

Troop 645
Committee Meeting Minutes
February 18, 2008

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

A. Welcome, Call to Order – 7:06 p.m.

B. Approval of January Minutes

Tom Campbell motioned to approve minutes and Gary Mandley seconded. Minutes approved.

C. SPL Report

Upcoming scout meetings:

February 25 – Part 2 Leadership Training

March 3 – Safety Afloat; Swimming Safety

March 8 – Swimming Requirement for Northwoods at high school pool

March 10 – Menu planning & cooking requirements

March 14 & 15 – Campout

March 17 – Knots & lashings

March 24 – PLC

D. Reports From Committee Members

1. Advancement – Paula Martin

a. Advancement –

2 boys have advanced: Sam K. (2nd Class) and Rafael M. (Tenderfoot).

b. Court of Honor

Scout participation is needed for set up and clean up.

There were 22 boys in attendance at the last Court of Honor and the new routine worked well. The presentations will be added to the regular format.

2. Outdoor Activities – Marlaine Teahan

Marlaine was not in attendance. She will be in contact with Brian H. for March & April campouts.

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

Brian H. is trying to keep everything is up-to-date.

4. Treasurer – Tom Campbell

No report. Tom did not have any receipts for entries.

There is one scout that needs to be contacted regarding his account balance.

5. Scoutmaster Minute(s) – Brian Hildreth

a. Camping at Lincoln Brick Park –

Six boys attended. Four boys achieved Polar Bear. The boys bought their own food. The backpacking stove wasn't working well.

b. Saturn (large cooking stove)

The Saturn still hasn't been purchased. Brian H. needs to get the tax number from St. Mikes.

6. Quartermaster/Equipment Status – Alex H.

The trailer needs major organization and cleaning. The quartermaster needs ideas as to how to keep it clean and he will also need to figure out how to keep track of the patrol boxes.

Brian H. stated that at one of the upcoming meetings, the boys will be unpacking the tents to make sure all the parts are together and repacking them.

7. Parish Representative – Deacon Andy

a. Chaplain Aide

Deacon Andy stated that Chris C. did a nice job with the prayer at the Court of Honor.

He inquired about church services at campouts. He wanted to know what had been done in the past and what is currently being done. This will be added to the agenda for discussion at the next committee meeting. However, he did state that he thought the boys should attend mass at St. Mike's on Sunday after the campout.

E. Fundraiser/Community Service

1. Community Meals –

Working on getting boys signed up to participate. The sign up sheet is at every troop meeting.

2. Philmont Fundraisers – Activities and Dates

a. McDonalds

No information yet.

b. Pancake breakfast with St. Michaels youth group – Lenten Sundays

The troop would be co-sponsors with the youth group. Pancakes will be sold after the 8:30 and 11:00 masses. Vladimir will be talking with the boys who want to get together with the youth group to figure out what needs to be done.

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

Lori M. will chair this fundraiser.

It was mentioned that it may be a good idea to put the information in the bulletin at St. Mike's. Vladimir will take care of this.

4. Spring Popcorn – Meeting Wednesday at St. David's Church

Tom C. received a telephone call inquiring if the troop will be selling popcorn. There has been no response from parents to coordinate. During this meeting, JoEllen Mitchell volunteered, but stated she will only work with the take orders. There was discussion that the boys going to Philmont could coordinate amongst themselves to obtain store fronts for show and sell.

5. St. Michaels Fish Fry–

Boys are signing up and participating.

6. Food Drive –

The council wide date is April 19, 2008. It has not been decided if the troop will participate in the council wide or decide on another date.

7. Christmas Trees –

Volunteers will be needed to sort the seedlings. Also, boys will need to volunteer to unload the trees. The date is undetermined at this time, however it will be sometime in April.

F. Old Business/New Business

1. Campout Incident Wrap Up

Andy discussed this with Father Jim. Since the span between when this happened and now, too much time has lapsed. Therefore, there will not be a troop apology.

It is believed that the boy has learned from this incident and the situation will be let go at this time.

Gary Mandley inquired about the suggestion of the parent attending campouts with the scout. Brian H. stated that the boy will not be going camping unless he is in attendance.

There is still an issue of the scout not being in uniform at troop meetings.

2. Troop Training

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

This was a reminder to those who are scheduled to attend.

Also, part of the training is now on-line.

b. Charter Organization Representative Training, 3/15/2008, 8:30 a.m. – 10: 30 a.m.

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G. Additions/Corrections

Status of older scout. He only needs 2 (eagle required) merit badges to attain the rank of Star. Brian H. stated he will be working with the scout on this. It was mentioned that there could be a big "party" at the last court of honor for the older scout. Brian H. stated he is going to talk with the parents.

There is a possibility of members of Troop 901 joining the troop. There were a couple of boys that attended last Monday's meeting. There has not been any communication between members of Troop 901 and Brian H. regarding the move.

H. Date for next meeting –

March 24, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

I. Closing

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.