

Troop Committee Meeting Notes

Meeting Date: 4/3/11

Present: Ari Autor, Jim Custer, Julie Custer, Jeff Englander, Ash Johnston, Michael Keays, Kathleen Norman, Kathleen O'Connell, Jim Pala, Kathy Pala, Mike Ross, Millie Sjoberg, Steve Valley, Walter Zampella

1. Fundraising – Steve

Total profit from the mulch sale was \$2,642.

Discussed lessons learned. Apologized that pizza lunch did not happen.

We will need to form a “Fundraising Committee” to work with Steve on the different efforts throughout the year. Ash will ask for volunteers in the next weekly e-mail.

2. New Scouts – Ash

The total number of Scouts is now 31. Steve Valley asked how many can we add?

What is our limit? Patrols are normally 4 – 8 Scouts, can go as high as 9 or 10.

According to our troop handbook, the ideal size of our troop is between 30 – 50 Scouts. Not too small, not too big. Ash: Four patrols of eight boys each would be good for us, giving a total troop size of 32. Steve pointed out that the Navy Federal grant of \$1,000 will fund the new equipment required for the new patrol we will form now.

The question was raised of whether a boy who has not bridged or submitted membership can go camping? The following language was adopted: “In order to participate in a troop activity, a boy must have completed registration with the troop. Otherwise, a boy may visit with a supervising adult.”

The issue of whether parents need to have completed Adult Training to go camping was discussed, and will be revisited next month.

3. Equipment – Jim

Equipment will be needed for the new patrol. It will cost approximately \$1,000. Jim asked for permission to purchase these items. This was approved by a unanimous vote. Ash then moved to also purchase two wagons for transporting equipment at camp outs. This was also unanimously approved.

Discussion of older Scouts moving up to High Adventure projects. They will need lightweight gear. For now, they will purchase on their own.

4. Scout Bucks – Steve

Mechelle has agreed to administer this from a financial perspective. Ash will ask for volunteers to come up with a plan for how this will be implemented. Kathleen O'Connell volunteered, and we will put an announcement in the weekly e-mail to request others to join as well.

5. Community Service – Millie

Treasures of the Attic (Village Preservation Society).

Flags on veterans' graves at National Cemetery.

West Virginia Veterans Hospital Lunch in June.

Discussion of how to work with the American Legion, since they are our sponsor. We did a flag burning with them last year. Millie suggested doing improvements to the American Legion building and grounds. She will have a sign-up sheet at the next meeting to get volunteers.

6. Reverence Discussion Wrap-Up – Steve

Steve provided a background to the project: A year ago, Tony Ulses, Melissa Dana, Michael Keays and Andy Gilmour came up with the concept of the boys forming a Reverence Committee. Holden Saberhagen, Noah Saberhagen, and Preston Custer met four times and came up with a document of suggestions. This document was presented to the PLC last Tuesday. Steve feels the boys' efforts were overtaken by adults, and that if we are truly a boy-led group, this is not right. Others were invited to participate and comment, and did not, so we must honor what the boys did. After more discussion, it was concluded that James Coppock, as the new Chaplain's Aide, will study the situation and make recommendations to the troop on how to proceed.