

Troop 645
Parent/Committee Meeting Minutes
August 25, 2008

Attendees: Official attendance was not taken.

A. Welcome, Call to Order – 7:09 p.m. Committee Chair, Vladimir, was late.

B. Committee Meetings

A brief discussion was held about the committee meeting and what they hope to accomplish.

C. Troop Meetings

Another brief discussion with Brian Hildreth pointing out that troop meetings are from 6:30 – 7:40 PM.

D. Positions

1. Fundraiser Positions

a. Trees

Help is needed to continue this activity as this is Tom Campbell's last year. He is willing to train someone this year. Tree cutting will be November 23. Tree Sale will be from November 28 to December 21 on Saturdays (9-5 PM) and Sundays (10-5 PM). The sales will take place at Eaton Federal on the corner of M-100(Clinton) and Edwards St.

b. Bottle Drive September 6, 2008 9-3PM

Tom Cambell said he would coordinate after it was determined that Lori Mandley would not do it this fall after doing it in the spring. Tom will call boys and parents to schedule scouts and drivers.

Eaton County Parks and Recreation called Brian Hildreth to see if the scouts could help with river clean up scheduled for Sept 6th. A lengthy discussion went on as to which activity the troop should participate in. After discussion it was decide to do the bottle drive since Tom already had the information in the GL Independent and a time scheduled at the Felpausch parking lot. Plus the scouts need money for activities. The troop will try a different weekend next year so it can participate in the river clean up next year.

2. Community Service - Food Drive

The troop will do a November 8 food drive to try and get help to the food banks for an expected cold winter. Felpausch will serve as the central location with the drive going from 9-3 PM. It was suggested that the troop try and coordinate with the cub scouts, girl scouts and other scout troops in the area. More discussion on this activity will take place at next months meeting.

3. Committee Members

a. Treasurer (need a replacement soon)

As previously mentioned this is Tom Campbell's last year with the troop and he would like to get someone on board for training by January. This in one of the most critical positions within the troop and a replacement is needed very badly.

b. Secretary

Christine Malusek expressed interest in this position previously. She has constraints as she works evenings. More discussion with her in the future. For this meeting, the Committee Chair took minutes.

4. Assistant Scoutmasters (more)

Another position(s) which is in great need within the troop. Brian Kowalk is moving to Texas permanently and will no longer be involved with the troop. His son Eric will still attend until the move. The concept of Adult Mentors was suggested. An adult would be asked to mentor each patrol and give them guidance and lead them in the right direction at troop meetings and any other activities that the patrol is involved in.

E. Early Activities – Calendar

Popcorn: September 26th to November 13th

Discussion was held about the dates of the popcorn sales. Tom Campbell and JoEllen Mitchell insisted that the sale starts on October 3rd. The troop will hold the sale from Sept 26 to November 2. JoEllen will attend sales meeting with the council on Wednesday August 27th. Show and sell dates will be set up at local businesses.

Football Field Cleanup: The dates after some correction are.

8/29	Friday	4:30pm	10/3	Friday	4:30pm
9/5	Friday	4:30pm	10/11	Saturday	8:30am
9/13	Saturday	8:30am		Homecoming	
9/19	Friday	4:30pm	10/18	Saturday	8:30am
9/27	Saturday	8:30am	10/25	Saturday	8:30am
10/1	Wednesday	9:30pm			

Band Festival

Joe Konkoly is coordinating this activity again this year. Joe will send out reminder email prior to each cleanup. Most dates a couple of parents are needed to operate leaf blowers that clean up the bleachers. This year the troop will also collect plastic bottles as part of a recycling program that Scoutmaster Brian Hildreth is setting up. This along with the bottle drive is a great opportunity for the scouts to earn money for their accounts.

F. Adults Volunteers

Training (Youth Protection)

<http://www.chiefokemosbsa.org/leaderresources/training/>

<http://olc.scouting.org/>

It is recommended that all scout parents complete the Youth Protection training. It is mandatory for parents that attend a campout with the troop. The training for parents and volunteers is coming up and the troop would like to have interested parents attend (form attached). New Leader Essentials training can be done on the web. A discussion about the need for more parent volunteers occurred. The pitch will be made at the Scout/Parent meeting on September 15th. Vlad will attach medical forms to meeting minutes.

G. Other

1. Meeting Dates

The following meeting dates were set up:

September 8: Scout Planning Meeting

September 15: Scout/Parent Information Meeting

The troop will ask for additional parent volunteers. Andy suggested an 8 ½ X 11 sheet with positions and time involvement

2. St Michael Parish Festival

Brain and Alex Hildreth participated in the yearly Guard the Tent event at the Parrish Festival.

H. Date for next meeting - September 22, 7PM

I. Closing - Meeting adjourned before 9 PM