

Troop 645  
**Parent/Committee Meeting Minutes**  
April 19, 2010

Attendees: Vladimir Zokvic, Marlaine Teahan, Joellen Mitchell, Jim Trappen, Bruce Mitchell, Roy Zigler, Paula Martin, Gary Mandley, Dave Berquist, Deacon Andy Tardif, Eric T., Rafael M., and Rebecca Meszaros.

1. Welcome, Call to Order by Committee Chair, Mr. Mitchell - 7:15 pm.
2. The March meeting minutes were approved.
3. Senior Patrol Leader Report  
Eric T. and Rafael M. reported for the SPL on upcoming events for the troop.  
  
**Monday, April 26** - 5 mile hike. The meeting will start with scouts working on the 30 days physical improvement rank advancement requirement for the first five minutes.  
**Monday, May 3** - 30 days requirement first five minutes, Eagle Scout presentation by Eagle Scouts.  
**Monday, May 10** - 30 days requirement first five minutes, Menu planning for campout, Dodge Ball  
**Monday, May 17** - 30 days requirement first five minutes, PLC.  
**May 14-16** - Spring Camporee at Burchfield Park in Holt.  
**Monday, May 24** - 30 days requirement first five minutes, Kickball, pizza, ice cream. The troop may have new crossovers at this meeting.  
**May 20** - Pack 255 crossover  
**May 29** - Memorial Day Parade

4. Reports from Committee Members

A. Quartermaster/equipment status

Mr. Zigler said the trailer needs to be cleaned out and suggested that this be done before the troop goes to Northwoods this summer. Mr. Zokvic provided the troop with a reminder sticker to turn out the lights for the trailer.

B. Advancement - Paula Martin

Mrs. Martin reported that there are three boys who are ready to advance. Their Boards of Review will be held next Monday, April 26. Mrs. Martin will keep encouraging scouts to bring their books to the meetings to have requirements signed off by adults. She will continue to track what requirements each scout needs and email this

periodically to the scoutmaster. Mr. Zokvic and Mr. Trappen worked on several requirements with scouts at the last campout.

#### C. Outdoor Activities - Marlaine Teahan

The committee discussed upcoming campouts. It was suggested that because the troop was unable to go to Mystic Lake this month, that a day trip to Lincoln Brick Park be organized. Mr. Zokvic reported that there was work to do on the trees there and the troop could also work on cooking, outdoor skills, and shelter building.

For upcoming campouts, the committee decided that a trip to Mystic Lake would be good for the September campout, October is the Fall Camporee, November would be shelter building at Lincoln Brick Park, and December would be Optimist or Kiwanis. It was suggested that some of the new scouts present to the troop what camping at Mystic Lake is like, since they have been there previously and most older scouts have not.

Currently there are five scouts going to Northwoods. Two adults are needed for the entire week. Mr. Zigler is planning on going. He will meet with Paula to see what the role of camp leader entails. Mrs. Martin will get the NW merit badge information for scouts for the next meeting.

#### D. Website

No updates.

#### E. Treasurer - Dave Berquist

Mr. Berquist reported that the checkbook balances. There was a question on the mileage reimbursement amount. Currently it is 60 cents a mile. Mr. Berquist contacted the council and was told that the council recommends 50 cents a miles.

There was also a discussion regarding troop dues. Thirty dollars is taken out of each boy's account in June, October, and January.

#### F. Scoutmaster Minute - Vladimir Zokvic

Mr. Zokvic reported that some signatures are needed regarding rechartering. He will make sure the parish office gets copies of the recharter form and the bank signature form.

He reported that the Optimist Campout in March went well. At the 5K walk for scouts on Saturday, April 17, four adults and six scouts walked. Two of our scouts carried the banner at the front of the whole group, with several other of our scouts joining them.

Mr. Zokvic reported that the troop has been asked to participate in the Blue Star Memorial sponsored by the Garden Club of Grand Ledge. They will be creating a space for this memorial plaque on the Island Park. The troop will be helping dig up the space along with Troop 70. The official ceremony was scheduled for June 14 but has been moved to September 11, 2010. Mr. Zokvic will pass on information regarding this project as he receives it.

Mr. Zokvic is working on a thank you letter to the Knights of Columbus thanking them for allowing the troop to help out at the fish fries and for their donation to the troop.

G. Parish Representative - Deacon Andy Tardif

Deacon Andy did not have a report as parish representative. He would still like to schedule a swimming party at his home for July or August. Mr. Trappen would like to have the party in July so that the troop would be eligible for the Quality Unit Award. This event will be planned next month so that families can include this in their summer vacation plans.

5. Fundraiser/Community Service

A. Community Meals - still working on status of these.

B. Spring Popcorn sales - Mrs. Mitchell reported that she has been able to sell all of the Fall popcorn that was leftover.

C. Flower Bulb Sales - Mrs. Mitchell has \$500 worth of bulb sales so far. She is working on getting the order out on email by April 20. The troop will get some lily bulbs for every \$100 sold. It is possible to sell bulbs in the fall.

D. Spring Food Drive - Mr. Zigler asked for input on doing the food drive May 8. The committee discussed having the drive either from 10 am to 1 pm or 10 am to 2 pm. Mr. Zokvic will discuss this with the scouts as a Stuff the Bus at Felpausch event. Mr. Trappen will talk to Pack 255 to see if they would like to join us.

E. Michael M.'s Eagle Scout Project - Mr. Mandley reported that they started this past weekend. They dug up 15 tombstones of Civil War veterans. On Sunday, they poured footers. Four people were out working on Saturday and eight on Sunday. This coming Saturday they will be setting the tombstones back in. Mr. Mandley reported that many pictures were taken to display. They had to go to the Cemetary Board Committee to resolve a planning problem. This was resolved last Friday, just in time to get the project started.

F. Memorial Day Parade - Mr. Zokvic will contact the VFW to see if they still want the scouts to help out. He is thinking of writing a letter to the Independent encouraging

people to come to the ceremony at the cemetery after the parade. It was suggested that he could go to a City Council meeting or see if the mayor would put the information in his email newsletter.

G. Spring Bottle Drive - This is scheduled for June 5. Mr. Zigler will do the advertising for it.

6. Old Business/New Business

A. Jr. Leadership Training - Mr. Mitchell reported that this went well. Nine boys participated, along with three adults. The scouts seemed to enjoy the training and requested some of the games to be used for Monday night meetings or campouts.

B. Trailer Tires - Mr. Zigler got new tires for the trailer.

C. Court of Honor - The committee made some changes to the original schedule of events proposed by the PLC: **Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup>** will be the fun night and **Monday, May 24** will be the Court of Honor. **Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup>** will be a PLC and committee meeting.

D. Troop Flag replacement - a new troop flag is needed. It was suggested that the current flag be cut into small squares and sold as keepsakes.

E. Bank request/Check signatures - The committee discussed whether or not there should be one or two signatures on the checks the troop writes. It was decided to only have one signature.

Eaton Federal Savings Bank has asked for the minutes of who is serving as leadership for the troop. As requested by Eaton Federal Savings Bank, the committee members are as follows:

Committee Chair - Bruce Mitchell

Treasurer - Dave Berquist

Secretary - Rebecca Meszaros

Scoutmaster - Vladimir Zokvic

Assistant Scoutmaster - Jim Trappen

Charter Organization Representative - Deacon Andy Tardif

F. Articles in the newspaper - Deacon Andy would like to develop a protocol for getting articles in the newspaper. He would like this to be on the agenda for next month.

7. The next meeting is Monday, June 7 at 7 pm.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 pm.

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