

Troop 697 Committee Meeting
January 10, 2008 7 pm

In attendance:

James Willett	Tom Kiefer	Mike Walborn
Michael & Betty Frantz	Bob Meiers	Jim Grothe
Deb Moreash	Loni Stewart	Bob Hisserich
John Casper	Greg Kotsovolos	Marci Beaudoin
Mark Moorehead	Sam Thompson	Mike Mikac
Dave & Heidi Hutchins	Mary Axelsen	David Pendleton

Mike Mikac called the meeting to order.

Scoutmaster's Report – David Pendleton:

-PLC planning report – All patrols will be in charge of one meeting per month. Scouts did a good job this week in spite of not being prepared – all part of the learning process.

-January outing – Mark Moorehead and Heidi Hutchins – trip leaders. 4.5 mile and 10 mile hikes planned, all activities are to be available for multiage group. Looking for a Master of Ceremony to run Saturday evening activities – will count toward communications merit badge.

Heidi and David Hutchins mentioned that many Cub Scouts are dropping out – presently one Webelos will be attending and unknown number of 2nd graders-Non Scout activity – Gary Weber not present – possibility of paint ball outing

-Order of Arrow for Adults – David wants list of adults involved and what their rank is. David will schedule an election and ordeal for adults, possibly on 1-29-08.

- 54 boys registered, need Asst Scoutmasters to keep record of patrols advancement and be in attendance at patrol meetings.

Treasurer's Report – James Willett:

- Balance - \$5254.60 (after outstanding checks are cashed)

- 23 scouts have paid for registration, includes 6 half payments, \$20 reimbursement due to Rickert family for second scout discount. Others need to register.

- will need to pay deposits for future trips

- in order to remove “old” signers, all presently on the card need to meet at the bank, Mary Axelson suggested bringing a banker to the meeting instead.

- combining accounts of 697 & 75 – suggested putting Mary on the 697 signing card.

- suggested that Michael Frantz be put on 75's council account, use all funds in that acct for advancements until account is emptied.

- James is going to look into having the bank remove the \$2.00 per month fee

Advancement Report – Michael Frantz:

- Court of Honor – 1/29/08, scouts must request a Board of Review from Mr. Frantz (last date available 1/22) and a Scoutmaster's conference from Mr. Pendleton (last date available 1/15) – David can run 2 conferences during scout meeting. Mary Axelson will reserve the sanctuary.

Presently awarding: 25 merit badges, 7 advancements: 3 Tenderfoot, 1 2nd Class, 2 1st Class, 1 Star.

Refreshments: Carla McMahan – Mark will try to contact Carla.

Change in the Court of Honor responsibilities: 2 scouts (one from 697 & one from 75?) will be asked to be Master of Ceremony for the Court of Honor. This can be a leadership position for advancement purposes or fulfill a communications badge requirement. Scouts will create the pamphlet and arrange for refreshments to be brought in. Michael Frantz (with help from Greg Kotsovolos) will upload pamphlet template to website.

- Mike Mikac will run a mock Eagle Board of Review next meeting for Tim Bonamo.

Chairperson's Report – Mike Mikac:

- New sponsor status – forms have been submitted to District, we need a letter of release from and a thank you letter to Save the Family
- Troop 75 will continue to register until last Star Scout has earned his Eagle.
- Requesting position descriptions from Outdoor and advancement chairs so assistants can be found.

Outdoor Chairperson's Report – Deb Moreash:

- December outing – Big Foot camp – 8 or 9 boys and 6 or 7 adults attended. Deb will put this outing on calendar for next year, possibly 1st weekend in Dec.
- January outing – Family car camp - Cochise camping with hiking on Saturday, Kartchner Caverns or hiking on Sunday. Mark will send emails reminding everyone that \$15 per person is due at next meeting.
- February outing – ski trip – housing is not confirmed, other options exist, including changing to Sunrise Ski Resort. Decision needed.
- March outing – canoe trip – Gila Box, north of Safford, canoes/kayaks need to be supplied by scouts. Good trip to help groom boys for Boundary Water trip. Will camp at west end of the route, non-canoers needed to drop off scouts and canoes then return to camp.
- Summer camp – Geronimo – Trip Leaders Carla and Nonna – June 28- July 5– need adults of young scouts to go. Boundary Waters – Deb Moreash –June 10-19, 4 permits have been requested. Cherry Valley – Trip Leaders Marci Beaudoin and Sam Thompson – June 22-28, David Hutchins – July 6-12 Will have deposit (\$100) collection at meeting on 1/29, monies to be sent to council.

District Roundtable Report – Bob Meiers:

- Bob missed Roundtable
- David Hutchins picked up Super Bowl Fundraiser fliers, scouts place cushions on seats, troop gets paid \$0.05 per cushion and scouts get a free cushion.

New and Old Business:

- Public Speaking – Heidi Hutchins – location still to be determined, 12 scouts interested, 8 sessions on Wed nights.
- Troop 75 renewal status – David Pendleton – LeeAnne was to submit renewal forms using Troop 697 leaders, T75 dues have been deposited in T697 account, charters will be kept separate but finances combined.
- ARG Launch Fundraiser – Michael Frantz – 2 scouts and 2 adults have signed up to cook at rocket launch
- Rocket Launch outing – Deb Moreash – will be rescheduled
- Bob Meiers – brought notice of death of a fellow scouter
- John Casper – will email the troop regarding: matching funds from businesses, checks can be made out to the church – church has agreed to make sure the money gets passed on to the troop. John said to expect a \$500.00 check from Qwest.
- Cub Scout recruitment – Michelle Kittredge? Time to start working on recruitment
- Lights at church – Gary Weber and David Pendleton are still offering to work on the outdoor lights

Meeting ended 8:38 pm