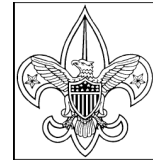


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Parent/Committee Meeting Minutes

January 19, 2009

Attendees: Brian Hildreth, Vladimir Zokvic, Joellen Mitchell, Paula Martin, Gary Mandley, Deacon Andy Tardif, Mike M., and Rebecca Meszaros.

A. Welcome, Call to Order - 7:04 pm.

B. Approval of December Minutes - The minutes were approved.

C. Senior Patrol Leader Report

Mike M. - Senior Patrol Leader gave the report of upcoming events.

January 26 - Opening and closing will be done by the Elements Patrol. The boys will be working on rank advancement.

February 2 - Court of Honor and Friends of Scouting. The boys will talk about what they have participated in recently such as shelter building, the Air Zoo, Disabilities Merit Badge, and the Winter Camporee. I-Patrol will be responsible for set-up and the Element Patrol will be responsible for clean up. Deacon Andy Tardif suggested that when the scouts tell what they have participated in that they talk about how it has effected them and helped them grow as a person; how it applies to them and their life.

February 9 - Opening and closing will be done by the Elements Patrol. The boys will be working on patrol flags.

February 16 - Opening and closing will be done by the Firecracker Patrol. The boys will be doing menu planning and discussing the fundamentals of winter hiking. It will be decided if this will be a day trip or a weekend campout at a later meeting.

February 23 - PLC.

March 2 - Peckham Field Trip to finish Disabilities Merit Badge.

Mrs. Martin suggested the room arrangement of three tables with chairs around them be a mandatory room arrangement for troop meetings. She mentioned to Mike that the room had not been arranged with that particular arrangement and she suggested that he make sure all scouts with leadership positions are aware of it.

D. Reports from Committee Members

1. Advancement - Paula Martin

No **Boards of Review** were completed in the past month.

Mrs. Martin reported that in her conversations with various scouts, some of them are satisfied with not advancing in rank. These scouts report that they

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are having fun in scouting and are not concerned with what rank they are. The committee discussed the balance the troop must have between helping those who want to advance and allowing those who enjoy scouting and are not concerned with advancing be involved. The committee discussed that they did not want to drive away any scouts with unnecessary requirements.

Mrs. Martin will help with set-up for the Court of Honor. She would make sure the Senior Patrol Leader knows what each patrol needs to do to help with this night.

2. Outdoor Activities - Marliane Teahan

Mr. Hildreth reported for Mrs. Teahan. He said that the Air Zoo trip went well. They received good feedback from the management of the Air Zoo. For the Winter Camporee, only seven attended which was half of the scouts who had signed up. Mr. Hildreth reported that the February campout would most likely be a day trip, probably hiking somewhere and having a warm meal. He is looking into several possibilities.

3. Website - Is operational and looks good.

4. Treasurer - Tom Campbell

Mr. Campbell was absent so there was no treasurer report.

5. Scoutmaster - Brian Hildreth

Brian Hildreth reported that the troop is continuing to work on the Disabilities Merit Badge. Disabilities Merit Badge counselors had come to a meeting to work on the merit badge with the scouts and Mr. Hildreth had worked with them on it at one meeting. He will send out an email to remind boys of what they need to do to finish. They will need to take a field trip and then meet with the counselors again.

Mr. Hildreth reported that possibly in March the troop will work on the Communications Merit Badge.

6. Quartermaster/equipment status - Alex H.

Mr. Hildreth reported that more lighters are needed in the patrol boxes.

7. Parish Representative - Deacon Andy Tardif

Deacon Andy said that he will have a list of Court of Honor duties for the meeting next Monday. He will also talk to the scouts about Scout Sunday, February 8. Deacon Andy asked if the troop would be able to cover the cost of the Ad Altare Dei award for the three scouts who are participating in this program. It would be \$25 each. The committee agreed that the troop could cover this cost.

E. Fundraiser/Community Service

1. Community Meals - Ben C. is organizing the troop's involvement with

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Community Meals. He was present at the last scout meeting with a sign up sheet. He will make reminder phone calls to those who have signed up.

2. Sea Base/Boundary Waters - Boundary Waters has been cancelled. Those who had signed up for Boundary Waters will be refunded their money. Mr. Campbell is looking into setting up a fundraiser at McDonalds and A&W for the boys going to Sea Base.

3. Fall Popcorn Wrap up - Joellen Mitchell reported all of the money is in. Mrs. Mitchell will be setting up the spring popcorn sale soon. She will set up the show and sells.

4. Little Caesar's Pizza Kits - Money and orders are due January 26. A reminder will be sent out.

5. St. Michael's Fish Fry - Michelle Clark will be organizing this. The first Fish Fry is Friday, February 27. The Fish Fry are from 5-7 pm. Scouts involvement at the Fish Fry will be discussed at the Court of Honor.

F. Old Business /New Business

1. Recharter - Mrs. Martin reported that this is finished.

2. Parent Involvement - Mrs. Martin expressed concern that those who agreed to mentor specific patrols did not do that at previous meetings. The committee agreed again that the mentoring concept was valuable and should be emphasized.

Brian Hildreth, Deacon Andy Tardif, Paula Martin and Vladimir Zokvic will be meeting as a sub committee of the Troop Committee to discuss potential scoutmasters and assistant scoutmasters.

G. Next meeting is Monday, February 23, 2009.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.