

December 14, 2016 Troop 216 Committee Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:30 by Annette Schoeberle. In attendance: Steve Dunning, Diane Gill, Gary Gill, Steve Kupsky, Edgar M., Natasha McClintock, Dan Ruark, Annette Schoeberle, Bob Schoeberle, and Tim Valley.

Secretary Report: Previous meeting minutes were reviewed. Tim Valley moved for approval, seconded by Natasha McClintock, motion passed unanimously.

Treasurers Report: Steve Dunning and Tim Valley reviewed the November 2016 treasurers report.

- The account balance up from October, mainly due to wreath and Cardinals calendar revenue.
- Diane Gill reported the YMCA claims to have not received the \$100 deposit check for the lock-in, even though she delivered it, and she asked if it had cleared the bank. Steve and Tim didn't have that information handy but stated that they will check; in the worst case, if it hasn't cleared, they can cancel it and issue a new one.
- Steve reported that we don't have anyone from the Knights of Columbus (KC) on our account new but we need to have a tax exempt ID associated with the account due to our status as a not-for-profit organization. After some discussion, the Committee decided to close the old account completely and establish a new one, using First Christian Church's tax ID number. Annette will contact Dr. Brooks to get the necessary information. The Committee asked Steve and Tim to look into getting debit cards and online access with the new account.
- All scouts are in good standing with no past-due balances.
- No action has yet been taken on formulating a policy that would reimburse individuals who pay for a campout but then do not go.
- Order of the Arrow dues have been collected and a check will be sent out pay them on behalf of members.

Activities Chair Report:

Diane Gill and Natasha McClintock reported on the following:

- The annual winter lock-in will be Friday, January 13 at the Esic YMCA. Check in time will be 8:45 PM and we will need to be out by 7:00 AM the following morning. Permission slips will be sent out this week. The fee for the event will be \$20 per scout.
- The escape room is booked for Sunday afternoon, February 12. Cost will be \$20 per participant.

- The Beaver Dam campout is set for March 31-April 2. The Beaver's Den campsite has been reserved for ten campers, the minimum required number of people; we can pay any additional campers fees when we check in. The Eagle Crest high ropes course is booked for Saturday morning. Gary noted we may have new scouts at this campout and he and Edgar discussed doing some lightweight cooking. They also discussed allowing new scouts to just come up that Saturday but made no decision.
- The Committee discussed possible scout events for April, May, and June. Edgar reported the scouts are interested in doing a Pere Marquette campout between the escape room and Beaver Dam events. The Committee agreed to investigate a possible March 10 date for this event.
- Diane is investigating a possible backpacking event at Hawn State Park in Missouri.
- Applications for permits for Boundary Waters canoeing trips may be submitted beginning in January. The Committee agreed an email should be sent to parents to let them know of a possible Boundary Waters event, so it can be discussed at the first troop meeting in January. We also agreed to put slides of the last trip on the website and to show the trip DVD at the meeting. The Committee noted that summer school starts on June 8 and ends on July 21, something to consider in planning this and also summer camp.
- Edgar will start the summer camp planning process.
- There are no regular Troop meetings on December 26 or January 2, 2017.
- Steve Kupsky reported he had received an email from Philmont, indicating we are in position 800 or 900 on the waiting list for a 7-day trek. Apparently 7-day treks make up less than 10% of the treks that Philmont runs annually, the remainder being 12-day treks. Gary suggested we apply for a 12-day trek for 2018. Dan Ruark moved we approve this for action and Steve Dunning seconded; motion passed unanimously.
- The Committee discussed the following service opportunities:
 - Afterwords Bookstore is looking for help relocating. The Committee decided that this probably does not meet the definition of a service project, since it is a for-profit business.
 - Scout Sunday is on February 5. We would like as many scouts and adults present in uniform as possible at First Christian Church to support our new chartering organization.

Advancement Chair Report: Nothing to report.

Council/District Representative Report: Nothing to report (Wes Searcy delivered a report to the Secretary for distribution but the Secretary failed in his duty to bring it to the meeting).

Senior Patrol Leader Report: Edgar M. provided the SPL report.

- Scouting for Food went well.
- The Blue Springs cave campout went well.
- The new tent inspection process is going well.
- Around ten scouts recently completed the family Life merit badge.
- There are two upcoming events: on January 28, University of Scouting will be held at Collinsville High School and on February 25, St. Mary's will have a merit badge event.

Fundraising Chair Report: Nothing to report.

Quartermaster Report: Gary gave the quartermaster report.

- The storage shed at St. Cecilia's has been emptied and the Troop's trailers have been moved to First Christian Church. Gary thanked Bob, Jakob, Wes, Danny, and John for their help.
- The locks purchased for the trailers did not work as planned, so the Troop will not have to pay for them.
- He still plans to break down the camp stoves and clean them, with the help of scouts.
- John Evans is working on getting church logos so the trailers can be updated with our new chartering organization.

Chartering Report: Annette gave the chartering report.

- The charter packet was submitted on time. It listed 27 youth and 22 adults, including application for our new chartered organization representative, Mike Vieth.
- Troop meetings will be held at the Church starting in January. Annette will notify Liberty School to let them know and ask the scouts to sign a thank you card.
- She received a letter from the KC, formally turning over Troop-associated assets to First Christian Church.
- The Troop qualified for the Gold Standard for BSA's Journey to Excellence.
- No action has been taken on creating a new Troop 216 Eagle Scout plaque that would list all Troop 216 Eagle Scouts, across both the time when we were chartered with the Knights and now with the Church.

Communications Report: Steve Dunning reported that the Troop has entered into a three-year web hosting agreement with GoDaddy.com costing \$130. He is working with Rose Design to transfer the domain name; in the meantime, our website can remain on their server until the GoDaddy site is ready.

Scoutmaster Report: Gary Gill reported on the following:

- The Bluesprings Cavern trip went well. Trip planning and logistics worked out well and the cavern was well run. All the scouts did the “wild tour” and were well-behaved. There is a video on the Troop website.
- The Highland (Silver Lake) camp site may be a good place for new scouts to learn what Boy Scout camping is like.
- We have some donated bikes that need to be fixed up; this could be the basis of an Eagle or service project if anyone is interested. Gary asked Edgar to see if anyone was and if so, please talk to him.
- Gary was contacted by Troop 500 in Council Bluffs, Iowa, who were impressed with our online guidebooks and asked if they could use them as a basis for their own materials. Gary sent them word document versions for their use.

Committee Chair Report: Annette Schoeberle reported the following:

- Jim A. will have his Eagle Court of Honor at 7 PM, 29 December at St. Mary’s.
- Noted we need to update our Troop materials (such as the Welcome Guide) and our flag to reflect our new chartering organization.
- Gary thanked Bob Schoeberle for his service in the challenging role of Knights of Columbus chartered organization representative.
- Gary suggested the committee consider developing a succession plan so that committee positions are easily and effectively filled when officers or change relinquish their posts.

Charter Organization Representative Report: None.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Motion to adjourn by Dan Ruark, seconded by Steve Kupsky, approved.