

Troop 216 Committee Meeting Minutes

February 17, 2016

In attendance:

Steve Dunning, John Evans, Diane Gill, Gary Gill, Jack Gill (presenting Eagle project proposal), Pradeep Kandula (Senior Patrol Leader), Steve Kupsy, Nastasha McClintock, Bill Nahlik, Dan Ruark, Annette Schoeberle, Bob Schoeberle, Wes Searcy, Tim Valley, Phillippe Welsh, and Jim West

Annette Schoeberle called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Before we began regular business, she acknowledged and thanked all the volunteers for committee positions. It was noted that the Troop has only four registered Assistant Scoutmasters at this time: Reece Halpin, Max Maier, Bill Nahlik, and Shane Smith.

1. **Secretary Report:** Minutes from the January 13, 2016 regular meeting and the January 26, 2016 special meeting were reviewed. Bob Schoeberle moved that the minutes be approved and John Evans seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
2. **Treasurer Report:** Tim Valley and Steve Dunning submitted the Treasurers Report for January 2016. The opening balance as of December 31, 2015 was \$21,780.76. The closing balance as of January 29, 2016 was \$21,348.20, of which \$2,122.85 is in Scout account reserve (leaving a net balance of \$19,225.35).
 - a. Tim stated he and Steve used the old Treasurer Report format but they were open to suggestions for changes in reporting.
 - b. The audit has been completed and everything was found to be in order. The auditor recommended we establish and operate according to an annual budget.
 - c. Tim and Steve discussed the advantages of a check register and categorization of expenses. Steve Kupsy suggested we may consider using the standard BSA template.
 - d. As of this time, only Steve, Tim, Gary Gill, and Annette are authorized to sign checks.
 - e. Tim and Steve said there is some amount of money which was reportedly donated to the Troop several years ago on the condition it is only used to help cover the expenses of less fortunate scouts. Tim and Steve will do a detailed review of our records to determine if this is the case. Annette will check past minutes of committee meetings and Gary will see if Lynn Padgett has any information on this.
3. **Activities Chair Report:** Annette made this report.
 - a. The Beaver Dam/Eagle Crest campout is March 4-6. Permission slips are due February 29. The Troop has paid the deposit and we have met the minimum number of scouts required.
 - b. Registration for summer camp at S Bar F Scout Ranch Camp Gamble is through the Troop. The Troop will use GSLAC's website to do the registrations. The early discount registration rate is good through February 29; our internal deadline for scouts is February 22 to allow us time to collect the money and make the registration. The next period of less discounted registration runs to May 31, after which time it becomes even more expensive. We already have our camp site reserved.

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4. **Service Projects Report:** Pradeep Kandula, Senior Patrol Leader (SPL), reported that six or seven scouts helped with the KC Ash Wednesday Fish Fry from 5-8 PM.
5. **Eagle Scout Proposal:** Life Scout Jack Gill presented his proposal for an Eagle Scout Service Project. The project involves the construction of two benches for outdoor seating at the Clay County Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry in Flora, Illinois. Wes Searcy moved the Committee approve the project and Bill Nahlik seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
6. **Senior Patrol Leader Report (Pradeep Kandula):**
 - a. Pradeep reported that Anthony Evans and Jack Gill are really stepping up and helping in meetings.
 - b. He proposed the Scribe be responsible for recording scout attendance at all Troop functions and not just regular meetings; when the Scribe is not present, attendance can be taken by the senior scout at that event. John Evans suggested attendance be taken at the beginning of each meeting using preprinted, standardized index cards. No action was taken on this matter.
 - c. David Ruark's Eagle Court of Honor (COH) will be on Sunday, April 17 at 2 PM at the Glen Carbon Community Center.
7. **Advancement Chair Report (John Evans):**
 - a. Troopmaster software is up and running, and up to date except for advancements. John reported we could also use Troopmaster for tracking adult leaders, training and fundraising. Steve reminded us we used to have a web interface where parents could see the status of their scouts' attendance and advancement, but that is no longer available due to lack of use.
 - b. John Evans has us set up with a BSA web portal to record advancements and enable us to purchase rank patches and related materials.
 - c. The COH for leadership transition will be April 4 and the last Board of Review prior to that will be March 28. Annette will coordinate a Friends of Scouting presentation for the April 4 COH.
 - d. Boards of Review will be run at regular scout meetings on an as-needed basis.
 - e. Gary reported that he and John are open to changes in the Troop's traditional Board of Review practices.
 - f. Annette reported we have only two parents on the current official merit badge counselors list. We need to recruit more parents to the counselors. She and Steve will work on this.
 - g. John reported that University of Scouting blue cards get emailed to the person who registered the scout for the event. They should be printed and delivered to him as Advancement Chair. He suggested in the future we could arrange a mass registration by the Troop on behalf of all the scouts attending so that the blue cards are emailed back to one contact for all attendees.

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8. Fundraising Report:

- a. Steve reported that Sheri Verstraete and Ms. Maier were interested in managing a Camp Cards fundraiser. The idea will be put to the scouts for consideration.
- b. Steve suggested we defer discussion of whether, when, and how to do a Bowling Bash fundraiser until the next meeting. Bob moved to adopt this recommendation and Jim West seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Quartermaster Report (Jim West, John Evans, Gary Gill)

- a. John provided a handout from Scout Quartermaster Anthony Evans detailing our tent inventory. Tents 5, 9, and 19 are missing but not yet presumed lost. Tent 11 is apparently lost. Tent 18 is for spare parts only and for the record, we never had a Tent 13. Someone suggested that an email to all Troop parents be sent, asking for everyone to check to see if they have any of the missing tents.
- b. The titles for the Troop trailers have been transferred to Gary Gill. The Troop was reminded this is necessary because the Knights of Columbus cannot own property and the trailers had been titled in the name of Dave Padgett.

10. Scoutmaster Report (Gary Gill):

- a. The 5-7 February Warren Levis winter campout was a complete success. The boys worked very well together with a minimum of adult supervision and increased their confidence that they can handle cold weather camping.
- b. Lewis and Clark Council is interested in scouts doing a flag ceremony for a Commissioners Ceremony on the same weekend as the Beaver Dam campout. He will coordinate with Pradeep for volunteers.
- c. We can use Liberty School for regular Troop meetings through the end of the school year but we need to ask the new school principal about the fall.
- d. There is some interest but no commitments from Webelos to join the Troop (other than Sam Gill).
- e. Pack 34 will have their Blue and Gold Banquet and crossover ceremony on March 13.
- f. Gary is exploring ideas for a high adventure event late this summer. One possibility is a 50-mile hike on the River-to-River Trail in southern Illinois, from Ferne Clyffe State Park to the Mississippi River. It was also noted the scouts were interested in a Giant City campout as well.

11. Council/District Chair Report (Wes Searcy):

- a. There are two events coming up: On April 9, there is Indoor Leader Training at Eden Church, and on June 5-11, there is National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) at Camp Vandeventer.
- b. Steve reported on the University of Scouting Training he attended. He took five classes, including Cold Weather Camping, The Real Patrol Method, and How to Retain Older Youth, and he has the names and contact info for the instructors. Steve recommends this event to any adult leader. He also reported that Max Maier attended and now plans to take Wood Badge. Steve also handed out information on the St. Louis Cardinals Green Teams service opportunity.

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12. Committee Chair Report (Annette Schoeberle):

- a. Annette again thanks everyone for their service to the Troop.
- b. Annette reported that we will have a cake at the February 22 Troop meeting in honor of the Troop's tenth anniversary. Diane Gill will get the cake. We will take new Troop pictures at this event for us on the Troop website.
- c. We will form a small group to plan a larger event for the Troop's tenth anniversary, to be held later this year. d. It was agreed that draft Committee minutes will be sent by the Secretary to Annette for review as soon as they are drafted. Annette will distribute them to the Troop.

13. Charter Representative Report (Bob Schoeberle):

- a. Bob reported the Knights of Columbus will not charter the Troop next year, due to a change in their national policy. The Troop must identify a new chartering organization. Father Al told Bob the bishop had agreed to let churches charter troops, with the suggestion but not requirement that they have Catholic leadership. Bob suggested we develop a memorandum of Understanding that would lay out the mutual expectations, responsibilities, conduct, and roles of the Troop and the Church in a chartering relationship so each party understands what they would be getting into if the Church chartered Troop 216. The Committee agreed this was a good idea.
- b. Bob reported there were additional, unanticipated expenses associated with the Skyzone event on January 23. Tim Valley covered these costs. Bob moved that the Committee reimburse Tim for these expenses and Wes seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

14. Old Business: None.

15. New Business: None.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Bob and seconded by Steve. Motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 9 at 7:30 at St. Cecilia's Family Life Center.