

March 9, 2016 Troop 216 Committee Meeting

Attendees: Gary Gill, Annette Schoeberle, Laura Arial, John Evans, Max Maier, James West, Tim Valley, Steve Dunning, Steve Kupsy, PJ Welsh, Natalya McClintock, Robert Schoeberle, Pradeep Kandula

- Meeting called to order at 7:30.
- Previous meeting minutes were reviewed and approved. Evans motioned for approval, West seconded, unanimous approval.
- **Treasurers' Report:** Account balances and credits/debits were presented and discussed. "Restricted" funds were a previous corporate matching donation of \$1200 on behalf of a former Scout family in 2012, for the purpose of assisting Scouts in financial need. The family and company request to remain unidentified. Motion was made by West to retain the funds, ensure families know about it, show it on the balance sheet, and have the Committee decide on usage. Welsh seconded, motion was approved. There was a discussion about collection of dues from Scout "credit accounts", and what is done with those funds after a Scout leaves. We communicate to the Scout and family that remaining funds can be used for Scouting, gear, or transferred to another Scout. After 1 year of non-communication, the funds could be returned to the Troop general funds.
- Dunning requested to modify our activity permission slip, approved.
- Camp cards are available, Diane Gill will pick them up at the Scout Shop on Friday when obtaining Webelo crossover materials (books, neckerchiefs, slides). Valley provided check # 1770.
- **Activities:** We intend to camp at Pere Marquette in April, all dates are open, will try to reserve April 8-10, work in new Scouts and hike. Scouts want to do a shooting activity in May. NESA day is May 14 at CWL, can camp but can't shoot that day. Camp Vandeventer only uses air rifles, waiting on word back from Camp Joy. Want to do fishing at Quayle Lake in June, will contact Schlosser family to assess. Venturing crews will be at CWL April 29, boating and shooting, will present to Scouts to assess interest. Only age 13+ can participate. Flag placement at Woodlawn cemetery May 14. Presently 14-16 Scouts are signed up for Summer Camp. Email is forthcoming for Merit Badge signup. All need to submit physicals.
- **Service Projects:** Flag placement at Woodlawn cemetery May 14.
- **Advancement:** Evans is now producing 2 reports, based on who is using the old vs new advancement criteria. Reminder, Scouts use the new criteria unless they've already begun a rank using the old. All will use new criteria in 2017. SM has been talking to Scouts who haven't advanced in a while. National Outdoor Achievement Award was discussed, we will track progress and award Scouts who achieve it.

NOVA Award for STEM was discussed. Troop achieved Journey to Excellence Gold for 2015, patches and pins are available, will present flag banner at Court of Honor.

- **Fundraising:** Camp Cards are available. Calendar efforts are done. After discussion, Kupsky made motion to not hold Bowling Bash, West seconded, approved with one dissent.
- **Quartermaster Report:** 4 tents were returned. One gas regulator appears to be troublesome in cold weather, tagged, we all will look in our garages for extras. Tent #5, long-missing, has been located in a Scout's garage. Discussion about purchasing hiking/backpacking equipment with Troop funds, will research and return with proposals.
- **Senior Patrol Leader:** Leadership nominations will be at next meeting, elections after that.
- **Scoutmaster:** Campout at Beaver Dam was great, but cold. Thanks to Diane and others who helped conserve money by finding grocery coupons and deals. We've been impressed with Scout leadership and conduct on recent outings. We did High Ropes, went well. Reminder, if skittish about it, once you get gear on you pay, even if you back down. Could do better help Scouts prepare with layering clothing. We will have 4 Webelos cross over on Sunday from Pack 34, 2 others from 1316 are possibly interested. Have received feedback from several that our Boy-led aspect is evident and impressive when they see our meetings. Troop 31 is taking a High Adventure trip to Northern Tier July 9-21, they have 3 openings, talk to Gill if interested. Jack Gill will go before Eagle project approval board on Thursday (Note: approved). OA elections are arranged for 28 March, 7 Scouts eligible.
- **Committee Chair Report:** Friends of Scouting presentation will be at Court of Honor. Troop pictures can now be hosted on our OneDrive account. Media Release form discussion – applications have a media release section, ours might be redundant. Nobody has declined in quite a while. We can still meet at Liberty until May 23, AS will call church to secure our summer home (Pavilion). We need an alternate location on May 2, Pavilion is the first choice. Our financial audit was conducted, passed, and reported. Looking to plan a Troop reunion this summer, could be a daytime BBQ or picnic. Need a presentation/plea at Court of Honor for Merit Badge counselors. Gill/Evans/Kupsky/Searcy have been going over possible materials.
- **Charter Org Rep:** Working on Memorandum of Agreement between Troop and Church for transfer of charter.
- **Motion to Adjourn at 9:23** by Schoeberle, seconded by West, approved.