

October 12, 2022 Troop 216 Committee Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Chairperson Mike O'Koniewski. In attendance: Mark Mason, Barb Kane, Steve Kupsky, Mike Veith, Christin Rigoni, Alberty Middeke, Tim Valley, Brian Heil & Zach K

Eagle Presentation—none

Secretary Report—Open

The minutes from the Sept 14, 2022 meeting were presented over email since the last meeting. No revisions were presented.

Mike Veith made a motion to accept the meeting minutes as posted, Brian 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). The scout accounts have been updated to include the Cards ticket sales. The meat stick sales are still being resolved and will be added to the scout accounts soon.

The first half deposit for a full 12 person crew at Philmont 2023 was made by Mark Mason. Some discussion was had about making such a large deposit out of the troop account without money from the families attending Philmont in the account. Mr Mason said the he feared we would lose our slot if he didn't make the deposit by the deadline and he has been unable to get firm commitments from scouts. Mr Mason has 14 interested scouts and adults and can extend the invite to other troops if we can't make the 12 person crew. It was asked that in the future, we receive deposits from the scouts prior to making a payment from the troop account.

Barb made a motion to approve the report and Albert seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Activities Chair Report--Martina Bishopp/Christin Rigoni

- Pere Marquette hike on 10/15, only have one adult leader so far, looking for at least 1 to 2 more.
- Haunted Hayride campout at Camp Warren Levis 10/21-10/23. Also looking for 2 adults to attend with scouts.
- The PLC decided to cancel the Silver Lake Campout in order to participate in the Veteran's Day Parade on Friday 11/11 in downtown Edwardsville. The scouts will then meet at Township Park on 11/12 at 9am to distribute bags for scouting for food and then return to the park to have a cookout competition and invite AOL's to participate.
- 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.
- The winter lock in will be 12/2-12/3 at Eden Church

Mike Veith mentioned that the church is going to have a workday this Sunday 10/15 from 8-11. If any scouts are interested in service hours, they are welcome to attend.

Advancement Chair Report--Barb Kane

The scout patrols decreased from 3 patrols to 2. The new names are "French Bullfrogs" and "Diamond Dogs". Barb will order new patrol patches to cover the number in the patrol as well as new scouts that cross over.

The troop roster has been updated by moving our newest 18 year olds to scouter reserves.

Barb has set up another Citizenship in Society merit badge class on 10/30 at 2pm at the Edwardsville Library. This class is limited to 5 attendees by invitation only as we are extending the invite at this time to Star and Life scouts since they are the closest in their path to Eagle.

There has been an issue with Matt S. on the scout roster. Something is messed up with the paperwork at GSLAC and he is not appearing in scoutbook as a registered scout. Barb is following up.

Council/District Representative Report—Steve Kupsky

- The roundtable on 11/1 will have a presentation on the path to Eagle with a Q&A.
- Steve reminded everyone they need to keep up on their Youth Protection Certification. The certification lasts for 2 years and must be renewed every two years. There are a few leaders that have lapsed or are getting very close to lapsing.

Senior Patrol Leader Report—Zach K

- Zach asked for a script for the court of honor ceremony for 10/17 so he could review it prior to the ceremony. Mark said he would find the one used previously.
- We held elections at the last troop meeting and the new SPL will be Danford M. and the ASPL is Caleb K.
- The new leaders of the two renamed patrols are:
 - Cole P. PL and Sam J. APL for the French Bullfrogs
 - Trenton K. PL and Lucas R. APL for the Diamond Dogs

Quartermaster Report--Gary Gill

All gear is good and 4 LP tanks are fully charged.

Communication Report--Brian Heil, Mark Koester

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

Blake B. is the new webmaster, it was suggested that perhaps Blake could work on copying the activities from scoutbook calendar into the troop calendar in the interim as we try to upload the scoutbook calendar via Google calendar.

The committee chair asked about the progress of updating the troop website and getting the scoutbook calendar linked to the troop website. Mike O asked if we needed to invest some troop money in upgrading the website software that is handling the page. Mark Koester who is spearheading that project was not in attendance. Brian is tasked to follow up with Mark K.

After the meeting Brian reached out to Mark Koester and he reported that after trying to upgrade the website, it crashed, so Mark had to reload from a backup. Mark will now try to upgrade each individual module one at a time to try to improve the functionality. But he has been unable to devote much time in the past few months. Mark indicated there might

be some parents in the troop that have access to or a better knowledge of website management. Nothing new to report.

Recruiting Report--Mike Okoniewski

Inviting Webelos to the haunted hayride campout on 10/21-23, the Klondike campout 1/20-22, and the cook out challenge on 11/12

Fundraising Report--Various

- Mike O-Cardinal vouchers will be sent out soon once he received them from the team. Perhaps do the cardinal fundraiser again next year as it is our most successful fundraising activity.
- The recent meat stick fundraiser has been finalized and the funds will appear in the scout accounts soon.
- Tim Valley volunteered to spearhead the cardinal calendar program again this fall.

Scoutmaster Report--Mark Mason

Two scouts (Sam G. and Adrian H.) recently had their Eagle court of honor and have officially joined the troops eagle scout plaque. Two other scouts are actively working on their Eagle projects (Jack R. and Zach K.).

At the last troop campout (Rendezvous), we had 12 scouts and 4 adults attend.

Committee Chair Report--Mike O'Koniewski

Mike O has 10/29 scheduled for the adult social get together for adults in the troop. It will be located at his home and an invite will go out this week to all troop parents. Mike states that this is a good way for the adults of the troop to get to know each other better in order to make the troop stronger and more fun for everyone.

Chartering Organization Representative Report-- Mike Veith

No report.

Old Business--

The Chartering org executive was asking about what gear the troop has and where it is stored in the church. The committee discussed that some was in the fellowship hall attic, the old boiler room, and maybe in a classroom in the basement. We discussed that maybe it was a good idea to revive the gear swap at an upcoming roundtable in order to clear out excess gear from the church.

Colin Listner has agreed to return the scout funds raised by his son Jameson L. to the troop's general fund as his son is no longer involved in scouts. Tim Valley will make the transfer in the scout accounts.

New Business--

Christin Rigoni mentioned that her son Jack has organized a dine to donate event at Peel on 10/13 in support of Jack's Eagle project. She will send an email tonight detailing this to the troop. She said they were very easy to work with and committed 20% of the proceeds to his cause. This was over and above what other restaurants promised to him.

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:30 pm by Steve Kupsky, Mark Mason 2nd, passed unanimously.

Note: Next Committee meeting will be Nov 9, 7pm at First Christian Church, always open for anyone to attend