

Committee Meeting Minutes – December 11, 2008

Submitted by Debi Moreash

Present: Mike Mikac, Dave Pendleton, James Willette, Michael Frantz, Deb Moreash, Lonnie Stewart, Tim McCormick, Bob Meiers, Tom Kiefer, Mary Axelson, Werner Bruckner, Mike Haycraft

Agenda Item 1: Call to Order

Mike Mikac called the meeting to order while we munched on delicious Christmas cookies made by our committee chair.

Agenda Item 2: Scoutmaster's Report, Dave Pendleton

Scout attendance has been consistent at 19-22 Scouts present per meeting. Dave is happy with the last PLC meeting, led by Nico. Thanks to Mrs. Rickert for helping out and taking notes since Dave could not attend.

Dave is still requesting that merit badge counselors attend meetings and let the troop know in advance that they will be there and available to sign off on merit badge requirements for Scouts. Elections for leadership positions will be held in January, with positions to start on February 1.

Agenda Item 3: Treasurer's Report, James Willette

Dues status – 27 Scouts have paid their dues and will be included on the recharter for 2009. Any Scouts who have not paid their dues to Mr. Willette will need to fill out a new registration form and submit it with their dues to remain in the troop. All Scouts will receive a \$25 dues rebate from 2008 dues. Mr. Willette placed this amount into their individual Scout accounts.

The committee agreed to pay \$100 towards the summer camp expenses to each Scout in good standing. The \$100 can be used toward any summer camp activity sponsored by Boy Scouts or the Troop. It does not apply to Scouts joining the troop after January 1, 2009.

James will send a new check for \$899 to Minnesota Coaches to replace the check they lost in June for the BWCA trip and deduct the cost of canceling the original check written in June.

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Agenda Item 4: Advancement Report, Michael Frantz

Winter Court of Honor – January 20, 2009. Awards will include 16 merit badges and 1 Second Class advancement. Two Boards of Review have been scheduled for Tuesday, December 16, from 6:00 to 7:00. He needs parent volunteers to help out with the Boards of Review. Mr. Pendleton has a Scoutmaster conference scheduled for Saturday during our campout. Any other Scouts needing a Board of Review or Scoutmaster conference must contact Mr. Pendleton and Mr. Frantz immediately. Tuesday, December 16, is the deadline to turn in all advancement and merit badge requests.

There was a request for Ryan Kiefer to make a slide show for the Court of Honor with all the outings so far this year.

Mr. Frantz will send an e-mail to all to ask for a Scout to be the master of ceremonies for the January Court of Honor. This position will satisfy one of the requirements for the Communications merit badge.

Agenda Item 5: Chairperson's Report, Mike Mikac

Signed bylaw agreements – 30 Scouts have turned in their signed bylaws agreements; 16 Scouts have not.

Mike is trying to get a signed letter from Save the Family releasing Troop 697 from their sponsorship of the troop. Council needs a signed letter for their records.

Troop 75 charter – this is the final year that Troop 75 will recharter. We need a letter from someone in the Knights of Columbus to sign off on the T75 charter. Contact Mary Axelson if you know anyone who can help.

Agenda Item 6: Outdoor Chairperson, Deb Moreash

December outing – wilderness survival – trip leader Tom Kiefer reports there are 8 Scouts signed up and 8 adults.

January outing – Reevis Ranch backpack – trip leaders Mike Walborn and Jim Grothe. Deb will contact them about distributing a permission slip at the meeting on December 16.

BWCA Service Project – Bob Meiers is planning, he will send out info to all with final plans.

Sailing/Dive Trip – Trip Leader Tom Kiefer. James Willette reports he has received 6 deposits. \$100 deposits were due on December 1 and can be brought to the meeting on December 16 or mailed to James Willette. We have to give US Airways a head count and deposit check for \$40 per person on December 24 in order to hold airplane seats. The \$40 deposit is nonrefundable, but the final roster does not have to be submitted until 30 days before the trip. The balance of the airfare is due 60 days in advance.

April Horseback Trip – Michael Frantz requested another trip leader to help him. Tom Kiefer volunteered (thank you, Tom!!) The cost will be \$25 per student and the trip will include horseback riding, visit to Indian ruins, and possibly working with JD on an Eagle project at the Orme School.

Search and Rescue Outing – Bob Meiers will get information in order to organize a search and rescue outing for our troop in January or February. The activity is a 4-5 hour event at South Mountain Park to learn from and work with members of the Sheriff's Search and Rescue Team and others by reenacting an actual search and rescue scenario.

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

Our recruiting chair people were not present. January 24th is our next campfire circle at Desert Breeze Park for Webelos. An MC is needed.

Agenda Item 8: District Roundtable Report, Bob Meiers

Not much going on at Roundtable. Thanks for attending, Bob!

Agenda Item 9: New and Old Business, All

Merit Badge Advancement Day – Lonnie Stewart reported that 13 Scouts signed up for Advancement Day and 12 attended. Some signed up for extra badges while they were there. Thanks, Lonnie!

Dues Collection – Mary Axelson suggested that the Troop collect dues in August and September, along with the signed bylaws agreements. This would bring dues collection in line with our actual Scouting year and also avoid trying to collect dues at the last minute in December. The Committee approved this motion.

Community Service – Mary Axelson suggested that the Troop needs to be more visible in the community as far as service projects and volunteering opportunities to give back to our community. An important part of Scouting is service and we want to instill those values in our Scouts. All agreed it was an excellent suggestion. If anyone in the Troop knows of any outreach opportunities, please advise the Committee.

Tom Sands made a suggestion in absentee that Troop 75 members purchase and wear blue Troop 697 t-shirts in order to help with the commingling of the Scouts. Mr. Pendleton feels the separation of groups at the meeting is due to the seating arrangements. The Committee agreed to rearrange the meeting room and place the couches in the middle of the room so that groups of boys are not separated in corners.

Agenda Item 10: Meeting Adjourn, Mike Mikac

Mike thanked everyone for their attendance and input and adjourned the meeting. Thanks for the cookies, Mike!