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Attendees: Vladimir Zokvic, Tom Campbell, Marlaine Teahan, Bruce Mitchell, Joellen Mitchell, Jim Trappen, and Kim Trappen.

1. Welcome, Call to Order - 7:15pm
2. The October minutes were approved.
3. No SPL meeting prior, Vlad gave the SPL report. Unable to get the gym for the meeting on 11/30/09. Suggested an outdoor meeting with campfire at either the Zokvic house, or the Mitchell house. Boys can roast hot dogs, and bring flashlights for outdoor games. Parents encouraged to stay for discussion on fundraisers.

The meeting scheduled for 12/7/09 will be changed to the basement of the Scout Building if possible. Kim will check on this. There is a Mass upstairs at St. Mike's, and gym is not available. The boys will plan this meeting at the 11/30/09 meeting.

Camping for the weekend of 12/18 to 12/20/09 will either be at Camp Kiwanis-Dart building, or Optimist Camp. Dart building is \$200.00 plus \$30.00 for heat with a refundable \$25.00 deposit. There is a room for the adults that is separate from the boys. It was suggested that Paula could bring her tent and set it up in the kitchen to sleep. Optimist Camp is much cheaper, and we will check and see if they will let us use our deposit from November. Marlaine will check on this and report back. The boys will work on their Snow Sports Merit badge at this campout.

4. Reports from Committee Members:

A. Quartermaster/Equipment: Jim Trappen will contact Roy and see if he can fill the propane tanks by the next campout. Tom suggested that he do this at Menards, since they can replace the old tank for a new one for \$5.00.

B. Advancement Report - Paula Martin
No advancement report, Paula was absent.

C. Outdoor Activities - Marlaine Teahan
Tentative Camping plans: January: Winter Camporee at Kiwanis
February: Luge/Cross Country Skiing*
March: Mystic Lake?
April: Sleepy Hollow?

*Other suggestions were Burchfield Park, Gunn Lake, Ionia State Park and Echo Valley for February.

D. Website: Vlad was able to update the calendar, still need some dates filled in. 6 month calendar needs fixing. We still need to get paperwork/troop documents from Brian Hildreth. Jim Teahan needs passwords for the website.

E. Treasurer - Tom Campbell

Tom reported that the Troop has a balance of \$3,178.83. The BSA has \$60.30. He has made the deposits for the Bottle drive. He made adjustments to the Sept. Campout in Pokagon State Park due to a late receipt, the cost for this campout was \$53.00. The October Campout in Eaton Rapids was \$31.50 per boy. Tom reported that Ian Searls was no longer in the Troop.

One of the CD's the Troop has was renewed at 5/3 Bank in November and will be due on

12/10/10. The second CD is due for renewal 11/26/09, and Joellen and Vlad will renew that on Monday 11/30/09 (Joellen will bring a copy of these minutes to be attached to the CD paperwork at 5/3). Of note, the larger CD is earmarked for the bus, and the smaller CD is earmarked for the trailer/storage. These CD's were from previous Scouts fundraising specifically for these items.

F. Parish Representative - Deacon Andy Tardif

No Parish Representative report, Deacon Andy was absent.

G. Community Meals

Lutheran Church - Marlaine Teahan

Troop 645 will start in January at the 3rd Monday of the month. Marlaine will have a sign up sheet at the next meeting. The shifts will be 4:30-6:00pm, for 2 - 3 boys. This should work out without interfering with regular meetings, as the 3rd Monday is PLC. We will do this through May.

Methodist Church - Paula Martin

No report, Paula was absent.

H. Fundraisers

Football Cleanup - Vlad Zokvic

Vlad reported that the letter had been sent so we can get payment. The check will go to Tom Campbell.

Popcorn/Candle Sales - Joellen Mitchell

Popcorn/Candle Sales low this year. One scout (Chris Teahan) sold \$500.00!! Popcorn total: \$1350.00 and Candles: \$101.00

Tree Sales - Kim Trappen

Tree sales set to start 11/27/09. Mitchell's will provide saw horses/door for a table and will get the pop up from Maurer's. Tom Campbell will go to Lincoln Brick Park and cut boughs for grave blankets and wreaths. Tom Campbell also told us that the Bank wanted 6 small wreaths, and one large one by Sunday, 11/29/09. Bruce will bring the boughs to the tree sale. Ads were in the GL Independant, and St. Michael's s bulletin. Marlaine Teahan will also put a notice in the Lutheran Church bulletin. Additional trees available at Spitzley's if needed.

I. Christmas Parade Dec. 4th.

Bruce will drop off paper work at Chamber of Commerce. Roy will drive the bus, Vlad and Jim Trappen will walk with the boys. Emails will be sent to remind the boys.

J. GLEAP - Roy Zeigler

The troop will provide a family in the Grand Ledge area a basket for the holidays. Roy will follow up with more information.

5. New business

Tom Campbell announced that he will be stepping down from the Treasurer position as of Jan 1st 2010. He will have all the books in order by then to be handed over to a new Treasurer.

The next meeting will be Thurs. Dec. 17, 2009

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm