

BSA Troop 645

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

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Troop 645 **Parent/Committee Meeting Minutes** June 1, 2009

Attendees: Vladimir Zokvic, Paula Martin, Marlaine Teahan, Deacon Andy Tardif, Joellen Mitchell, Tom Campbell, Brian Hildreth, Steve Koschay, and Rebecca Meszaros.

A. Welcome, Call to Order - 7:40 pm.

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

C. Senior Patrol Leader Report

There was no SPL Report

D. Reports from Committee Members

1. Quartermaster/equipment status -Rafael M.

There was nothing new to report.

2. Advancement - Paula Martin

There were two Boards of Review this month. Rafael M. advanced to First Class. Shane S. had a Board of Review for Life rank but was not awarded the Life rank at this time. Mrs. Martin reported that it was a good board of review and Shane received much positive feedback.

3. Outdoor Activities - Marlaine Teahan

Marlaine Teahan has submitted the tour permit for Sea Base which is June 19-26, 2009. A tour permit is not needed for Northwoods. No summer activities requiring a tour permit are planned at this time. It was suggested that the September camping activity be planned early, possibly during the summer, to have it ready to go when scouting resumes in the fall.

4. Website – Has been restored and improved after being hacked into.

5. Treasurer - Tom Campbell

Tom Campbell reported on several transactions: money was withdrawn for Erik B. to attend Boundary Waters with another troop - \$400, \$75 for Deacon Andy for Ad Altare Dei awards, \$50 for Eaton County Parks – pavilion registration for Court of Honor, Seabase and Dorchester registration. Jared C. and Alex F. asked for the money from their accounts as they will not be continuing with scouting. Shane S. has transferred his money to Troop 157, which he will be joining. Mr. Campbell also reported the troop made \$400 profit in popcorn sales. \$650 was deposited for Northwoods. The money collected from the bottle drive has been added to accounts.

Mr. Campbell had patches which are usually used for the first class neckerchiefs. The committee agreed to purchase the patches for \$65 from Mr. Campbell.

Mr. Campbell brought to the attention of the committee the financial difficulties that the Chief Okemos Council is having. He had recently attended a meeting where this was discussed.

Discussion was tabled until the August meeting on having a miscellaneous item on the budget so that funds could be available during the year for events that come up that are unplanned.

6. Scoutmaster - Brian Hildreth

Brian Hildreth reported that the Disabilities merit badge was not completed because he was unable to get the counselors to meet with the scouts. Mr. Hildreth believed that the scouts could finish it next year. A field trip will also need to be planned.

A meeting for those attending Northwoods needed to be set up. The committee decided on Monday, June 15 at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Mrs. Martin, Mr. Hildreth, and Rafael M. will meet the week before. Mrs. Martin will get the form for the swim test needed for Northwoods and a swim test date will be set.

Mr. Hildreth has submitted a schedule for meetings/events to St. Michael. Scout meetings will remain on Mondays. Every other month on the last Monday of the month, the troop has the gym scheduled.

Mr. Hildreth still needs some medicals for those attending Sea Base. He is finishing the troop handbook. He also reported that the trailer is currently parked at the Cornells and is ready to go.

7. Parish Representative - Deacon Andy Tardif

Deacon Andy has initially spoken to Fr. Jim Eisele about parking the trailer on the grounds of St. Michael. Deacon Andy suggested a proposal be written up and some committee members join him in meeting with Fr. Jim and the parish business manager.

E. Fundraiser/Community Service

1. Community Meals – The committee was unsure if Ben C. would be continuing with organizing this for the troop. They were also unsure of troop involvement during the summer months. Joellen Mitchell expressed interest in taking over this if Ben C. was no longer going to do so.

2. Troop Bottle Drive – Seven boys collected a trailer full of bottles on May 30. They worked from 9 am -2 pm.

F. Old Business /New Business

1. Community Meals at Immanuel Lutheran - Mrs. Teahan reported that the troop is all set to start helping out with these community meals in the September. Two scouts will be needed once a month on a Monday from 4:30-6:30 pm.

2. Memorial Day Parade – Five boys and three adults marched in the parade and

several more scouts showed up for breakfast and to help with set up in the cemetery.

3. Football Clean up – Joe Konkoly will not be organizing football clean up in the fall. Someone will be needed to be in charge of this. Vladimir Zokvic said that he would be able to put out the trash cans before each game at a minimum.

4. Email lists – it was suggested that all of the scouts be added to the email lists so that they too are aware of upcoming events.

5. Planning/Fun Event – Deacon Andy will be hosting a scouting get together on Wednesday, July 16 from 5-8 pm at his home. He has a pool for the scouts to use. This will be an opportunity for all scouts to have some fun and also talk about where they would like the troop to go in the coming year in a fun, relaxed atmosphere.

6. Committee Members – All committee members will be returning for the 2009-2010 scouting year. Vladimir Zokvic will be scoutmaster and Bruce Mitchell will be committee chair. More parent involvement and help is still needed.

G. Next meeting is Monday, August 24, 2009 at 7 pm.
Meeting was adjourned at 9:39 pm.