

## Jan 26, 2016 Special Committee Meeting

7:32pm -- Grand Knight Sam Trauernicht from the Knights of Columbus, Troop 216's chartering organization, approved Annette Schoeberle as Interim Committee Chairperson. Sam expressed that if others have interest in filling this position, they could be considered by the committee. Sam explained that the Knights will no longer be able to serve as the chartering organization after 2016.

Annette S welcomed the group in attendance and thanked the participants.

Gary Gill shared the importance of staffing the committee promptly and indicated he would prefer a 2-deep concept for each position being filled. All positions are considered open at this time.

Bob Schoeberle stated an audit of the financial records is being requested through the Knights as typical in this transitory time, to be conducted as soon as possible. Annette S expressed that a co-treasurer situation would be beneficial.

Bill Nahlik asked if dual signatures are required for troop checks. Gary indicated that only one has been required.

Annette S addressed the immediate need for an Advancement position replacement. Discussion included a new approach of rotating individuals serving on Board of Reviews and holding BORs at regularly scheduled intervals. Discussion also included who is able to serve as a BOR member. BSA guidelines were referenced, indicating that there should be 3-6 participants, not to include the parent of the scout being reviewed.

Natasha McClintock stated on the behalf of Tara Kuhne who could not attend, that Tara is willing to serve as Advancement chair if no one else indicates interest. John Evans expressed his willingness to take the Advancement position as did Wes Searcy. Annette S stated she would make a decision in filling this position after conferring privately with Gary.

Camille Evans asked for clarification if filling the committee positions would be done by vote of the committee members or appointment by the chairperson. Annette S answered that the guidelines in place indicate that appointment of the positions is appropriate.

Steve Dunning expressed his confidence in the judgment of Annette S to accept the input of others and to make the appointments.

Gary Gill stated his approval of all three candidates volunteering for the Advancement chair position.

Steve Kupsy queried if those candidates would be considering other positions as well. Wes Searcy indicated he was also considering Assistant Scout Master. John Evans expressed he could continue as Quartermaster.

Annette S stated the need for a new Secretary. Dan Ruark offered to fill this position.

Annette S also presented the need for Activities Chairperson. She shared information regarding this year's summer camp as follows:

The troop will attend Camp Gamble S Bar F Scout Ranch near Farmington Mo the week of July 24, 2016. First, second, and third choices for camp sites have been chosen. A \$30 deposit is required for each scout attending and submitting this will be handled online by Annette S. No deposit is required for adults at this time. Annette further discussed the payment options, noting that a reduced cost is associated with earlier registration. For example, \$240 is the price if registered by the end of February vs \$275 if after May.

Gary indicated there are currently 27 boys registered to the troop, but no firm available number yet of boys going to summer camp.

Camp Gamble provides food that the scouts will be cooking. This may facilitate boys being able to achieve a cooking merit badge. The date chosen for camp avoids conflict with summer school and band camp. Voyager and merit badge programs are available at this camp. There is no pool.

Diane Gill indicated she would serve as Activities chair along with Annette at this time.

Jim West stated he would continue in the position of Quartermaster. He stated having a second person is appropriate as has been custom in the past. John Evans proposed that the Quartermaster be considered as signatory on financial accounts since there is often expenditures on equipment.

Shane Smith suggested debit cards as an option in addition to checking account access.

University of Scouting/merit badge event for adults and scouts will be held Feb 6 from 9-4 at Collinsville High School. Annette advised on the my.scouting.org website to click 'My dashboard' then 'My training.'

Bill Nahlik mentioned Wood Badge training in Sept and Oct and described the benefit of this course in developing leadership in all aspects of life, not just scouting. This was also agreed upon by Wes Searcy. Approximate cost is \$200.

Gary mentioned training for IOLS, Introduction of Outdoor Leadership Skills as a valuable training also.

Jim West proposed changes to the policy regarding allowing further merit badge activities during the Monday meetings. Bill Nahlik expressed support of the current policy. Annette S indicated a patrol can elect to work on merit badges. Steve Kupsy stated he would not want Monday meetings to become merit badge-focused. PJ Welsh summarized a feeling shared by other adults also that the older boys are not fully engaged in the meetings. Gary requested assistance in getting the older boys more involved with the younger scouts and stated he believes in the patrol method.

Wes stated that online trainings typically take 20 minutes. Camille stated in agreement that hers took 25 minutes.

The troop website hosted by Rose Design is in need of updates and being kept up. PJ Welsh volunteered to serve in this capacity and Gary said he would like to learn alongside him.

Annette S acknowledged the upcoming ten-year anniversary of the charter date of the Troop on Feb 16. One proposal was to have a celebratory cake shared with the boys. Another idea was obtaining plaques for the Padgetts and Faerbers, two of the troop's founding families. Bill Nahlik, Steve Kupsy, and Dan Ruark indicated they would help plan a summer "Homecoming-type" event/celebration inviting past scouts and families.

The February 2016 Committee meeting will be moved a week to Feb 17, to be held at the St Cecelia's Family Life Center at 7:30 pm.

Gary noted adult applications are available for anyone interested in becoming an adult leader.

8:50 pm -- A motion to adjourn was made by Bob Schoeberle and seconded by Dan Ruark.