

Troop 216 Committee Meeting 9-14-22

In attendance: Mike Veith, Tim Valley, Mike O’Koniewski, Brian Heil, Zack K., Gary Gill, Dave Kistner, Christin Rigoni, Barb Kane, Steve Kupsy, Karen O’Koniewski, Mark Mason

Eagle Scout Project Presentation – Zack K.

Zack presented his Eagle project to the group. Zack plans on building shelves for the Watershed Nature Center to store teaching and exhibit materials for the Center. He is currently working with a representative from the Nature Center and has their approval. His current plans are roughed out and will be made of wood and secured to the wall.

Current projections are that cost will be less than \$500. He plans on building most of the shelving before hand over a couple weekends. He estimated he will need 5-7 scouts each weekend to help cut, stain and assemble the shelves. Current timeline is sometime between Thanksgiving and Christmas of 2022.

A few suggestions were given regarding construction. His project was approved to move forward.

Note: Zack mentioned that the Nature Center has a list of suggested Eagle projects that could be done. They are listed on their website.

Secretary Report – None

Meeting Minutes from last meeting were approved and distributed. They are on the website.

Treasurer’s Report – Tim Valley

Tim presented a treasurer’s report that included the balance of the scout accounts. It’s noted that the recent Cardinals Fundraiser has not been finalized into the Scouts individual scout accounts. Once those are added, he will distribute a summary to each scout, so they are aware.

It was noted that we need to contact scouts that have aged out or not re-chartered and determine how they would like those scout account funds to be directed.

Current troop balance is reported slightly over \$14K. This includes scout accounts and restricted funds. Upcoming expenditures need to include a deposit to Philmont.

Activities Report – Martina Bishopp/Christin Rigoni

- Sept 17 – cub launch. Volunteer opportunity.
- Sept 24th. Patrol cookoff. Need trailer to minor park by about 11:00

- September 30-October 2nd. Rendezvous at Warren Levis. Invited Pack 75 and waiting to hear back. Need permissions slips by Monday before.
- October 15th. Hike at Pere Marquette.
- October 22nd. Haunted Hayride. Overnight campout on Saturday. Possibly Friday.
- November 11th. Silver Lake Campout
 - Same night as Veterans Day parade and same weekend as scouting for food.
 - Determined we will have volunteers to do the parade if scouts desire
 - Possibly just doing a one night overnight at Silver Lake.
- December 3rd – Lock-In at Eden Church
- January 20th is Klondike at Warren Levis
- March 4th is the Klondike alternative date

These should have been distributed and on the Scoutbook calendar at this point.

Advancement Report – Barb Kane

The Merit badge weekend for the new Citizenship in Society went well. Looking to schedule another weekend for the scouts to do that again.

Court of honor is on 10/17. Need to have advancements done before then to ensure we have time to order.

Potential to have an Eagle Court of Honor on October 9th, Columbus Day Weekend. This will be for Sam and Adrian if they choose.

Council/District Report- Steve Kupsky

Steve updated the committee on several items including

- One of our district executives, Kevin Burr has accepted a promotion, but will be serving a council in Missouri. Kyle Lamm will continue to be our district executive and the district is searching for another district position to support.
- Our district executive, Kyle has chosen training as his topic to improve in the district, so we should see additional communications from him and the district to ensure all our leaders are trained for the positions they hold.
- There are several adult leader training opportunities coming up. These are in person trainings for things such as committee member training, IOLS (October 7-9), and others.

Senior Patrol Leader Report – Zack K.

Zack reported that he will not be seeking another term as SPL. A new SPL will be elected during the upcoming elections and they will take over at that time.

Zack mentioned that new patrols have been formed. We went from 3 patrols to 2 and they will select new names and their own patrol leaders in the upcoming election cycle. New patrol patches can be ordered once the new patrol names are determined.

Feedback was given to Zack about the excellent job he has done. Moving forward, leadership will look for ways to increase the support we provide the SPL, specifically during Monday meetings.

Quartermaster Report – Gary Gill

Gary refilled 6 of our propane tanks, swapping them out for updated tanks. It was discussed that we need to number the new troop tents we purchased. There is one Meramec 6-person tent in the rotation. Gary is also working to repair a Dutch oven lid lifter.

Sam J. has accepted the role as scout quartermaster and should have access to a key when needed. Purchasing additional keys was discussed, but currently Mark M has a couple extras.

Communications Committee- Brian Heil

No updates.

Recruitment Report – Mike O’Koniewski

We will seek out contacts with the local packs and the den leaders to begin inviting packs to our events and campouts. Steve K. offered to provide contact information on each pack cubmaster as a starting point.

Fundraising Report – Mike O’Koniewski

The cardinals ticket fundraiser is over and we are tabulating final numbers. Vouchers will be provided at a later date for a make up game sometime during the 2023 season.

Scoutmaster Report – Mark Mason

Mark suggested we do two flag retirement ceremonies this year. Possibly doing one this winter.

Mark notified the committee that his availability will be spotty the next few weeks as he hosts an exchange student and travels.

Mark mentioned that he will get some presentation together about the upcoming Philmont trip to garner interested during the next court of honor.

Committee Chair Report -Mike O’Koniewski

Mike is looking a summer camp opportunities and currently waiting on feedback from a representative from Camp Owasapi (sp?) in Michigan. We are also evaluation other options and are open to suggestions

Note: as a backup, we booked the second week at Camp Famous Eagle as a backup and placeholder to hold our reservation.

Charter Representative Report

First Christian is hosting a golf scramble if anyone is interested. Scramble is on 10/9, but sign up is due October 1st.

Mike is also working with the pastor to come up with service opportunities for the troop to help the church. He will report back once we have that.

Old Business

None

New business

Just a note that Re-charter is coming up.

Calendar Summary (3 months)

September

Saturday, September 24th. Cookout and recruitment at Minor Park.

Monday, September 26th. Regular meeting at First Christian, 7pm. Permission slips due. Elections

Friday, September 30-October 1st Rendezvous. Camp Warren Levis

October

Monday, October 3rd. Regular meeting at First Christian, 7pm. Secondary elections

Monday, October 10th. Columbus Day – **No meeting**

Saturday, October 15th. Troop Hike at Pere Marquette

Monday, October 17th. **Court of Honor** meeting at First Christian, 7pm

Saturday, October 22nd- Sunday October 23rd. Haunted Hay Rides at Warren Levis

Monday, October 24th. Regular meeting at First Christian, 7pm

Monday, October 31st. Halloween... **No meeting**

November

Monday, November 7th. Regular meeting at Frist Christian, 7pm.

Friday, November 11th. Veterans Day parade

Saturday, November 12th. Scouting for food

Saturday, November 12-Sunday, November 13th. Silver Lake campout

Monday, November 14th. Regular meeting at First Christian, 7pm
Saturday, November 19th. Scouting for food
Monday, November 21st. Regular meeting at First Christian, 7pm
Monday, November 28th. Regulator meeting at First Christian, 7pm