

Parent Committee Meeting Notes

Meeting Date: 10/14/12, 3:00 pm

Present: Erik Autor, Mechelle Coppock, Chris Cozadd, Jim Custer, Julie Custer, Melissa Dana, Darren Duke, Michael Keays, Kathleen Norman, Kathleen O'Connell, Maria Ross, Chris Roussey, Steve Valley

I. Approval of June and September Minutes – Melissa
All approved.

II. Treasurer's Report – Kathleen O.

Current balance \$18,628, including money from District Camporee.

Received donation from Lion's Club for the Monkey Bridge.

Jim C: Six Webelos joined us at Camporee, payment of their fees?

Erik A: Webelos paid parent/child fees of \$36, our troop provided their food.

Jim C: need to increase Recruiting Expenses in budget. Too low now. Need to also include Open House.

Kathleen O: February ski trip - \$500 deposit paid by Millie, she needs to be reimbursed.

Steve: this was planned for in last year's budget.

III. Introduction of new ASM Darren Duke – Melissa

Darren: originally from Arkansas, grew up in Scouts in North Carolina. Marine Corps. Introduced to our troop by Michael Keays, with whom he served in Tel Aviv. Four sons: Joshua, Caleb, Nathan, Sam.

Likes to work via Socratic method – what are you trying to achieve?

Really likes our troop philosophy – boy-led.

How do the Scout Oath and Law fit into our troop? None of us actually keep these perfectly, but it is a constant effort to work toward them.

Jim C: discussion of core values.

Chris R: core leaders have to have core values.

Mechelle: have to remind the boys constantly – how does what you are doing/experiencing fit into the Scout Law. Make it integral into their lives.

Darren: tie values and decision-making together.

Outdoor commitment.

IV. Eagle Project Presentation – Noah Saberhagen

Trail bridge construction at Wolf Trap National Park.

All approved.

Chris C: should we be mounting plaques at Eagle project sites with name of troop?

Steve V: will look into that.

V. Update on current Eagle Candidates – Mechelle C. for Monique

VI. Mistletoe Fundraiser – Steve V.

Goal is \$2,000. Music was a huge help last year. Additionally, may have boys play at Sunrise Senior Living. Chris Roussey will coordinate the music. Will cost \$500 to get mistletoe. It is in the budget to make two banners. Favor buying banners rather than making them. Melissa will ask Noah and Preston to be in charge of this.

VII. BSA Anti-Gay Policy Discussion – Kathleen N.

Wanted to present dissatisfaction with the Boy Scout's July 2012 reaffirmation of policy against allowing homosexuals to participate in Scouting. Feels that society is changing, and the Boy Scouts need to move forward as well. Discussion followed.

VIII. Advancement Coordinator's Report – Erik A.

Want to make the advancement process as smooth as possible. The latest COH had several months' worth of badges distributed, but only received most of the information at the last minute. Really had to scramble to pull it together. New policy: "No badges will be awarded until they are entered into Troop Master AND the Council Advancement Report." Boys should give Handbook and blue cards to David Corn, he enters the information into Troop Master, and sends Erik a TM report. Erik enters it into the District database.

Second new policy: "Troop Master information must be submitted to David at least one week before the Court of Honor."

Merit badges must be distributed with the accompanying blue card.

Only Erik should enter the information to the District.

We have at least one Scout who works with another Unit (Venture, Sea Scout, etc).

We can't have other Unit troop leaders awarding badges. Advancements awarded by troop have to go through all procedures for the troop, including the ScoutMaster review.

IX. Volunteers – Jim C.

We are lacking a Community Service Coordinator. This may mean we will not be able to do Scouting for Food next month.

What volunteer positions need to be filled?

Melissa - Parent Volunteer Coordinator and Community Service Coordinator

Jim - we will e-mail outstanding families.

Melissa and Michael - no, let's approach them directly.

Michael - Chaplain and Chaplain's Aide?