

BSA Troop 645

Grand Ledge, Michigan
Chartered to St. Michael
Roman Catholic Church

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Parent/Committee Meeting Minutes

March 23, 2009

Attendees: Vladimir Zokvic, Paula Martin, Gary Mandley, Marlaine Teahan, Kris Sunstrum, Sam K., Mike M., and Rebecca Meszaros.

A. Welcome, Call to Order - 7:05 pm.

B. Approval of February Minutes - The minutes were approved as amended.

C. Senior Patrol Leader Report

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

March 30 - Fun Night. Indoor and outdoor games will be planned. Whether or not the boys go outside or stay inside will depend on the weather.

April 6 - No meeting - Spring Break.

April 13 - After school, tree sorting in Charlotte. The meeting will be about backpacking and camping fundamentals presented by the boys who went to Philmont last year.

April 20 - PLC

April 27 - Patrols who have started flags will work on finishing them. Others will work on First Aid and rank advancement.

D. Reports from Committee Members

1. Advancement - Paula Martin

No Boards of Review were completed in the past month.

The committee discussed possible dates for the Spring Court of Honor. It was decided that the weekend of May 16/17 would be a good weekend. The committee would like to hold the event at Fitzgerald Park. Vladimir Zokvic will check with Fitzgerald Park to see about availability that weekend. If the event is May 16, it would be at 11:30 am, May 17 at 12:30 pm. Paula Martin will make sure the COH duties list is laminated and gets to the patrols who will be responsible for set up and clean up.

2. Outdoor Activities - Marlaine Teahan

Only seven boys went rock climbing March 21. Kris Sunstrum reported that it was a good trip and that all boys had a good time. The April Campout will be April 25-26 and will be at the Pinckney State Park. Marlaine Teahan reported that she is in the process of completing the tour permit for Dorchester in May. She will get with Brian Hildreth to finish it.

3. Website - Is operational. No updates.

4. Treasurer - Tom Campbell

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

5. Scoutmaster - Brian Hildreth

Brian Hildreth was absent, so Mr. Zokvic gave the Scoutmaster report in his place.

Mr. Zokvic reported that the troop is just waiting to do the field trip to Peckham in order to complete the Disabilities Merit Badge. The Communication Merit Badge will not be worked on this year. Mr. Hildreth has almost completed the Troop Handbook. This will come before the Committee for approval before being published. Northwoods attendance is a concern due to lack of adult participation so far. The committee was unsure how many boys are going and how many adults. Mr. Zokvic will send out an email addressing these issues.

6. Quartermaster/equipment status - Alex H./Rafael M.

Rebecca Meszaros reported that the trailer was cleaned out and organized at the last troop meeting. Troop tents were also cleaned and put away. Mr. Zokvic will ask St. Michael Parish about parking the trailer on church property, perhaps behind the Csasky Center.

7. Parish Representative - Deacon Andy Tardif

Deacon Andy was not present.

E. Fundraiser/Community Service

1. Community Meals - Next two dates the troop is responsible for are April 15 and May 20.

2. Sea Base - A bottle drive has been scheduled for March 28.

3. Spring Popcorn Wrap up - Joellen Mitchell was not present. Mr. Zokvic reported that popcorn order forms will be due at the next meeting. Mr. Zokvic reported that boys selling at the show and sells this past weekend did well and had a substantial amount in donations. There will be another show and sell this coming weekend.

4. Scout Food Drive - the tentative date for the food drive is Saturday, May 2. The committee will see if Michelle Clark and Julius Maurer would be interested in organizing this event like they did in the fall.

5. Troop Bottle Drive - this is scheduled for Saturday, May 30 from 9 am - 3 pm. A coordinator is needed.

F. Old Business /New Business

1. Passports - A question of a scout was brought to the committee. This scout asked whether or not he could use his scout account to pay for his passport since it was required for a scouting event. The committee considered this and voted to approve using scout accounts for payment to purchase a passport if needed for a scout event.

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2. Christmas Trees - Tree Unloading will be Monday, April 13 and will be for First Class scouts only. Sorting will be Wednesday, April 15 and parents will be needed for this. Delivery will be Friday, April 17 and Tom Campbell will be responsible for this. Planting will be Saturday, April 18. This will be a troop day event starting at 9 am until all the trees have been planted. The committee is looking into a fun event for the boys who participate in the tree planting. This would take place right after the tree planting. Possible ideas include renting the Sun Theater for a movie or Zap Zone.

3. Community Meals at Immanuel Lutheran - There was no new information regarding this.

4. Troop Training - Mr. Zokvic attended Scoutmaster Training this past weekend.

5. Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster salaries - the committee discussed possible compensation for those parents who step forward to take on the scoutmaster or assistant scoutmaster roles in the troop. Possible compensations discussed included waiving scout dues for the year or \$100 toward the year's camping trips. The committee did not decide on anything and will return to this issue at the next meeting.

G. Next meeting is Monday, April 20, 2009.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:47 pm.