

Troop 216 Committee Meeting minutes

February 8th 2023

Attendance: Mike Veith, Barb Kane, Steve Kupsky, Mark Mason, Albert Middeke, Mike O’Koniewski, Dave Kistner, Christin Rigoni, Brian Heil, Gary Gill.

Eagle Scout Presentation:

None presented

Secretary Report – Dave Kistner

Meeting minutes from December and January meeting were submitted electronically prior to the meeting. One change requested before they are loaded onto the website.

Treasures Report: Tim Valley

Tim presented the balance sheet and scout accounts to the committee.

- Deposits include charter dues, lock in deposits, Philmont deposit, klondike derby deposits and scout account deposits.
- Debits include lock-in groceries, OA dues, Klondike groceries and an eagle scout reimbursement.
- Total scout accounts balance is about \$5K collectively
- Total available troop balance is about \$8K
- Discussion for future is regarding scouts paying dues that are not actively participating.

Treasures report was approved and accepted.

Activities Report – Christin Rigoni

- Beaumont cabin camping and tubing. Feb 10-12
 - Wohl Cabin
 - Tubing tickets to be purchased individually. Sign up now
 - Cabin has kitchen (not stocked).
 - Adults are Kupsky, Koester and O’Koniewski.
 - Mauer and Kistner coming for tubing only
 - Mike to send out summary email.
- Blues Game. Feb 28th
 - Scout night. Scouts on their own to purchase tickets
- Climbing at Upper Limits in STL. March 5th.
 - There from 11-3
 - Scouts can earn their climbing merit badge.
 - Cost is \$40-45 each.
- Giant City State Park. March 24-26
 - Dave K booked campsite.
 - Hiking will be our activity. Philmont crew may do a separate hike. Details on the activities to come.
 - Kistner/Gill tentative to be adults going.
- Beaver Dam/ropes course. April 21-24 tentative.
 - Ropes course is booked for April 22nd at noon. Need 10 people minimum.
- Camporee- May

- Depending on district coordination, they may or may not occur. Alternative event will be discussed if not happening.
- Summer Camp – June
 - Determine local Camp Famous Eagle vs Owassipee in Michigan
 - Met with parents in Jan
 - Local would-be June 11-17, Michigan would be 17-24th
 - Mike to send out questionnaire to parents to get feedback. Final decision to be made in February.
- Philmont – July.
 - Philmont crew will start doing training and separate events. Details TBD

Advancement – Barb Kane

- Council is pushing for sign up to the vocational merit badge week at Swift.
 - Adults aren't necessarily needed, as the camp will provide sufficient adult staffing.
 - Barb to send out the flier for distribution
- Feb 19th is another Citizenship in the Society merit badge.
 - Adult needed for 2 deep leadership. Barb will reach out to the families going.
- Feb 25th is a merit badge day hosted by St. Mary's troop
 - Sign up, through them
 - Bring your own blue cards
 - Barb to send out information for distribution.
- Currently finalizing camping, citizenship in the nation during our meetings
- Current merit badge is personal management.
- Note:
 - Jack R. achieved eagle scout
 - Zack K. is close and working on his project

Council/District Report – Steve Kupsky

- District is looking for volunteers to run/host/coordinate the camporee in May or it could be cancelled. Alternatively, could partner with the Piasa district to do a joint event. Details coming
- Kyle Lamm is looking for our next court of honor date
 - Committee determined that April 24th will be our next CofH
- Council recently published its updated strategic plan. Will be on website shortly.
- New GSLAC newsletter is out.
- Latest roundtable discussed first aid.
- District Recognition dinner will be March 26th this year at Edison's again.

Quartermaster Report – Gary Gill

- Believe we have one lantern that needs repair. Identify during upcoming campout if possible
- Discussion on trailer parking and may permanently park closer to the road to improve visibility and minimize conflict with church parking
- Still have some excess gear that we could liquidate. It's stored in the church in the meantime.

Communications Report – Brian Heil/Mark Koester

- Brian will upload our events into scout book
- No update on the website

Recruitment- Mike O’Koniewski

- We will reach out and see if we can coordinate with Pack 75 further, through Koester/Kistner
- We had one AOL from pack 34 visit this week and may end up joining.
- We will continue to invite local AOL’s to all our remaining events.

Fundraising – Various

- Camp cards are offered again this year.
 - Brian Heil offered to coordinate that effort
- Cardinal Ticket sales
 - Changed this year. Minimum tickets needed to sell is 225
 - Looking to partner with another troop/pack/organization to meet that minimum.
 - Game is a cards/cubs game on July 27th, Thursday.

Scout Master Report – Mark Mason

- Mark will be out of town Feb 21-28, missing the meeting that week
- Mark recently visited the Audubon Center across from Alton
 - The offered that we could camp on an island on the Mississippi in the Fall if we coordinate (not offered publicly)
 - They have need of Eagle scout projects for those interested.
- The Philmont crew ill continue to plan and prep and will inform us of those times/dates.

Committee Chair – Mike O’Koniewski

Mike thanked everyone for their time and commitment. No other report given

Charter Org Rep – Mike Vieth

- Mike thanked us for Scout Sunday
- Suggested that we could provide and serve the fellowship snacks a couple times a year between the 2 services. This would be a service to the Church and enhance our visibility.
- Note: new policy is to keep the fellowship hall doors closed, mention to the scouts during the next meeting.
- Mike will not be in attendance during the next meeting to open the church. Mark Mason will open and close the church.

Old business

None

New Business

The district STEM trailer is looking for volunteers (older scouts and adults) to help during the Scott Air Force Base Airshow on Mothers day weekend.

Calendar Summary (3 months)

February

Friday Feb 10th – Sun Feb 12th. Beaumont and tubing. **Scouts to reserve tubing individually.**
Monday, Feb 13th. Regular meeting at First Christian, 7pm.
Monday, Feb 20th. **No Meeting – Presidents Day Holiday**
Monday, Feb 27th. Regular meeting at First Christian, 7pm.
Tuesday, Feb 28th. Scout night at the Blues. Ticket deadline has passed.

March

Sunday, March 5th. Climbing at Upper Limits, 11-3pm.
Monday, March 6th. Regular meeting at First Christian, 7pm. SPL Meeting at 6:30
Wednesday, March 8th. Committee Meeting at First Christian, 7pm
Monday, March 13th. Regular meeting at First Christian, 7pm.
Monday, March 20th. Regular meeting at First Christian, 7pm.
Friday, March 24th to Sunday March 26. Giant City Campout. Details TBD.
Sunday, March 26th. District Recognition dinner (adults only) at Edison's.
Monday, March 27th. Regular meeting at First Christian, 7pm.

April

Monday, April 3rd. **No Meeting – Spring Break**
Monday, April 10th. **No Meeting – Spring Break**
Wednesday, April 12th. Committee Meeting at First Christian, 7pm
Monday, April 17th. Regular meeting at First Christian, 7pm. SPL Meeting at 6:30
Friday, April 21-Sunday April 23. Beaver dam campout. Ropes course on April 22nd at noon.
Monday, April 24th. Meeting at First Christian, 7pm. **Court of Honor.**