

Committee Meeting Minutes – January 8, 2009

Submitted by Debi Moreash

Present: Mike Mikac, Dave Pendleton, James Willette, Michael Frantz, Betty Frantz, Marci Beaudoin, Michelle Kittredge, Deb Moreash, Bob Meiers, Tom Kiefer, Werner Bruckner, Wendy Lea, Gary Weber, Chris Bradley, LeAnn Rickert

Agenda Item 1: Call to Order

Mike Mikac called the meeting to order.

Agenda Item 2: Scoutmaster's Report, Dave Pendleton

Scout attendance has been consistent with a core group of 18 Scouts present at half of the meetings; 15 scouts present at less than 25% of the meetings. No PLC meeting in December to report on. Leadership position elections will be held soon, with positions to start on February 1. 39 Scouts were rechartered with the 2009 charter.

Agenda Item 3: Treasurer's Report, James Willette

Minnesota Coaches cashed the new check issued for the June BWCA trip. The troop still plans to offer \$100 per Scout towards summer camp expenses and we hope every Scout will take advantage of this and go to summer camp. Troop is in good shape financially.

Agenda Item 4: Advancement Report, Michael Frantz

Winter Court of Honor – January 20, 2009. A few corrections to merit badge awards need to be made, Mr. Frantz will work with the leaders and Scouts to make sure all earned badges are awarded.

Only \$100 is left in our Scout account; Mr. Willette will transfer some money over to the Council Scout account.

Agenda Item 5: Chairperson's Report, Mike Mikac

Signed bylaw agreements – Most Scouts have signed the bylaws agreement, Mr. Mikac will follow up with missing ones. Scouts who haven't signed the bylaws agreement are not permitted to attend outings.

Mike was successful in getting a signed letter from Save the Family releasing Troop 697 from their sponsorship of the troop and from Hacienda de los Angeles.

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Agenda Item 6: Outdoor Chairperson, Deb Moreash

December outing – Wilderness survival – Trip leaders Tom Kiefer, James Willette, and Dave Pendleton will reschedule this outing to another date before March. They will decide on a new date on Tuesday, January 13, and announce to the troop.

January outing – Reavis Ranch backpack – Trip leaders Mike Walborn and Jim Grothe were not present but this trip is still on. Permission slips and a reminder email need to be sent out by the trip leaders. Deb will ask them.

BWCA Service Project – Bob Meiers is planning, he will send out info to all with final plans in the next day or two.

February Ski Trip – Trip leaders are Tim McCormick and Mark Kittredge. Gary will call Camp Navajo tomorrow to try and reserve the barracks for the troop to use.

February Rocket Launch – Feb 20-22. Fundraiser organizer Michael Frantz needs more adults to help him. He also needs more Scouts to volunteer. The troop will invite Webelos to attend for either the day or to camp out. Mr. Bradley will work with the other recruiting chairpersons and make a flyer to invite the Webelos.

March San Diego Trip - Trip leader Werner Bruckner is working with the youth activities director at the Base to coordinate our trip. We will be staying in the barracks; cost is \$2.50 per person per night. Activities may include a ship or aircraft carrier tour, sub base trip, Scripps visit, playing on the beach. Werner will send out an email soon to start collecting names of people planning to go. The trip is open to 50-60 people and it is a family outing.

July Holcomb Valley – Gary Weber has made reservations for July 5-11 for 12 Scouts and 4-5 adults. He will help coordinate but needs volunteer leaders to go on the trip as he is signed up for the Bahamas trip. Cost is \$345. Activities at this camp are mountain biking, rock climbing, and more. Run by Camp Cherry Valley staff but in the mountains of California.

Sailing/Dive Trip – Trip leader Tom Kiefer. The trip head count has dropped to 14-16 confirmed. The minimum requirement to reserve the sailboat is 18. Our next payment of \$1,000 is due on January 18. We need to see if we can get a confirmed count of 18 by then or decide if the trip is still feasible. James W. will call the airline tomorrow and see if our reserved tickets can be used for a flight to other destinations. Tom, Deb, and James will discuss options at the Tuesday meeting.

Agenda Item 7: Recruitment, Heidi Hutchins, LeAnn Rickert, Chris Bradley

Heidi made invitations for the campfire outing on January 24. Webelos will also be invited to our rocket outing in February. Some Webelos will be attending the troop meeting on January 13.

Agenda Item 8: District Roundtable Report, Bob Meiers and LeAnn Rickert

LeAnn Rickert reported that Scouting for Food is February 7, the same weekend as our ski trip. LeAnn will talk to Mary and try to organize something for Scouts not going skiing or to collect food on another date. University of Scouting will be held on February 28 at Heard Pueblo. Webelos-Ree will be held on February 13-14 (Troop not participating). Bob reported on several organizations offering service opportunities, including Best Buddies (looking for boys to become e-mail buddies with disabled boys), Sunshine Acres, St. Vincent de Paul, Humane Society, and also a leadership training course in July sponsored by the Military Order of World Wars.

Agenda Item 9: New and Old Business, All

Intel Service Hours - Intel Corporation sponsors a community outreach program offering donations to groups of \$10 per hour of time donated by their employees, with a maximum of \$10,000 to be donated to one nonprofit group. Sam Thompson and Bill Hoddy have signed up to help Troop 697 by donating their time to help the troop (thank you, Sam and Bill!!!). We will discuss this with Mary A. to see if the church will pass along the funds to the troop. Discussion was had about giving a percentage to the church and about putting a percentage in the Scout accounts of sons of parents who are in this program or paying outing fees for parents in the program. Sam and Bill weren't at the meeting but we will follow up with them. Mike will contact Gary Weber to see if his wife can participate in this program. It is a great opportunity for the troop.

Flags - Marci Beaudoin presented options for the flag fundraiser and she will send an e-mail out to everyone in the troop. She is faster than me and already sent it out so I won't go into detail here about her plans for expanding the program and offering options to Scouts to set up a flag program in their own neighborhood like Coby Bruckner has done. We will keep the 5 routes in Warner Ranch at least through this year though.

College courses over summer - Heidi Hutchins presented an idea for Scouts who are interested in earning college credit for classes that may also fulfill merit badge requirements. Classes are offered through Gateway CC. The committee agreed she should send out an email to the troop and see who is interested in participating. Scouts have to be at least juniors in high school to participate because they have to have passed the AIMS test.

Agenda Item 10: Meeting Adjourn, Mike Mikac

Mike thanked everyone for their attendance and input and adjourned the meeting.

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