

Troop 645
Parent/Committee Meeting Minutes
August 24, 2009

Attendees: Vladimir Zokvic, Paula Martin, Joellen Mitchell, Tom Campbell, Roy Zigler, Kim Trappen, Jim Trappen, Bruce Mitchell, and Rebecca Meszaros.

1. Welcome, Call to Order - 6:41 pm.
2. The May/June minutes were approved.
3. The committee approved the proposed committee position changes.
4. Senior Patrol Leader Report
The Senior Patrol Leader was absent. Elections for new troop positions for the boys will take place at the next troop meeting, August 31, 2009.

5. Reports from Committee Members

A. Advancement - Paula Martin

There is an opportunity to earn two merit badges at the Turner/Dodge House Wednesday, August 26 with Troop 70. About six boys from our troop will be in attendance. The Turner/Dodge House also offers other merit badges for scouts to earn including some Eagle required ones.

The Court of Honor will take place October 5.

B. Outdoor Activities - Marlaine Teahan

Mrs. Martin reported for Mrs. Teahan who was absent. A bus driver is needed for the September campout to Pokagon, otherwise the troop is all set for the campout. Mrs. Martin would be able to pull the trailer with her vehicle if there are low numbers attending. It was recommended that the cost for the trip and all the possible activities be presented to the boys before they sign up. Mrs. Martin will communicate with Mr. Campbell on the cost of the trip. Scouts will have the opportunity to earn the horsemanship merit badge. Mrs. Martin would like the scouts who are going to have an agenda set for the day.

C. Website - There is a new webmaster, Mr. Jim Teahan. Mr. Zokvic will put him in touch with Mr. Hildreth.

D. Treasurer - Tom Campbell

Tom Campbell reported that the troop has a balance of \$4132. There is an outstanding amount in regards to popcorn. Mr. Campbell will check into this. Mr. Campbell reported that the bus insurance was paid late because it was being sent to St. Michael Parish and not directly to him. He has rectified that situation.

Mr. Campbell informed the committee that the Cds both mature in November. One is slated for the bus and the other for the trailer. Mr. Campbell proposed to the committee that the insurance for the contents of the trailer be discontinued. He stated that the contents are over 10 years old and the troop would receive little money from the insurance if the contents were destroyed. The St. Michael Knights of Columbus currently pay that amount. The committee approved the cancellation of the insurance for the trailer contents. The committee will see if the K of C would like to make a donation to the troop in lieu of the contents insurance.

Mr. Campbell showed the committee the proposed budget for 2009/2010. Mrs. Martin proposed having an expense line in the budget for troop incentives; i.e. money for fun activities that the boys would not have to pay out of their accounts for. One hundred dollars was suggested. It was also proposed to have a certain amount set aside for those scouts who participate in fundraising events and troop activities but still may have trouble paying for activities. The committee decided to add \$200 to the scout equipment and scholarship expense line. It was decided that the committee would have to have a plan on how money could be used from this expense line and that a vote would need to take place. The budget will be reviewed at the September committee meeting.

E. Scoutmaster - Vladimir Zokvic

Vladimir Zokvic reported that the whole troop will vote at next week's scout meeting for a new Senior Patrol Leader and Assistant Patrol Leader. Mr. Zokvic will put the boys into new patrols and send an email out with that information. Mrs. Martin will also have information on other troop positions at next week's meeting. At the September 14th meeting, the troop will plan the camping trip. The camping trip will be presented to the boys at next week's meeting.

F. Quartermaster/equipment status - trailer is still parked at the Cornells.

G. Parish Representative - Deacon Andy Tardif

Deacon Andy was absent. He will be at next week's scout meeting.

6. Fundraiser/Community Service

A. Community Meals - Mr. Campbell will send information regarding the community meals to Julius Maurer who will be coordinating this now. Troop 645 has the third Wednesday of the month. The committee will confirm with Immanuel Lutheran about helping out at their community meal on Mondays. This will be discussed at the September meeting with the idea that boys would be able to start helping in October.

B. Guard the Tent at St. Michael Funfest - Mrs. Martin is planning on doing this. Other possible helpers include Mike Manley, Mitchell Martin, Bruce and Bobby Mitchell, and Mr. Zokvic.

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C. Bottle Drive - set for Saturday, September 12 starting at 9 am.

D. Football Cleanup - Two emails have been sent out regarding football cleanup. Mr. Zokvic has contacted the Athletic Director at Grand Ledge and the operations manager. He has received confirmation that the troop will be cleaning up after football games. The supplies necessary for this job are there. The troop will be recycling the water bottles only this year. August 29 is the first Saturday for cleanup.

E. Popcorn - Joellen Mitchell will be attending the popcorn kick-off meeting this Wednesday, August 26. She already has a list of weekends to sell at Lowe's. Popcorn sales this year are from September 25 through November 11.

8. The next meeting is Monday, September 21 at 7 pm.

9. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.