# Feb. 10, 2021 Troop 216 Adult Committee Meeting DRAFT VERSION

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mike O’Koniewski. In attendance: Mark Mason, Albert Middeke, Barb Kane, Mike Veith Tara Kuhne, Tim Valley, Diane Gill, Gary Gill, Steve Kupsky, Mike O’Koniewski, Brian Heil and Neil Joellenbeck.

**Of significant, historical note:** This was the first in-person meeting that resumed after Covid-regulated restrictions were eased. The meeting was also hosted on a digital supplement tool to commiserate business due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic outbreak of 2019-2021. April-August meetings had been held in-person and/or digitally through modern-day Internet and Zoom**©** personal computer software as researched and implemented by Mike Fairburn and Steve Dunning. Per Greater St. Louis Area Council (GSLAC) guidelines, these are acceptable standards for holding these meetings. In this context, many of these entries and updates are reflective, in large part, to the extensiveness the pandemic has affected and altered our lives and livelihoods, Scouting especial. Some reports were presented and submitted to the Troop 216 Slack online documentation repository on the World Wide Web (www) and are referenced accordingly.

**Eagle Project –** No Eagle Scout project presentation was scheduled.

**Secretary Report —** Neil Joellenbeck: Motion and second were made to approve amended minutes from January 2021 Adult Committee meeting passed with full acclaim.

**Treasurers’ Report –** Tim Valley (co-chair): Updated Troop and Scout Accounts were submitted by email. Will be reaching out to those who have accounts but are no longer active with the Troop. A motion and second were made to approve the Treasurer’s Report and passed with full acclaim.

**Activities Chair Report —** Martina Bishopp and Diane Gill: Shooting range event at Rhodes-France will be on Saturday, Feb. 20. Feb. 28 is Scout Sunday at First Christian Church (FCC) and Scout have been asked to participate in the church service that day. Weekend of March 20 will go to Meramec Caverns for cave exploration and, if at least 15 Scouts sign up, a Merit Badge (MB) in Geology will be earned. In April will be Camporee and also Horseback riding at Beaumont (10th or 17th). On April 24 is the next Order of the Arrow (OA) Ordeal at camping on Warren Levis the Weekend of April 30. We are looking for Adult and Older Scout Leaders to volunteer at Camporee; this would be for OA Scouts to help and getting a job list from a Camporee coordinator would be helpful. Looking to possibly conducting a swim test on April 24. Looking at 6/13-19 for Summer Camp. There has been no movement on High Adventure (HA) but a Zoom is planned to discuss.

**Advancement Report –** B. Kane: Working with Scouts to update Scoutbook (SB). Also trying to log service hours and camping days. Suggestion of a recorded duty roster for each campout would help. Nate M. Eagle Board of Review (BOR) is scheduled for 3/17; Adrian H. is working on an Eagle Project proposal. A. Middeke is looking at a late Feb./early March Saturday to volunteer at Watershed to complete the Environmental Science MB. Would probably be 2 hours.

**Council/District Representative Report —** S. Kupsky: National is looking for the Ch. 11 bankruptcy to end this summer. The “Churchill Project” is an improvement program with 26 initiatives including replacing the Area/Region hierarchy with 16 Service Territories. Greater St. Louis Area Council (GSLAC) Scout Executive/CEO Ron Green is retiring and Joe Sadewasser has been named GSLAC Scout Executive/CEO. Cahokia District Roundtable meeting topics include: Leadership [NYLT] Skills (February), Outdoor ethics (March) and Summer camps. For the Friends of Scouting campaign troops meeting their goal will get free Rank Advancement patches or $75 gift card. GSLAC will host a dinner honoring Scout volunteers in April.

**Fundraising Report –** Mike O’Koniewski: No movement on Cardinals ticket fundraiser due to Covid.

**Quartermaster Report –** Gary Gill: Two tires replaced on trailer. Looking for the return of some tents also. Efforting to track down trailer keys. Possibly J. Evans; Richard Coolbaugh confirms he is not in possession of a set of keys. Will be looking to have a few duplicates made.

**Communication Report –** Neil Joellenbeck: Need to update our MB Counselors list on website. Before the resumption of in-person meetings, Troop – per GSLAC guidelines – needs a majority of parents to approved the resumption of in-person meetings (we already have approval from FCC as chartering organization to resume in-person meetings). As of 2/10/21 meeting, almost 80 percent of parents approved of resuming in-person meetings. We will continue to offer a virtual meeting option for Scouts may not or wish not to return to in-person meetings.

**Recruiting Report –** Mike O’Koniewski: Colin Listner and Mark Koester trying to reach out to some Cub Scout Troops’ Arrow of Light (AOL) Scouts on future 216 activities. With Blue and Gold and AOL Crossovers, now is a prime recruiting time. It’s also a reminder that anyone age 11 or older can join as a Scouting BSA Scout too.

**Senior Patrol Leader (SPL) Report –** Kevin O. (report given by M. O’Koniewski): We have improved attendance on Zoom. Scouts were engaged on the Zoom MB’s. Sometimes have to remind Scouts to turn cameras on for Zooms.

**Scoutmaster (SM) Report –** Mark Mason: Scouts are encouraged to invite friends and AOLs to Klondike on March 1. Would like to consider a fundraising, possibly Scout cooking event, and donate proceeds as a “Thank You” to FCC for being our chartering organization. Respose to the send-out of Advancement reports was well-received

**Committee Report –** Mike O’Koniewski: March will be last Adult Committee meeting for a few months. A. Middeke has stepped up to fill Committee Chair role in the interim.

**Charter Report –** Mike Veith: More details will be forthcoming for Scout Sunday.

**New/Old Business:** Friends of Scouting District Representative (M. O’Koniewski) will be looking to set dates to present to parents. Edwardsville Knights of Columbus want to pick a date to host with 216 a Flag Retirement ceremony at their Hall.

At 8:45p, a motion and second was made to adjourn and passed with full acclaim.

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