# May 11, 2022 Troop 216 Committee Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 7:04pm by Mike Veith standing in for later-arriving Acting Chairperson Albert Middeke. In attendance: Mark Mason, Barb Kane, Brian Heil, Gary Gill, Mike Veith, Diane Gill, Martina Bishopp, Albert Middeke, Zach K

**Eagle Presentation—**none

**Secretary Report—**Position remains unfilled / Diane Gill recording tonight’s minutes

The April draft meeting minutes were sent via email for review and corrections prior to this meeting. A motion was made by Martina Bishopp to approve the April minutes, Brian Heil seconded, and the motion passed.

**Treasurer’s Report--** Tim Valley was absent however he provided the Troop and Scouts’ financial reports for review

**Activities Chair Report--** Martina Bishopp

The Camporee overall went off well. Evening activities were noted to be less well-attended so will keep that in mind for future planning. Martina will be firming up the list of those adults going to the June 12-18 Famous Eagle Summer Camp and will send a reminder to the Troop about submitting Medical Forms including part C. The permission form will be out soon. It was uncertain if the two new AOL crossovers are attending Summer Camp so recommend following up with those families. Discussion included a proposed day hike at the Watershed and possibly North Side Dairy for June 4. Gary Gill mentioned sorting through the trailer prior to Summer Camp. Payments for the Z Base High Adventure trip occurring June 25-July 2 need some follow-up. Z Base permission form and waivers will be emailed soon. Although the Z Base Equestrian activity has been cancelled, Gary recommended including that waiver in the case it reopens. Martina provided a visual handout of upcoming events for the next year. Discussion included adding in High Ropes/Beaver Dam campout as usual for next spring, Illinois Cavern with camping at Vandeventer in September, Silver Lake or Camp Torqua for November, and Giant City for March. Mr. Veith offered Limestone Caverns in Valmeyer as another activity consideration. Christin Rigoni has offered to volunteer to fill the empty role of Activities co-chair.

**Advancement Chair Report--** Barb Kane

The April Court of Honor went well and Scouts have since continued to make rank advancements. Jack R has started planning his Eagle Project of a tool tower at the mountain bike trail. Gary asked about the charge on advancement patches incurred at the Scout shop when typically the Troop earns them at no cost. Barb explained there was a short gap of time that the Troop was not yet eligible for free advancement this year. A stockpile of patches has been built and future purchases will be replacements of those awarded. Discussion included the numbers in the patrols and the impact of older scouts aging out. Going to two patrols until the next election cycle may be the result. Zach requested a current roster which Barb will provide. Zach will have Scouts discuss the patrols. He is striving for all Scouts to have their proper patch. An Eagle kit will be needed quickly and it was noted there could be four more in the near future. A question was posed if a supply of kits could be held on hand; however, they are not available for purchase by just anyone at any time as they are tied to the specific recipient of Eagle Scout rank.

**Council/District Representative Report--** Steve Kupsky absent

It was noted that there are no upcoming Roundtable meetings until they resume in September.

**Quartermaster Report--** Gary Gill

Six tents were recently purchased during a close-out sale and are being stored in their boxes in the church attic. The inventory of tents is good right now so recommend holding off on adding those in. Mark and Martina provided information regarding Tent #15, that it could be considered for retirement given its broken pole and many patches. Gary said the lantern that had excessive flame has been fixed and issue was related to scale build up in the manifold. An LP tank was reported to have had a weak flame and the effective remedy is usually to just close and reopen the valve. The Troop flag pole has become stripped so the flag pole from the church’s former Troop is currently being used. Gary will order a $15 replacement part to fix it.

**Senior Patrol Leader Report—** Zach K

A PLC was held recently and discussion included having more activities besides campouts such as day hikes and gathering at a park to cookout or have a ball game. The two new Scouts that have recently joined have been working on requirements which they seem to be enjoying and doing well. Caleb K will serve as SPL at Summer Camp. Gary mentioned that Zach has done well rolling right into his new position. Zach stated he would like to improve on estimating the time it takes for activities during meetings. Gary offered the suggestion of keeping note of the timeline on each meeting’s agenda to learn the expected duration of activities.

**Communication Report--** Brian Heil

Activities will continue to be added to Scoutbook and possibly Google Calendar. Passwords are now known. Minutes from Committee meetings will be added to the website. Discussion included a goal of having the minutes added within two weeks of the meeting; therefore, they should go out for review via email as soon as possible after the meeting.

**Recruiting Report--** Mike Okoniewski absent

**Fundraising Report--** Mike Okoniewski absent

It was mentioned that Cardinal tickets continue to be handed out but no information of numbers was known. Two brothers in the Troop have gained permission to sell meat sticks outside Sam’s. It was asked if they could use the Troop banner and the committee agreed and suggested they may also want to have a Cardinals tickets flyer there.

**Scoutmaster Report--** Mark Mason

Ten Scouts and eight adults attended Camporee. A good opportunity for a practice water rescue was presented when one canoe capsized. Some use of electronics was noted during the campout. Two Scouts will attend the Eagle Board Review tomorrow night, Sam G for his project proposal and Cole S for his final review. Attendance seems to be waning at recent meetings. The Knights of Columbus proposed retiring flags on Flag Day, however that is a conflict with Summer Camp so another date will be considered. The local flag collection boxes should be emptied for that event. The Troop plans for Scouts to set flags at Woodlawn Cemetery for Memorial Day and decided to use Monday May 23rd for this, start time 6:30 pm. The Troop Librarian will be asked to review and organize the Merit Badge pamphlets, especially having on hand those that are Eagle required. These could also be brought to Summer Camp.

**Committee Chair Report--**  Albert Middeke

Mention was made of a recent email received by the Troop from an unknown source that was seeking to interact and offering tips to be added to our website. It was not known if this was legitimate and felt it might be best to ignore.

**Chartering Organization Representative Report--** Mike Veith

A written request is needed for events outside of the Troop’s regular weekly Monday and monthly Wednesday usage. A request has been made to hold the upcoming Eagle ceremony for Cole S at the church on the afternoon of May 29.

**Old Business--** None

**New Business--** None

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:12pm by Gary Gill, seconded by Barb Kane, and motion passed.

**Note:** next Committee meeting will be June 8, 7pm at First Christian Church, always open for anyone attend