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Attendees: Vladimir Zokvic, Marlaine Teahan, Gary Mandley, Paula Martin, Joellen Mitchell, Tom Campbell, Roy Zigler, Jim Trappen, Bruce Mitchell, Deacon Andy Tardif, Jeremy K., and Rebecca Meszaros.

1. Welcome, Call to Order - 7:12 pm.

2. The August minutes were approved.

3. Senior Patrol Leader Report

Jeremy K, Senior Patrol Leader, gave a report of upcoming scout events.

September 28 - Tent Set-up. Scouts will set up the tents, seeing who can set them up the fastest as well as seeing which tents have equipment missing from them. The meeting will take place in the school gym. If time allows, scouts will participate in a dodge ball game. Order of the Arrow elections will possibly take place also.

October 5 - field trip to Peckham to finish disabilities merit badge.

October 12 - Court of Honor and menu planning for camp out the following weekend.

October 16-18 - Camporee at VFW in Eaton Rapids. Those elected to the Order of the Arrow would be tapped out at the camporee.

4. St. Michael Parish Council/Commission Goals - the committee discussed the monthly questions the parish council poses for all groups who meet on parish grounds.

5. Reports from Committee Members

A. Advancement - Paula Martin

Mrs. Martin reported that one scout, Matthew M. advanced to the rank of tenderfoot. Another scout is close to the rank of scout. Many other scouts are very close to rank advancement. Numerous scouts have achieved merit badges. Mrs. Martin remarked that the scouts who attended the Pokagon campout were very attentive while participating in the horseback riding and earning the merit badge.

To help with scout advancement, it was suggested that scouts who will be participating in a campout reflect on by themselves and before they go what they could work on during the campout for advancement .

B. Outdoor Activities - Marlaine Teahan

Mrs. Teahan reminded the committee that planning for campouts needs to be done as soon as possible in order to obtain a tour permit in a timely fashion.

At the October Camporee the troop will need a skit. This will be discussed at the next troop meeting.

It was suggested that a plan be made of who will be doing the cooking, making the fire, etc before the campout. Another suggestion was that a duty roster be added onto the menu plan so that duties could be assigned at the time of menu planning.

The November campout will be to Optimist Park for shelter building. Scouts will need to cut trees in preparation for Christmas tree sales. This will happen in the morning and then scouts will go to Optimist Park in the afternoon. It was suggested that during this campout that there would be a time set aside for mentoring among the boys where scouts could get some rank advancement items signed off.

Mrs. Teahan raised the question of reverence when scouts are camping on Sunday and unable to attend church services. It was suggested that perhaps when menu planning, a time of silence/prayer also be planned and that this should be mandatory. It was also suggested that there should be a prayer before each camping trip. Mr. Zokvic will contact Chris C., current chaplain aide, to see if he is still interested in this position and therefore providing these services to the scouts. Deacon Andy raised the questions of what exactly his role as chaplain was. The committee sees Deacon Andy as guiding the scouts in being reverent.

C. Website - Mr. Mitchell will follow up to ensure that website materials have been transferred from Mr. Hildreth to Mr. Teahan. Deacon Andy offered to help with this transfer.

D. Treasurer - Tom Campbell

Mr. Campbell reported that as of September 18, the troop had \$4310.44 in the checking account. Mr. Campbell reiterated that he needs receipts when adult leaders are enrolled/registered so that he knows why that money is deducted from the account.

Mr. Campbell had printouts of the most recent activities and the final balance of these activities. The May bottle drive netted \$429 and the September bottle drive netted \$249.20. It cost each boy \$5 more to attend Northwoods this year, making

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it \$285 per scout. The total cost for Northwoods was \$2227.44. The St. Michael Fun Fest fundraiser raised \$51.50 for the scouts who participated. The Dorchester trip balanced out with a surplus of \$8.15. Mr. Campbell also reported on the final numbers from the spring popcorn and candle sales. One of the CDs needs to be renewed in November. Mr. Campbell will bring information in regards to that to the next meeting .

The committee briefly looked at the budget for the remainder of 2009 and the upcoming budget for 2010.

A question was raised concerning football clean up and whether or not parents who work should also get paid in addition to their scout, meaning their time would also be counted and the money earned would go into their scout's account. The committee was reminded that this is a fundraiser and that the scouts need to do the work and that parents are there to support their scouts. The committee also discussed whether or not scouts should get credit if their parents do the clean up and they are not there. The committee decided to review the rules regarding this at a future meeting. The rules will not change this year because the year has started. The committee decided that if a new precedent needs to be set, it will be set at the beginning of the year.

E. Scoutmaster - Vladimir Zokvic

Mr. Zokvic would like to walk in the local CROP walk on October 4 with the scouts. He asked if the troop would approve that activity and sponsor the scouts. The committee approved the activity but did not approve using troop funds to sponsor the scouts. Mr. Zokvic will send out an email to parents asking for pledges.

Mr. Zokvic also wondered if the troop could assist with the Adopt-a-Highway program, not doing it ourselves but assisting another group who already does it. Though the committee thought it was a good idea, the committee wondered about an age requirement and safety.

F. Quartermaster/equipment status - It was suggested the quartermaster have an assistant at campouts. During the past campout, the quartermaster was very busy and could have used some help. The scoutmaster will assign an assistant. There were some issues with the tents and equipment at the last campout, eg tents issued with missing parts. Mr. Zokvic will help the scouts organize the tents at the next scout meeting.

G. Popcorn Kernal - Joellen Mitchell

Mrs. Mitchell reported that Friday, September 25, the first day to sell, she will be taking a group of scouts around a neighborhood for a group sale. On

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Saturday, the 26th, a show and sell is set for Lowes.

H. Parish Representative - Deacon Andy Tardif

Deacon Andy reported that we are still waiting to meet on the cement pad for the bus. He said the Knights of Columbus have an old canopy from the scouts that they will throw out if the scouts do not want it. The committee reported to Deacon Andy that they do not want the canopy.

6. Fundraiser/Community Service

A. Community Meals - Mrs. Martin will follow up regarding the community meals at the Methodist Church. Mrs. Teahan will discuss with the boys the community meal at the Lutheran church at the next meeting.

B. Marching Band Festival Clean up is October 7.

7. Old Business/New Business

A. Discussion on how use/control Troop Incentive(s) - discussion of this matter was tabled until October due to time constraint.

8. The next meeting is Monday, October 19 at 7 pm.

9. The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 pm.