

Troop 216 Committee Meeting minutes

June 14th, 2023

Attendance: Mike Veith, Steve Kupsky, Mark Mason, Albert Middeke, Mike O’Koniewski, Christin Rigoni, Tim Valley, Brian Heil, Barb Kane

Eagle Scout Presentation:

None presented.

Secretary Report – Albert Middeke filling in this month

Minutes from May meeting were not completed, so a few key points were discussed again and reintegrated into this meeting. Recruitment and PLC/Committee meeting structure were key points. See below.

Treasurer Report - Tim Valley

Tim submitted the balance sheet and scout accounts to the committee (attached below). Current balance is \$6,529 for the Troop.

- Larry Miller requested that his scout account funds be rolled into the troop general funds.
- We are contacting those that did not recharter regarding their Scout account funds. If no contact can be made, their funds will be rolled into troop general funds or restricted funds.
- Treasurer’s report was approved and accepted.

Activities Report – Christin Rigoni

- Activities report centered around upcoming summer camp and Philmont.
- Summer camp kicks off 6/17, and from all accounts so far, it was a great success.
- Philmont group 3rd and final practice overnight. Departing on 6/17.
- A summer camporee is happening at Warren Levis in August, date TBD. It is being run by the Piasa Bird District, but all are welcome if interested.
- Discussed and agreed on planning for a Holiday World trip for the Troop either 8/11-8/13 OR 8/25-8/27. Probably depart early Saturday. This will be the main subject of the next PLC.
- One scout is planning to attend NYLT this summer.

Advancement – Barb Kane

- We discussed current scout ranks. Of the 20 scouts on the current charter, 10 are life scouts and 1 is Eagle. On a positive note, we have a large amount of scouts pursuing Eagle. More to follow in Recruitment, but we are top heavy in our numbers with many Scouts reaching Eagle within the next year.
- Mrs. Kane is scheduling another Citizenship in the Society soon.

Council/District Report – Steve Kupsky

- The district will host a kickoff early August at Edisons with info on scouting, recruiting opportunities, etc.... More to follow.
- Upcoming event dates – detailed below

Sr. Patrol Leader

- No report

Quartermaster Report

- We were missing safety goggles in the trailer for some reason. They were going to be added back within the week.
- Davey M. is now the Scout Quartermaster

Communications Report – Brian Heil

- The calendar is now able to be updated by Scout webmaster. Need to review the process to make sure this is actively happening.
- Need to review contact info on the Troop website. Mark Mason's phone # needs updating.

Recruitment- Mike O'Koniewski

- Recruitment must be a key focus for the troop. As mentioned earlier, our troop is top heavy with many scouts reaching Eagle and not enough young scouts joining the troop.
- All ideas are welcome. Planning to finalize strategies by the next committee meeting if possible.
- A few ideas that were thrown out were fishing derby, Goshen market stand, visiting private schools in the area (since public schools have become a little more difficult), possible fundraiser/recruiting event at Culvers, etc...
- Reaching out to the Cahokia Mounds District for any advice or help they can give.

Fundraising – Various

- Cardinals tickets
 - Minimum ticket sales have been covered. Of the original batch, only 4 remain.
- Meat sticks – Planning to kick off again in the next couple of months. Steve and Albert will coordinate to either meet the supplier at Goshen Market or the ranch.
- Stainless steel fire rings – We may have an opportunity to obtain a few of the laser cut fire rings like the ones in our trailer for fundraising. Still determining best method to utilize for fundraising.
- Culvers night – 10% with coupon available. Strategizing ideas to also make this a recruiting event.

Scout Master Report – Mark Mason

- No scout meeting 6/19 – Summer camp and Juneteenth
- No scout meeting 7/3 – Holiday
- No scout meeting 7/24 – large group at Philmont
- 3 Eagle projects completed within the last month/ Preparing for Eagle Board of Review

Committee Chair – Mike O'Koniewski

- Recruitment discussion reemphasized
- Finalized decision to try the new structure for PLC and Committee Meetings. The second Monday of the month will be dedicated to PLC and the adult Committee Meeting. This will allow the PLC to dedicate more time to proper planning and hopefully enable greater attendance to the adult committee meeting. Everyone is invited to attend. First meeting to be held 7/10. We will not be able to meet at the church, as the facility will be in use. Planning to use Township Park.

Charter Org Rep – Mike Vieth

- Nothing to report

Old business

- Need ILST scheduled. Total time needed is about 90 minutes.

New Business

- All included above

Calendar Summary**June**

Saturday, June 17th – Summer Camp departs

Saturday, June 17th – Philmont group overnight at Fern Clyffe

Monday, June 19th - No meeting – Summer camp and Juneteenth

July

Monday July 3rd – No meeting

Monday July 10th – First joint PLC and Adult Committee Meeting Township (Airplane) Park

Monday July 24th – No meeting – Philmont group gone

August

Aug 12-13 or Aug 26-27 – Holiday World (Final Date TBD)

October

Oct 6th – 8th – Rendezvous campout

November

Nov 4th – University of Scouting

Nov 11th and Nov 18th – Scouting for Food