

Troop 645
Parent/Committee Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2010

Attendees: Joellen Mitchell, Gary Mandley, Vladimir Zokvic, Jeremy K., Rafael M., Bruce Mitchell, Deacon Andy Tardif, Dave Berquist, and Rebecca Meszaros.

1. Welcome, Call to Order - 7:05 pm.
2. The January minutes were approved with the one correction - Deacon Andy was inadvertently left off of the attendee list.
3. Senior Patrol Leader Report
 - Monday, February 22** - Rank advancement (knots/flags)
 - Monday, March 1** - Citizenship, Rank advancement
 - Monday, March 8** - possible Eagle Scout presentation
 - Monday, March 15** - PLC
 - Monday, March 22** - Citizenship, rank advancement
 - Weekend of March 13-14** - camping Optimist or Lincoln Brick

The committee discussed with Jeremy K. and Rafael M. how to motivate the scouts in the troop. It was suggested that Jeremy could talk to the scouts about being CIT at Northwoods and Rafael could talk about having his bike there. There was also discussion about having some scouts whom have achieved Eagle rank come and talk to the troop. Jeremy will contact some of the Eagle scouts he knows and see if they will attend an upcoming meeting.

Mr. Berquist suggested a contact he has for some of the scouts obtaining the railroading merit badge. He will look into this. He will also see about a tour of the Board of Water and Light plant.

4. Reports from Committee Members

A. Quartermaster/equipment status

Mr. Zokvic will look into having some of the flags repaired because of their current tattered state.

B. Advancement - Paula Martin

There were no advancements to report. The committee remarked that the Court of Honor ceremony went very well. The flag ceremony was very nice. Mr. Zokvic reported that he received many positive comments about the Court of Honor.

C. Outdoor Activities - Marlaine Teahan

The troop will be camping March 13-14. Mr. Zokvic would like to camp at Optimist and if this is unavailable, Lincoln Brick Park. Mr. Zokvic will discuss with the scouts about going to Dorchester this year or participating in the Camporee in May. There is also a walk on April 17 to raise money for the council.

D. Website/Calendar - Jim Teahan

The website is up to date. It was suggested that the front page could have some pictures of scouting activities. Mr. Zokvic will follow up on this suggestion.

E. Treasurer - Dave Berquist

The troop has a new treasurer - Mr. Berquist. Mr. Mitchell will contact Mr. Campbell and put him in touch with Mr. Berquist so all of the paperwork can be turned over to him.

Mr. Zokvic had some papers, bank statements, etc. from the parish that he gave to Mr. Berquist. He will also see about adding people who can sign checks. The committee discussed having four people authorized to sign checks. The committee wondered if it was necessary to have two people sign the checks. Mr. Zokvic will see with Mr. Campbell and Teri Barringer, office manager at St. Michael.

The troop received a letter regarding one of the CDs they have. The dates in question in the letter do not match the dates of ownership of the CD. Mr. Zokvic will follow up with this.

F. Scoutmaster Minutes - Vladimir Zokvic

Mr. Zokvic reported that four scouts went Feb. 13 to the Geocaching event at Kiwanis. They all had a good time and would like to incorporate geocaching at a campout.

G. Parish Representative - Deacon Andy Tardif

Deacon Andy will follow up with Pack 645 to see if some of our scouts can visit at a Webelos II meeting.

He asked if the troop would be willing to help organize the room where the troop meeting materials are stored, along with some of the other parish organizations that use the room. The committee agreed to that.

Deacon Andy would also like the troop to move forward with the big board or poster idea at each meeting. The board would have what requirements each scout must achieve to advance. This would be a way for each scout to see where they are in terms of rank and advancement.

Deacon Andy also would like to work with the scouts on how to make presentations.

5. Fundraising/Community Service

A. Fish Fry - Everything is set for this.

B. Community Meals - Mr. Mitchell will contact Julius Maurer about this.

C. Spring Popcorn Sales - Mrs. Mitchell will make popcorn forms available to anyone who wants to sell it. Popcorn sales start February 26. She had several ideas for other fundraisers from the scouting magazine. She had information on Old World Spices which has grill seasonings and soup mixes. Each scout would get a 50% profit on each item sold. She also had flower bulbs as a possible fundraiser. Mrs. Mitchell will contact

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Mrs. Martin about the Little Caesars Pizza fundraiser and see about possibly doing that again this year. Mrs. Mitchell will send out an email and survey the parents as to which fundraiser they would be interested in. She will also make a flyer.

D. Spring Food Drive - Mr. Zokvic will look into when the council wide food drive is. It was suggested to collect personal care items for Eaton/Siren Shelter. The troop could have a stuff the tent event to do this.

6. Old Business/New Business

A. Council-Troop Leadership/Committee Training - March 13.

B. Jr. Leadership Training - Mr. Mitchell is working on getting a date set for this.

C. Connie Starr Dinner - the troop has been asked to help out with this. Emails have been sent out. Deacon Andy will follow up with this.

7. The next meeting is Monday, March 15 at 7 pm.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.