

Troop 216 Committee Meeting

October 12, 2016

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

In attendance: Steve Dunning, John Evans, Diane Gill, Gary Gill, Steve Kupsky, Max Maier, Edgar M., Natasha McClintock, Karen O'Koniewski, Mike O'Koniewski, Dan Ruark, Annette Schoeberle, Bob Schoeberle, Shane Smith, Tim Valley, Phillippe Welsh.

Secretary Report: Previous meeting minutes were reviewed and Steve Kupsky moved for approval, seconded by Steve Dunning, motion passed unanimously.

Treasurers Report: Tim Valley and Steve Dunning reviewed the September 2016 treasurers report and provided an updated August 2016 report. There was very little account activity in September, but that was mainly due to timing. Steve and Tim reported they have provided a copy of the Troop's 2016 budget to Council as requested.

Activities Chair Report: Diane Gill reported on the following:

- The Silver Lake campout will be October 14-16. Shopping will be this Thursday. Fifteen scouts and seven adults are signed up. Pavilions 1 and 2 are reserved for our use. There is no camping fee; the Committee agreed on a \$25 per person fee for food.
- Diane noted that on the Rendezvous campout, the Troop could have saved about \$30 if the tortillas, rolls, and buns had been bought at Sam's Club.
- There doesn't appear to be any Scout interest in earning service hours at the Sunday October 16 LeClaire 25th Annual Festival.
- The Giant City campout will be November 4-6; permission slips will be due October 24. It is a two-hour drive there. The plan is to go down early that Friday with the big trailer. Because the ride is so long, Diane posed the question of whether we could leave at 5:00 Pm versus the usual 5:30; everyone thought that was doable. We will need to identify a vehicle that can bring down the smaller trailer with the Scouts.
- The Troop will go to Blue Springs Cavern in Indiana on Saturday-Sunday 3-4 December and spend the night in the cave. We have a fully paid reservation for 20 people. It is \$30 per person and we will need leave late in the morning to arrive there by the required 6:30 PM Eastern time. The Cavern requires attendees complete their permission form.
- Scouting for Food will start on 12 November and pickup will be 19 November.
- The annual winter lock-in will be January 13 at the Esic YMCA.
- There are no regular Troop meetings on October 31, November 21, December 26 or January 2, 2017.

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- Gary mentioned he is in contact with PackSack and will get pricing for a potential 2017 Boundary Waters trip.
- The Scouts need to identify some potential activities for the February-spring months' timeframe. Advancement Chair Report: John Evans gave the advancements report.
- There are more Scouts now on the new rules than on the old rules, mainly as a result of our having lots of active scouts ranking up.
- The October Court of Honor went well.
- Danny S.' Eagle COH was over the past weekend at St. Mary's and went very well.
- The Troop has still not received the first year scouting checklist from summer camp. This is needed because the Scouts were told they could not carry their books around and get signatures. In the worst case, if we can't get the checklist, we could work with the Scouts to reconstruct and verify what they accomplished. Annette said she has a contact John can call about getting the checklist.
- Noted that Wes has sent a list of OA dues payable for 2017 but no immediate action is needed at this time. The Committee discussed with Edgar the need to identify a new scout OA representative.

Council/District Representative Report: Annette gave the council/district representative's report in Wes Searcy's absence. The only item was that the VFW and American Legion both have scholarships available to Eagle Scouts; Annette has the information on how to apply.

Senior Patrol Leader Report: Edgar M. provided the SPL report.

- The Troop now has marker board paper for meetings.
- Elections are complete and the Troop has been reorganized to have three Patrols (all new scouts have been and will be in the future integrated into these three patrols):
 - King Cobras – Patrol Leader Nicholas M.
 - Titans – Patrol Leader Ray W.
 - Shrubbers – Patrol Leader Anthony E.
- Edgar sent Gary the menus for the next campout.
- John told Edgar once all the positions in the Troop are named, he will order position patches. Gary reviewed with Edgar how positions are filled.
- Max mentioned we don't have a Den Chief and asked Edgar for time at the next Troop meeting to discuss it.

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Fundraising Chair Report: Annette gave the Fundraising report.

- An email was sent to everyone about the wreath sales fundraiser. The organizer, Tara Kuhne, needs scouts to get their orders in to her by 24 October. Deliveries will be the week after Thanksgiving. Scouts will earn \$12 per wreath.
- Beth Welsh is the organizer for the Cardinals calendar sales fundraiser. She has requested the order forms and should have them available soon.
- Karen O’Koniewski plans to move the deadline for closing popcorn sales to after Thanksgiving so scouts can take advantage of the Thanksgiving holiday to sell more popcorn. She will send out an email on this.

Quartermaster Report: John Evans reported that several tents were still out with scouts from the Warren Levis campout due to the COH. He suggested to Edgar that scouts who have tents checked out now go ahead and clean them in preparation for the Silver Lake campout.

Chartering Report: The Committee discussed the two organizations that were in contention to be the Troops’ new chartering organization, First Christian Church of Edwardsville and Edwardsville American Legion Post 199. After several questions were answered by the Chartering Subcommittee, the choice was put to a vote. Annette abstained so that she could cast a tie-breaking vote in the event of a tie. The Committee voted in favor of First Christian Church by a vote of 8 to 6. Following the vote, Annette noted an exchange of letters between the Knights of Columbus and First Christian Church and a new unit registration form are among the next steps to switch the Troop from the Knights to the Church. Annette will manage this process.

Communications Report: Steve Dunning and PJ Welsh reported to the committee on the work of the Communications Subcommittee. They provided a written report to the Committee detailing their work. The Subcommittee has set getting the Troop website revamped as its top priority. The website is currently hosted free of charge by Rose Design. Rose Design also owns the domain name. The Troop doesn’t have a formal agreement or binding obligation to remain with Rose Design, if it chooses to have a website hosted by another company. Because it is free, the Troop understands it will not receive a great deal of assistance from Rose Design to help manage the website. This places numerous restrictions on the functionality, features, and security of the website as it currently stands. The Subcommittee recommended the Troop take over the domain name (it is likely Rose Design doesn’t have any particular desire to retain the domain name) and get hosted by a commercial vendor so we can gain access to a large variety of support, security, and functional features. Steve reported he has set up several websites for private companies and can get pricing from vendors for the Committee to consider. After some discussion, including the observation that a good time to get a new website going is when we charter with a new chartering organization, John Evans moved that the Communications Subcommittee be authorized by the Committee to acquire the domain name from Rose Design and get a new website set

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up with a commercial website hosting vendor for no more than \$100.00 per year, and begin building a new Troop website. The motion was seconded by Bob Schoeberle and passed unanimously.

Scoutmaster Report: Gary Gill reported on the following:

- The Rendezvous campout went very well. There were about 900 registered participants. The Troop volunteered to conduct a Sunday service for any interested Scouts or Scouters; about 50 attended. Danny S. led the service and did a terrific job.
- Gary's agenda for the Silver Lake campout includes hiking in the morning and tree identification in the afternoon. Max stated he could start scouts working on their hiking merit badges and Second Class requirement for hiking.
- Gary thanked Annette for all of her hard work in investigating chartering options, coordinating visits and subcommittee duties, and correspondence. Committee Chair Report: Annette Schoeberle reported the following:
- It is not too late to sign up for a Catholic Scout Religion Award available through the Belleville Diocese. She will share details in an email.

New Business: None.

Charter Organization Representative Report: None.

Motion to adjourn by Bob Schoeberle, seconded by PJ Welsh, approved.