

Troop 216 Committee Meeting

May 11, 2016

Meeting called to order at 7:30 by Annette Schoeberle.

Secretary Report: Previous meeting minutes were reviewed and approved. John Evans moved for approval, John Evans seconded, unanimous approval.

Treasurers Report: Tim Valley reviewed the April report. Gary Gill proposed, with the approval of the Committee, to investigate a situation in which a scout may need financial assistance to go to camp; no objection was raised. John Evans indicated that Anthony Evans' scout account may not have been debited for his dues; Steve Dunning said he would check into it.

Activities Chair Report:

- Diane Gill reported the Warren Levis campout was the coming weekend, 13-15 May. 18 boys (13 of which are signed up for NESA Day) and 10 adults are registered to go. 17 boys and 4 adults are signed up for the shooting portion of the campout, which will start at 9 AM Sunday. Gary reported he had 100 targets for use and that the McClintocks had donated 500 rounds of ammunition. Gary said he planned to hand out any unused ammunition so the Troop would not have to store it. It was suggested that a first aid kit be brought along.
- Flags will be placed on veterans' graves at Woodlawn Cemetery on 21 May at 9 AM. John Evans was commended for getting the gravesite map for the scouts to locate veterans' graves.
- The Quail Lake campout is set for the weekend of 10-12 June.
- Summer camp is 24-30 July. Swim tests will be conducted there by the camp. The committee discussed having swim practice prior to camp, maybe at the YMCA; it was decided to put it to the boys.
- Gary indicated he hoped to have a Patrol Leaders Conference prior to the Quail Lake campout to plan fall events.
- Diane reported she had created an adult camping form, for adults to use when they are camping on their own and not with one of their sons. She will start attaching them to our camping permission slip emails.

Advancement Chair Report: John Evans provided the committee with advancement rosters for the scouts under both old and new advancement requirements. John noted that we had some scouts who have not advanced in a long time and he suggested we begin asking those scouts if they were aware of their advancement status and whether there was something we could do to help them advance in rank.

Council/District Representative Report: Wes Searcy made sure everyone had received an email from him inviting them to contribute to a Google Docs folder for scouting information. The committee discussed the various ways it has used technology to share Troop information; these include Windows OneDrive and the Troop website drop box. Steve Dunning and PJ Welsh agreed to research the pros and

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cons of various methods of sharing data, and the larger question of privacy and transparency policies, and report back to the committee

Senior Patrol Leader Report:

- John Schollmeier mentioned one scout had expressed some interest in a role as a den chief but no action had been taken. Gary indicated if scouts wanted to serve as den chiefs, he would make the contacts and arrangements with the pack.
- Attendance is now being tracked with the new cards; the bugs are still being worked out in the system.
- John noted we have gained four new scouts and he wondered if we should change something with the patrols due to the gain. Gary said he believed a patrol just for the new scouts will be good for them at first, but then they need to be integrated into mixed-age patrols when they are ready. We will decide how exactly to integrate them when they are ready.
- John reported he has had about ten minutes left at the end of meetings lately and asked for advice of how to best use the extra time. Committee members made several suggestions including having a physical activity that teaches scout skills, such as tent preparation or camping skills.
- John reported that he is receiving good support from Assistant Scoutmasters at the meetings.
- June 6 will begin the summer season meeting at the pavilion instead of the school.

Fundraising Chair Report: Sheri has 43 Camp Cards still available. Steve Dunning discussed Cardinals Calendars and noted he received point-of-contact registration information this week. The committee discussed selling candy bars but decided it was too late in the spring to begin and that the committee needed to start candy bar sales much earlier than May next year to have time to make it feasible and worthwhile.

Quartermaster Report: Bob Schoeberle reported that the Knights of Columbus had stored some materials in the scouting portion of the church storage shed but that he and John Evans moved it out. He also noted there are 14 cots in storage from the K of C youth group; Bob will check to see if the K of C or another church—Wes suggested St. Mary's—could use them; if not, then maybe the Troop could give them to scouts. Max Maier reported on behalf of the Equipment Subcommittee regarding backpacks for the Troop. Backpacks from ALPS, Deuter, and Osprey were evaluated. All are approximately 65 liters in capacity and are internal frame design. The committee also examined three backpacking stoves: MSR Reactor, Jet Boil, and MSR Whisper Lite International. The committee examined the equipment, asked numerous questions, and considered several ways ahead. Bob moved that the Troop purchase three ALPS Red Tail 3900 backpacks, three Deuter Act+Lite 65+10 backpacks, two MSR Whisper Lite International stoves, and longer fuel bottles for the stoves. Dan Ruark seconded, unanimous approval.

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Max said he would find the best prices on the equipment, including looking at a discounted price for the entire purchase.

Scoutmaster Report: Gary noted there had been several newspaper articles recently on Troop 216 scouts gaining the Eagle rank. He also noted the Troop had several scouts in various stages of earning their Eagle rank: Danny Searcy is working on his paperwork, Jim Arial needs a few more badges and to complete his paperwork, and Jack Gill and Pradeep Kandula need to finish their projects and submit paperwork. Gary noted that he should be done with schoolwork on Monday nights and will be able to attend Troop meetings again on a regular basis. Gary suggested the committee consider whether to formally approve allowing Assistant Scoutmasters to also be voting members of the Troop committee.

Committee Chair Report: Annette reported she had some Friends of Scouting brochures if anyone was interested in making a donation. Annette and Bev West reported on the progress in getting new Troop 216 neckerchiefs: Bev has the logo digitized and one company has quotes a price of \$6.98 per neckerchief for an order of 50. Council has another supplier who quoted \$6.49 for 50, plus a one-time charge of \$20 for thread and a small charge for stabilizer. We will try to get an example of the scout shop's neckerchiefs for comparison purposes. In any event, we will order adult-sized neckerchiefs from whichever vendor we select. Annette also reported on other Troop clothing options we have if we want to order them, including a performance t-shirt, a hoodie, and a sweatshirt. Gary pointed out that the performance t-shirt material was not a good choice for fire safety. Pricing for the sweatshirts ran between \$25 to \$30 for gray large to 3XL sizes and \$26 to \$31 for blue in the same size range. Hoodies ran between \$36 and \$38. After some discussion about pricing, Steve Kupsky moved that the Troop offer all sweatshirts for \$30 and all hoodies for \$40, regardless of color or size. Bob seconded, unanimous approval.

New Business: None.

Charter Organization Representative Report: Bob reported for the committee's awareness that Jim Toliver, a Knights of Columbus member, was an Eagle Scout and would be added to the K of C plaque honoring Eagle Scouts. Bob mentioned that Brandon Valley had not yet been added to the K of C Eagle Scout plaque or to the Troop website's roll of Eagle Scouts. Bob moved that Brandon be added to both. Dan seconded, unanimous approval. Bob also reported that Laura Rose with the District was helping us in agreeing on terms with Father Al Allen for chartering the Troop through St. Cecilia Catholic Church. Bob continues to work out the details.

Motion to Adjourn by Bob, seconded by Steve Kupsky, approved