

Troop 645  
Committee Meeting Minutes  
January 21, 2008

Attendees: Vladimir Zokvic, Barb Campbell, Paula Martin, Gary Mandley, Marlaine Teahan, Tom Campbell, Brian Hildreth, Kris Sunstrum, Brian Kowalk and Andy Tardif

A. Welcome, Call to Order – 7:07 p.m.

B. Approval of December Minutes

Three minor typographical errors were noted. Gary Mandley motioned to approve minutes with corrections and Marlaine Teahan seconded. Minutes approved.

C. SPL Report

Senior Patrol Leader was not in attendance. The Scoutmaster provided the following information regarding troop meetings:

January 28 – Leadership Training (Part 1)

February 4 – Court of Honor

February 11 – Campout Preparation

February 15-17 – Campout

February 18 – PLC

February 25 – To be determined at PLC Meeting on February 18

D. Reports From Committee Members

1. Advancement – Paula Martin

a. Advancement –

One Board of Review was conducted for Ian S. on January 21, 2008. He has reached the rank of Tenderfoot.

Merit badge for climbing has been earned by several of the boys.

b. Re-charter –

Complete.

c. Court of Honor

Paula stated that it needs to be decided how the Court of Honor will be organized. In the past it was suggested that the boys take an active role in participating. Such as sending invitations via e-mail and following up with a reminder telephone call. It was also suggested that the patrol leaders could speak at the Court of Honor telling why they enjoy scouting and discuss some of the activities they have participated in. It was also mentioned that the new crossover scouts could be introduced and they could

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give a brief summary as to why they joined the troop. Another idea was to identify the boys by rank and have Mike M. discuss his plan on achieving Eagle Scout.

Brian H. will contact council regarding having someone attend the Court of Honor for Friends of Scouting.

Paula is going to make a checklist of suggestions for future Court of Honors.

## 2. Outdoor Activities – Marlaine Teahan

### a. Bus Title

Marlaine didn't know why this was listed under Outdoor Activities as this is not a function she would handle. Vladimir Z. stated that she had inquired about this at the last meeting so he added it to the agenda under her activity. Brian H. stated that he has not had the opportunity to peruse through the multiple boxes left to him by the previous scoutmaster to look for the title.

### b. Car Show

If the bus is to be used, a tour permit needs to be completed. At the present time there is no driver for the bus, therefore the trip may not take place. Brian H. will send an e-mail to the boys who signed up to see if there are parents who would be willing to drive. When Brian H. receives the information, he will e-mail Marlaine to let her know if a permit will be needed.

## 3. Website – [www.troop645.org](http://www.troop645.org) – Brian Hildreth

Everything is up-to-date.

Marlaine had a question regarding the departure time for events. She said that there is one time listed on the website, but they actually leave at a different time. Brian H. stated that he does that so the boys will be there early and the troop can actually leave at the time specified by the Scoutmaster.

## 4. Treasurer – Tom Campbell

Spreadsheet was handed out regarding treasurer's report.

Paula inquired if a boy cancels or does not show up on a campout, are they still charged? Yes, if a boy does not cancel before the food is bought on Thursday, they are charged for the activity and the food. No transportation costs are included because they did not ride the bus.

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Brian H. mentioned that an inventory of the food in the trailer is being prepared. Also, he mentioned that to keep campout costs down, he and his wife will be looking at the weekly grocery store ads to see what types of meats are on sale and they will purchase and freeze those for future campouts. Patrols will be planning their meals in accordance with the "protein of the month".

5. Scoutmaster Minute(s) – Brian Hildreth

a. Camporee at Kiwanis wrap up-

Brian H. was not in attendance.

The boys did not stay overnight on Saturday because there was not enough propane to keep them warm or for cooking the next morning.

Tom C. stated he would like to be reimbursed \$15.00 for the fuel used to pick up the boys that left the Winter Camporee early. Gary M. motioned to pay Tom for the fuel and Marlaine T. seconded.

Overall, everyone had a good time and enjoyed the events that were held during the day on Saturday.

b. Auto Show – Sunday, January 27, 2008 – 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Cobo Hall, Detroit

At the present time there is no driver for the bus, therefore the trip may not take place. Brian H. will send an e-mail to the boys who signed up to see if there are parents who would be willing to drive. If no parents volunteer to drive, the event will be canceled.

c. Saturn (large cooking stove)

The Saturn hasn't been purchased yet. Brian H. needs to get the tax number from St. Mikes. However, this will be purchased before the next campout.

Note: Tom C. is going to get new hoses made so that there will be two Saturns available for use.

6. Quartermaster/Equipment Status – Alex H.

The trailer was somewhat organized on Sunday (January 20) for about an hour. Still needs to have a thorough cleaning. Some of the dishes that needed to be washed from the campout were taken home and washed by the Hildreths.

7. Parish Representative – Deacon Andy

Nothing to report, except that he will be attending the Charter Organization Representative Training on March 15, 2008.

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## E. Fundraiser/Community Service

### 1. Community Meals –

- a. Listed below are the available dates.

January 23  
January 30  
February 20  
March 18  
April 16  
June 18  
July  
August  
September

Some of the spots have already been filled, however there are still spots available for boys in need of community service to sign up.

- b. Fish Fry –

Needs a coordinator. Sign up dates and times need to be obtained. This can be mentioned at the Court of Honor to solicit volunteers.

- c. Spring Popcorn –

Tom C. stated that someone needs to take this over or it may not happen. He will assist who ever will be in charge.

### 2. Philmont Fundraisers – Activities and Dates

- a. McDonalds

Mike M. has tried several times to make contact with coordinate without success. He will keep trying.

- d. Pancake breakfast with St. Michaels youth group – Lenten Sundays

Deacon Andy will talk with Mary R. Vladimir stated he talked with Mike M. about attending the youth group meeting on Sunday, but Mike did not attend. This is in limbo as to whether it will take place or not. Deacon Andy mentioned maybe trying for one or two dates.

### 3. After Super Bowl Bottle Drive–

This maybe difficult to coordinate because of the cold weather. If there are boys interested, they could do this on their own and if they do, Tom C. needs to be contacted so that he can fill out the proper paperwork for council.

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4. Bottle Drive – May 31, 2008 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

A coordinator is needed. Lori Mandley expressed interest in doing this again.

5. Food Drive –

A date will need to be decided and a coordinator is needed. Council food drive is scheduled for April 19, 2008.

6. Community Rewards –

Brian H. has the information. He will read it for the specifics as to the way it works and will discuss at the Court of Honor.

#### F. Old Business/New Business

1. Campout Incident Wrap Up

This is still in progress. No decisions have been made.

The Scoutmaster and Committee Chairperson each received a letter from Chief Okemos Council acknowledging receipt of the incident report. Deacon Andy read the letter to the committee. A copy will be provided to the scout and his family, as well as, Father Jim and Deacon Andy.

2. Troop Training

- a. Troop Committee Training, 3/15/2008, 8:30 a.m. – 11: 30 a.m.

Marlaine T. is scheduled to attend, however she will not be able to because of a prior commitment. She will have to attend on the next available date.

Paula M. suggested that JoEllen Mitchell may want to attend committee training.

- b. Charter Organization Representative Training, 3.15.2008, 8:30 a.m. – 10: 30 a.m.

Andy Tardif will be attending this training.

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#### G. Additions/Corrections

Brian H. reserved a spot for Sea Base scheduled for June 2009. All spots are currently filled. There are 6 boys and 2 adults going. Details still need to be worked out as far as transportation, other activities, etc.

Future high adventures dates:

Northern Tier (Boundary Waters) – 2009  
Philmont – a contingent goes every year

Boys can always participate in high adventures with the council contingent or the high adventure can be scheduled as a troop.

Tom C. mentioned that there are still openings for Mackinaw Island Honor Guard.

Brian H. is going to check on the Northwoods sign up package.

Leadership at Northwoods for this summer needs to be decided because Brian H. will not be attending this year because he is participating in the Philmont trip.

Scout Day is February 3, 2008. Vladimir spoke with Father Jim in regards to the scouts that are members of St. Mikes. They can attend the mass of their choosing and Father Jim will acknowledge them. Vladimir inquired about serving and taking up the gifts at the 11:00 a.m. mass. Scout Day was mentioned at a regular scout meeting; however, it may be a good idea to put a notice in the mailboxes as a reminder and for the boys who may not have been at that meeting.

Vladimir mentioned that several parents are concerned about Lee and he was wondering how much longer he could remain in the troop. There needs to be changes made in regards to Lee. Deacon Andy brought up some suggestions. There were no decisions made at this time.

#### H. Date for next meeting –

February 18, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

#### I. Closing

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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