

BSA Troop 645

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

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Parent/Committee Meeting Minutes

April 20, 2009

Attendees: Vladimir Zokvic, Paula Martin, Marlaine Teahan, Sam K., Deacon Andy Tardif, Joellen Mitchell, Tom Campbell, and Rebecca Meszaros.

A. Welcome, Call to Order - 7:11 pm.

B. Approval of March Minutes - The minutes were approved. The correct way to spell Csasky Center will be looked up.

C. Senior Patrol Leader Report

Sam K., Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, gave the report of upcoming events.

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

May 4 - Planning for Dorchester.

May 11 - Merit Badge Counselor for the Disabilities Merit Badge. (This is tentative because it depends on whether or not the counselor can attend this night or May 18.)

May 18 - possible meeting

May 25 - No meeting - holiday.

June 1 - Scavenger hunt planned by SPL and ASPL.

A comment was made that the backpacking meeting planned by the SPL and ASPL was a good idea and worked well. It was motivating for the scouts in attendance.

D. Reports from Committee Members

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

Rafael M., Alex H., and Mr. Hildreth will meet the weekend of May 2 & 3 for 2-3 hours to get the trailer ready for Dorchester.

Deacon Andy Tardif will look into having the trailer parked on the grounds of St. Michael Parish. It is preferred to have it parked on gravel or cement, approximately 12 X 20, and accessible all year round. The troop is willing to pay for paving if needed.

2. Advancement - Paula Martin

There was one Board of Review this month. Erik B. received Life, contingent on his merit badges being entered into the computer. Several boys are very close to rank advancement. Mr. Hildreth has an upcoming scoutmaster conference scheduled with a scout.

The Court of Honor will be at Fitzgerald Park at Pavilion 2 on Sunday, May 17 at 3 pm. As at the last COH, one patrol will be responsible for set up and one patrol will be responsible for clean up. Mr. Hildreth will receive his Wood Badge at the COH and those who have been elected to the Order of the Arrow will be called out. In case of

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rain, the COH will be held at St. Michael. A decision will be made by 12 noon. Vladimir Zokvic will send out an email reminder the Friday before.

3. Outdoor Activities - Marlaine Teahan

Marlaine Teahan reported that she will be submitting the tour permit for the April campout tomorrow. The National tour permit for Dorchester is just about set.

4. Website - Is operational and almost complete.

5. Treasurer - Tom Campbell

Tom Campbell reminded the committee that the remainder of the money for Northwoods is due May 1. The \$75 deposit is not refundable. Mr. Campbell reported that there are no outstanding expenses for the Higher Ground Climbing trip and that it has balanced out. Those going to Sea Base raised \$324.94 doing a bottle drive. A final payment for Sea Base will need to be paid. The council has returned the money owed to the two scouts who were scheduled to go to Boundary Waters because the trip was cancelled. Mr. Campbell reported that he is almost ready to close out the books for 2008.

6. Scoutmaster - Brian Hildreth

Brian Hildreth reported that the Disabilities merit badge counselors will be coming either May 11 or 18. He is hoping to have the field trip done before then. Mr. Hildreth is still formatting the troop handbook. Mr. Zokvic reminded him that the committee would like to review the handbook before it is finalized. Mr. Hildreth was disappointed in the low scout turnout to help at the Friday fish fries; Matthew and Michael Martin helped out almost every Friday with little help from other scouts.

7. Parish Representative - Deacon Andy Tardif

Deacon Andy reported that those scouts who worked with him on the Ad Altare Dei award received it this past weekend at the Cathedral downtown from the Bishop. On May 3, there will be a short pinning ceremony at the Sunday masses for these scouts plus the scouts who received the same award from Troop 70 in Wacousta. It was suggested that this be put into the local newspaper.

E. Fundraiser/Community Service

1. Community Meals - Next two dates the troop is responsible for are May 20 and June 17. These are going well; Ben C. is following up with this.

2. Spring Popcorn Wrap up - Joellen Mitchell reported that the troop made around \$1100. Two hundred dollars was made on candle orders. Those will be here next week. Some popcorn is still available. She will get a list together of what is available and send it out to see if anyone is interested in the popcorn.

3. Scout Food Drive - the tentative date for the food drive is Saturday, May 2. Michelle Clark is not available to coordinate. Mrs. Teahan will see if Julius Maurer is

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interested in coordinating. Mrs. Mitchell will also check with her husband, Bruce, to see if he is interested in helping out with this. Mr. Hildreth will see at upcoming scout meetings if boys and parents are interested in participating in a food drive.

4. Troop Bottle Drive - this is scheduled for Saturday, May 30 from 9 am - 3 pm. A coordinator is still needed. Mrs. Mitchell will check with her husband, Bruce, to see if he is interested in doing this. A sign up will be at the next meeting to see if boys are interested and available. The committee discussed the possibility of scouts going out on their own, possibly Friday, if that day worked better for them. A decision was not made.

5. Tree Planting - 180 trees were planted April 17. Scouts also cleared around trees. Some trees will need to be transplanted next year.

F. Old Business /New Business

1. Community Meals at Immanuel Lutheran - Mrs. Teahan reported that around 70 people attend this meal on Monday evenings from 4:30-6:30 pm and that it is growing. She will check into the possibility of our scouts helping out with this community meal - once a month two boys would help out.

2. Memorial Day Parade - Mr. Hildreth is waiting for call to confirm their help is needed for the American Legion, as in past years.

3. Scoutmaster help - one person outside of the troop has expressed interest in helping out. Mr. Zokvic will look into this.

4. Mr. Campbell will be borrowing the white canopy and EZ Up June 6.

G. Next meeting is tentatively set for Tuesday May 26, 2009 at 6 pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.