandley motioned to approve minutes as written and Marlaine Teahan seconded. Minutes approved.

C. SPL Report

Senior Patrol Leader was not in attendance. Report was provided by Brian Hildreth, Scoutmaster.

November 26, 2007 – Reorganization of patrols and leadership position elections. Scoutmaster meeting will be after the regular troop meeting.

December 3, 2007 - Part One of Youth Leadership Training.

December 10, 2007 – Cold weather packing presentation to demonstrate items to pack and not to pack for a winter campout. Menu planning for campout planned for the weekend of December 14, 2007.

December 17, 2007 – This will not be a PLC meeting. This will be a regular troop meeting to work on rank advancement.

January 7, 2008 – Part Two of Youth Leadership Training. This will also be a PLC demonstration so that the entire troop can see how a PLC meeting is held.

January 14, 2008 – Prep meeting and menu planning for Winter Camporee tentatively planned for January 19th through January 21st at Camp Kiwanis.

Brian spoke about ways of changing menu planning and shopping. Menu planning and shopping two weeks prior to a campout so there is more time. There will be more discussion on this at a later date.

Next PLC date was not provided

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D. Reports From Committee Members

1. Advancement – Paula Martin

a. Advancement –

There are no Board of Reviews scheduled at this time. However, there are scoutmaster conferences that need to be scheduled.

b. Other –

Re-chartering paperwork has been obtained.

Webelos will be crossing over on December 8, 2007. Neckerchiefs, slides and epaulets will be needed.

2. Outdoor Activities – Marlaine Teahan

Campout scheduled for December 15th. The troop is planning to go to Higher Ground, a rock climbing facility, in Grand Rapids. If a merit badge counselor is going to be there on that date, the boys have the opportunity to work on the climbing merit badge. If a merit badge counselor is not available, the troop will still participate. Several campsites have been checked on for camping that weekend. Ionia State Park is open during the “fall/winter” months. No definite plans for camping have been made at this time.

3. Website – www.troop645.org – Brian Hildreth

Christmas tree sales schedule will be added so that everyone knows who and at what times the boys have scheduled to work.

Campout and day trip arrival and departure times need to be added to the website so parents know what time the boys need to be at the departure location.

4. Treasurer – Tom Campbell

a. Names at bank status –

Father Jim still needs to sign the signature card.

b. Bus Upgrades –

The title for the bus and trailer need to be sent to the church. The trailer insurance needs to be paid by the K of C. Brian H. will make contact with the K of C to get that paid.

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Spreadsheets were handed out reflecting current balances. An adjustment needs to be made to the bottle drive sheet because Kris S. worked for her son and it was not documented.

Popcorn money needs to be turned in by November 28, 2007.

CD's are growing. One was renewed automatically.

High adventure participants that owed money by November are now up-to-date with their accounts.

Tom mentioned that it may be a good idea to raise the transportation cost because of the cost of fuel. The committee thought that was good decision and stated they would like to vote on this tonight. There was discussion as to how much to raise the cost. Marlaine T. mentioned the federal rate of .485 cents/mile. It was motioned by Tom to raise costs from 35 cents/mile to 50 cents/mile. Gary Mandley seconded and the committee unanimously voted to approve.

5. Scoutmaster Minute(s) – Brian Hildreth

November 26th patrol reorganization and elections will be held. The boys have the opportunity to choose the members of their patrol. The scoutmaster will make adjustments as needed. There will be approximately 6 to 8 boys in each patrol.

If the Senior Patrol Leader wants to be re-elected he will need to be present at the elections.

Crossover from Pack 635 will be on December 8, 2007 at Camp Kiwanis. Group of boys needed at the ceremony and to build fire. The six new boys will be in their own patrol for at least one year.

The Webelos I Den Leader from Pack 635 would like to have the Webelos visit the troop

The Assistant Scoutmasters will take on the task of coordinating recruitment.

Brian will be working on his CDL.

Kris S. will be taking her CDL driving test on November 28th. There will be a \$75.00 fee.

Brian discussed Christmas Camp. He stated that there may be still one. The troop did not exceed year's totals, however there were several boys who sold \$300 or more popcorn and there were a couple who sold \$200. He is looking at places to have the camp. Possibility of renting a cabin at Camp Kiwanis or the Scout Building in Grand Ledge between Christmas and New Years. The cost may be around \$40 to \$45. Brian will discuss the options and costs with the eligible scouts who can participate. Parent volunteers are needed!

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6. Quartermaster/Equipment Status – Alex H.

Nothing to report at this time.

7. Parish Representative – Deacon Andy

Deacon Andy is interested in the Chaplain position. No decision was made at this time. Tabled until the December meeting.

E. Fundraiser/Community Service

1. Tree sales

a. Tom C. will be organizing the sales for the first week end scheduled for November 23 through November 25, 2007. Subsequent weekends he will open and close the sales. Thirty blue spruce trees were purchased and if more are needed, we can purchase as needed. Big L donated lumber for the grave blankets.

b. Tom C. will have advertising submitted to the Community Newspaper.

2. Community Meals –

a. Activities and Dates

Booked until January. When there are dates available, a sign up sheet will be provided to the boys.

3. Philmont Fundraisers – Activities and Dates

4. A & W Results

Check is supposed to be sent to Brian H. Otherwise, no information at this time.

F. Old Business/New Business

4. New Chaplain?

Tabled until December meeting.

2. Campout Incident

Report will be sent to Council and Father Jim.

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The parents will be called and the individuals will be interviewed and information will be in report.

3. Christmas Parade?
Friday, December 7, 2007, 7:30 PM

Tom C. will register and verify starting time.

G. Additions/Corrections

None

H. Date for next meeting –

December 17, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.

I. Closing

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

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