

## November 9, 2022 Troop 216 Committee Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Chairperson Mike O'Koniewski. In attendance: Mark Mason, Barb Kane, Steve Kupsy, Mike Veith, Christin Rigoni, Albert Middeke, Tim Valley, Gary Gill, Martina Bishopp, Tara Kuhne, Brian Heil & Danford M.

### **Eagle Presentation**—none

### **Secretary Report**—Open

The minutes from the Oct 12, 2022 meeting were presented over email since the last meeting. No revisions were presented.

Gary Gill made a motion to accept the meeting minutes as posted, Albert seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Treasurer's Report**--Tim Valley

Tim presented the balance sheet and the scout accounts (attached to the end of these minutes).

- Philmont deposits are coming in. First deposit deadline is Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Tim cleared off all non rechartering scout accounts
- A check from Mr. Sivia was handed to Mr. Valley, wanted to make sure that deposit was recorded and assigned to his two scout's accounts.

Gary made a motion to approve the report and Mike seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Activities Chair Report**--Martina Bishopp/Christin Rigoni

- Veteran's Parade is on Nov. 11 in downtown Edwardsville. The troop banner will be displayed and Gary will bring his big American Flag.
- Beaumont will be scheduled this winter with a trip to Hidden Valley for snow tubing.
- Beaver Dam will also be scheduled this winter.
- May is the Spring Camporee.
- We are considering summer camp in Michigan at Camp Owassippee Scout Reservation. We will have the PLC committee discuss this at their next meeting. Biggest drawback is that its an 8hr drive. We have Famous Eagle booked as a back up.
- Scouting for food bag pick up will meet on 11/19 at Edisons parking lot at 9am to collect filled bags from the houses we were assigned the previous week.

### **Advancement Chair Report**--Barb Kane

- Six scouts participated in the Citizenship in Society Merit Badge class 2 weeks ago.
- Barb encouraging all scouts to come to her when completing requirements so it can be entered in scoutbook

**Council/District Representative Report—Steve Kupsky**

- Last roundtable presented on the path to Eagle with a Q&A.
- The District Committee has had a vacancy in the District Chairperson position for a few years. They are wanting to fill that position, if you know of any candidates, please let Steve know.
- The committee is also looking for volunteers to join the committee.

**Senior Patrol Leader Report—Danford M.**

- At the last PLC they discussed the possibility of moving the Lock In scheduled on 12/2-3 to January due to Christmas break. Christin (Activities co-chair) said she would check with the church on availability and report back at Monday's scout meeting. Either way, a decision should be made by next Monday.
- The patrols will design patrol flags for themselves
- Nine scouts raised hands last meeting indicating their intended attendance for scouting for food bag drop off this coming Saturday.
- Scouts decided to have the lock in from 8:30 pm to 8:30 am on 12/2-12/3

**Quartermaster Report--Gary Gill**

- All propane is good
- If any gear is found to be broken, please reach out to scout Quartermaster Sam J.
- We intend to bring out our extra gear that has been stored in the church for a number of years at the next roundtable to offer to other troops that might need it, thereby freeing up space back to the church.

**Communication Report--Brian Heil, Mark Koester**

Brian will update scoutbook with the revised activities and add the new ones listed in the Activities Report.

Mark K. indicated that all the back end systems on the website have been updated to the latest software and security protocols. He is now in experimental mode integrating Google Calendar with the existing website.

The committee is preparing for the possibility the website software will need a complete overhaul with potential costs associated with it.

It was suggested that the scout webmaster (Blake B.) could manually enter the activities into scoutbook in the interim.

**Recruiting Report--Mike Okoniewski**

- Email went out to AOL's in neighboring packs regarding our cooking challenge this Saturday after bag drop off.
- Other email invites to be sent to AOL's are the Beaumont trip, Klondike, and Lock In.

**Fundraising Report--Various**

- Mike O will look into the possibility of doing Cardinal tickets again next season.
- Cardinal calendar orders are due on 11/14

**Scoutmaster Report--Mark Mason**

- There are nine hard commitments for Philmont (5 scouts, 4 adults). Up to 5 more scouts could be added.
- One scout family said they can't do Philmont 2023 but asked to do Philmont 2024. The committee discussed at length that traditionally our troop does Philmont every other year with a different trip on the off years. We agreed that we wanted to keep that tradition and will be looking into a different type of high adventure for 2024.
- To train for Philmont, Mark Mason would like to plan a back packing trip in April/May to Hawn State Park.
- Mike O will begin a class on Citizenship in the Nation merit badge on Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>, with Citizenship in the Community in December.
- Mark Mason said a number of scouts need the Personal Fitness merit badge, Tara Kuhne said she will be working with Zach K. in heading that up.

**Committee Chair Report--Mike O'Koniewski**

Mike O stated the fellowship gathering at his home on 10/29 was a success and they hope to do it again next year.

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

No report.

**Old Business--**

We have picked up another location for scouting for food and we will cover it on Saturday.

**New Business--**

- Steve Kupsky completed his Wood Badge leadership training this fall and is now "working his ticket" and 2 of his 5 goals are related to Troop 216 where he is expecting Scoutmaster staff and troop committee support:
  - Help Troop 216 lineup campout directors throughout the year so the Scoutmaster doesn't feel obligated to attend each campout and so each campout has 2 deep leadership in advance of the outing.
  - Coordinate introduction to leadership skills for troops (ILST) training for the youth leaders of Troop 216.
- Steve K. also said he will work on the Journey to Excellence scout challenge for the coming year.

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:38 pm by Brian Heil, Barb Kane 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed unanimously.

**Note:** Next Committee meeting will be Dec 14, 7pm at First Christian Church, always open for anyone to attend