

Troop 645
Parent/Committee Meeting Minutes
September 22, 2008

Attendees: Kris Sunstrum, Tom Campbell, Brian Hildreth, Marlaine Teahan, Vladimir Zokvic, Deacon Andy Tardif, Joellen Mitchell, Paula Martin, Craig Searles, Mrs. Searles, and Rebecca Meszaros.

A. Welcome, Call to Order – 7:09 p.m.

B. Review of Minutes

The August meeting minutes were accepted with minor changes.

C. Senior Patrol Leader Report – report of future activities was given by Brian Hildreth.

September 29 – patrol reorder, planning for presentations for Court of Honor

October 6 – Court of Honor

October 13 – Elections for troop positions (scouts), menu planning for camping

October 20 – Patrol Leader Committee

October 27 – begin work on Disabilities Awareness Merit Badge

A trip to Jackson to watch model rocket launches is being planned for October 11.

D. Reports from Committee Members

1. Advancement – Paula Martin

a. Advancement – Mrs. Martin reported that Board of Reviews are currently on hold until the computer program she uses for keeping track of troop advancements is updated.

b. Northwoods – Mrs. Martin spoke highly of the scouts that attended Northwoods this past summer and that many merit badges were completed.

c. Court of Honor – This will be October 6, 2008. Scouts will be working on making presentations to parents and others in attendance this evening what was done during the summer at Philmont and Northwoods. It will also be a chance to welcome the new scouts – those who have just joined as well as those who recently crossed over. Mr. Hildreth will get a scout to call everyone to remind them about the Court of Honor, Mrs. Martin will make a flyer for all scouts, and Mr. Zokvic will send an email reminder.

2. Outdoor Activities – Marlaine Teahan

Mrs. Teahan did not have anything to report at this time. Mr. Hildreth will be getting a list of outdoor activities to Mrs. Teahan this week so she can begin working on getting permits.

The troop did not have a tour permit for September's camping trip. They will have one for the next camping trip. It was discussed that if that is the case in

the future the camping trip be postponed until a tour permit is obtained. There was also discussion on other parents taking scouts home. Several possibilities were discussed including parents signing releases on who can take their children home and making sure all parents know what the guidelines are for releasing scouts after a campout.

3. Treasurer– Tom Campbell

Mr. Campbell reported that there was \$660 of unsold popcorn leftover from the spring sale. This will be sold first during the fall sale. The troop made \$3152.50 on popcorn last spring. He reported that our troop was the highest selling troop for candles last spring.

Mr. Campbell reported that the troop made \$1550.80 on the bottle drive September 6. This was divided among the boys who participated in the bottle drive and went directly into their accounts.

Currently the troop has \$5,608.34 in the checking account. There was discussion on what to do with the CDs that are due to mature at the end of September and October. Currently the CDs are at Eaton Federal for 3.1 %. It was suggested that a higher rate of interest could be had at another bank. It was motioned that the treasurer has the authority to look at other banks to see if a better interest rate can be obtained and then the treasurer can decide on where to put the CDs based on the best interest rate. The committee voted yes on this motion.

The committee also discussed the changes that need to be made to the CD signature card. It was decided that Joellen Mitchell will be the third signature replacing Tom Campbell. She will be on the signature card along with Fr. Jim Eisele and Vladimir Zokvic.

Mr. Campbell stated that this fall when the scouts sell popcorn if someone pays with a check they will need to get a drivers' license number and phone number. Due to the difficulty with bounced checks, starting this fall, those checks that bounce will be turned over to Delta Township authorities for prosecution.

Mr. Campbell told the committee that the owner of McDonalds was interested in doing a fundraiser with the troop. At a minimum, she would provide food and drinks during a fundraiser. The owner of McDonalds approached Mr. Campbell during the bottle drive about this possibility. Scouts who had their uniforms on when they went into McDonalds received their lunch for free.

Parents will be reminded about the Meijer 1 Rewards cards at the Court of Honor in October. The troop does not see any money until \$100 is reached from the cards.

Mr. Campbell will have available at the Court of Honor how much money each scout has in their accounts and the projected costs/preliminary budget to help parents and scouts understand the importance of fundraising and costs of scouting activities.

4. Scoutmaster – Brian Hildreth

Ten scouts camped at Fox Park September 19-21, 2008. Mr. Hildreth reported it went well. They were unable to have access to the observatory. Mr. Hildreth is now working on the October camping activity. He will have a preliminary six month calendar available at the Court of Honor. He is also looking for additional community service projects. He has already contacted Fr. Jim Eisele at St. Michael and the VFW to see if they had any suggestions. A new roster of scouts will be created soon after patrol reorders.

5. Quartermaster/equipment status – Alex Hildreth

Alex and Brian Hildreth will be working on the trailer this coming weekend. They will be painting the floor and looking at the backpacking supplies and stoves. Mr. Hildreth would like to do backpacking again with the scouts and first wants to make sure the supplies necessary for this are in order.

6. Parish Representative – Deacon Andy Tardif

Deacon Andy talked to the scouts about the Religious Scout Awards. He distributed 15 information packets to the Catholic scouts. Work on this award will take place outside of troop meetings and activities. Scouts who are in 7th grade and have participated in scouts for one year are eligible. Deacon Andy is hoping to start in October. He told the boys of other faiths to contact their ministers about this award and if their ministers were not aware of it, Deacon Andy would be willing to talk to them.

E. Fundraiser/Community Service

1. Community Meals – This is ongoing and Mr. Hildreth will have a sign up sheet available at the next troop meeting.

2. Sea Base/Boundary Waters – those attending next summer will need to start raising money.

3. Bottle Drive – A new coordinator will be needed for the May bottle drive.

4. Fall Popcorn – Joellen Mitchell will get the forms to the scouts this week. Sales start this Friday, September 26 and go through November 2. Mrs. Mitchell will have popcorn available this Thursday for Show and Sells. The committee wondered if there were other options for selling popcorn such as at MSU football games where people are tailgating.

5. Food Drive – Michelle Clark and the Maurer family will be coordinating this. They are hoping to coordinate with other scout troops in the area.

7. Football Field Cleanup – There are six more opportunities to participate. Scouts will be reminded of what is expected of them during the clean up. The recycling of plastic and cardboard is going well so far. A recycling bin for the football stadium was requested.

F. Philmont – Deacon Andy suggested that an article and photo should be put in the local newspaper about the scouts who went to Philmont. Jacob Zokvic will be asked to do something. It was also suggested that the editor of the local newspaper be called to see if someone could come and interview the group that went to Philmont. The journalist could be a guest at the Court of Honor and conduct the interview there.

G. Older Scout – Deacon Andy has been following up on how to transition this scout from the troop. The committee set a deadline of October 30, 2008 for the transition to be complete.

H. New Business – Other fundraising ideas will be discussed next meeting including the Little Caesar's pizza kits.

I. Next meeting is October 20, 2008 at 7 pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:58 pm.

Committee Secretary

Date

Committee Chair

Date