

## **January 11, 2017 Troop 216 Committee Meeting**

Meeting called to order at 7:30 by Annette Schoeberle. In attendance: Steve Dunning, John Evans, Diane Gill, Gary Gill, Max Maier, Edgar M., Natasha McClintock, Larry Miller, Mike O'Koniewski, Dan Ruark, Annette Schoeberle, Bob Schoeberle, Wes Searcy, Tim Valley, Mike Vieth, Jim West, and Phillippe Welsh.

**Secretary Report:** Previous meeting minutes were reviewed. Jim West moved for approval, seconded by John Evans, motion passed unanimously.

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

- The account balance did not change much from November, although there was a fair amount of account activity. This included the collection of Order of the Arrow (OA) annual dues from members and payment on their behalf to OA.
- Wes Searcy purchased the trailer locks that the Troop had acquired for the Scout trailers but which were not suitable for our use. Gary reported he did not think different locks were called for, thanks to the good security situation where the trailers are now parked.
- Annette reported she hasn't yet received replies from Riley Nahlik or DJ Wickman regarding how they want to dispose of the Scout accounts.
- Steve provided the committee with a draft refund policy for review. The Committee will take it up for action at the next meeting.
- Steve reported that we now have First Christian Church's tax ID number. He plans to close our old bank account associated with the Knights of Columbus and to open a new account associated with First Christian at the bank of Edwardsville on January 21.

### **Activities Chair Report:**

Diane Gill and Natasha McClintock reported on the following:

- Pradeep K. has his Eagle Court of Honor this Sunday at 2:45 PM at First Christian Church.
- The annual winter lock-in will be Friday, January 13 at the Esic YMCA, weather allowing. Twenty-one Scouts and seven adults are signed up. The Committee decided that if school was closed that Friday due to weather, the event will be postponed to January 27 (which is currently available). An email will be sent with this information.
- Scout Sunday is February 5. Gary emphasized to Edgar M. and adult leaders that we should try to make a good showing with our new chartering organization. We will support both services (9:00 and 10:30AM).

- The escape room is booked for Sunday afternoon, February 12. Cost will be \$20 per participant if there are 20 or more participants; \$25 per participant otherwise. The Troop will endeavor to fill in with enough adults to get to 20 total participants if necessary. The Troop will charge \$25 per participant and refund the balance if the 20-person participation level is met.
- The Beaver Dam campout is set for March 31-April 2.
- The Scouts chose Camp Ingersoll as their first choice for summer camp; Camp Buffalo is their alternate. The Scouts want the dining hall option. Diane and Natasha will work on securing Camp Ingersoll (date to be determined).
- The Committee agreed on 22-30 July as its preferred dates for a Boundary Waters high adventure trip.
- The Committee discussed a request from Steve Kupsy that a nonrefundable fee of \$700.00 be set aside to pay for a possible Philmont trek. Dan Ruark moved we do as Steve requested and John Evans seconded; motion passed unanimously.

**Advancement Chair Report:** John Evans reported the following:

- All Scouts are now under the new advancement rules. A PDF document with the new rules updates is now posted on the website for Scouts to print and use as an insert for their old rules Scout books.
- John provided a Scout participation report so we can identify and talk to any Scout who may be on the way to not meeting his participation requirements.
- John suggested we identify some projects that Scouts in less-active positions (such as historian) can do to earn build participation credit.
- He noted that Joel D. is doing a really good job as chaplain.
- We may need to look at the Scout book program because the license we have for Troopmaster is set to expire soon. He has tried to do a one-time free trial use of Scout book to compare it to Troopmaster but has discovered that apparently the Troop at some point in the past already used the trial. He is going to try to work out a new trial use. Complicating a trial run is the fact that Council scouting records are locked down until January 22 due to the merging of councils with Greater St. Louis Area Council.
- He is waiting for one patrol to select a patrol patch and then he will order patches for all the patrols.
- The next Court of Honor is scheduled for April 3.

**Council/District Representative Report:** Wes Searcy provided a written report on upcoming events and council news to the Committee.

**Fundraising Chair Report:** Annette Schoeberle provided the fundraising report.

- All recent fundraising activities have wrapped up.

- John volunteered to supervise a Camp Card fundraiser but only if the Scouts expressed interest. It could be a good fundraiser for those Scouts interested in raising money for Boundary Waters. He cautioned against ordering 100 cards as we did last year because of the difficulty moving so many cards in a reasonable amount of time.

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

- Edgar noted there haven't been very many Troop meetings since the last Committee meeting due to the holidays.
- The Troop chose Camp Ingersoll for its summer camp.
- Jim A. is interested in being the Troop's Order of the Arrow representative.
- The Committee discussed the acoustics of the new meeting room at the Church with Edgar. It was noted that adult conversations in the back of the room sometimes were distracting to the Scouts trying to run the Troop meeting. The Committee agreed the problem could probably be solved with some self-policing by the adults.
- Gary suggested that Edgar expand his meeting agendas to provide more content to fill up the entire Troop meeting so the Scouts are gainfully occupied the entire time.

**Quartermaster Report:** John Evans and Gary Gill gave the quartermaster report.

- John is no longer officially quartermaster. Jim West will assume joint quartermaster duties with Karen O'Koniewski.
- All Troop equipment has been moved from St. Cecilia's to the two Troop trailers now parked at First Christian Church.
- We need to make sure that all keys for sheds and doors at St. Cecilia's are returned to Bob Schoeberle for return to the Knights of Columbus.
- The Committee decided to investigate the cost for repainting our one trailer with peeling paint.
- John is working with Stan on getting new trailer graphics done with Stan Schloesser and Dr. Brooks, using the Church's logo. There is no hurry to get this done, given the weather this time of year.

**New Chartering Organization Subcommittee Report:** Annette reported on the following:

- She thanked Mr. Mike Vieth on behalf of the Committee for being so welcoming and accommodating to the Troop.
- The cost for a new 3' by 5' Troop flag from the Scout Shop with our new chartering organization name is \$99.99, not including tax. A flag that is 4'4" by 5'6" will cost \$119.99. Prepayment will be required. John Evans moved the

Committee order a 3' by 5' flag; Max Maier seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

- Annette noted that Scouts and adults should remove St. Cecilia's patches from their uniforms. Lewis and Clark Council patches will also probably be replaced soon due to the merger.
- The Troop's existing Eagle Scout plaque will remain with St. Cecilia's since it contains the names of Eagle Scouts that predated Troop 216. The Troop will start a new one with the Church, but it will include the names of all Eagle Scouts in Troop 216 who Eagled while chartered at St. Cecilia's.
- New Troop neckerchiefs are still available.

**Communications Report:** Steve Dunning, Wes Searcy, and Phillippe Welsh gave the report:

- The new Troop website is now up and running. The URL is [www.troop216.org](http://www.troop216.org). Our old website forwards visitors to the new site. Wes briefed the Committee on all of the new and improved features of the website. The Committee agreed the website is ready to go live on the Internet as our new web presence.
- Troopmaster data is now stored on the new hosting provider's servers.
- The membership roster on the website is currently only first name and last initial; no other personally identifiable information (PII) is provided, for security and privacy reasons.
- Wes Searcy was thanked for the work he has done updating the website content. Wes noted that he had updated the Troop's documentation with our new chartering organization and he had just recently sent an email out asking for feedback on the changes. The Committee discussed the changes and approved the content for posting.
- The next step will be cross-linking the Church and Troop websites.
- The Committee expressed its deep appreciation of the work that Wes, Phillippe, and Steve have done.

**Scoutmaster Report:** Gary Gill reported on the following:

- Gary reminded everyone of the importance of safeguarding the Scouts' PII.
- He asked Edgar M. to begin driving Scouts to the website for information on events, the calendar, leadership and Scout materials, and other support.
- We need to make sure we honor the legacy of the old Troop 71 once chartered by the Church. Mike Vieth indicated the Troop 71 plaque will remain prominently displayed. Gary thanked Mike for the Church's support and Mike thanked the Troop for bringing its program to the Church.
- The Committee discussed what to do with the Troop 71 flag and with the old Troop 216/Knights of Columbus flag. No action was decided.

- A project to research the history of Troop 71 would be a good project for the Troop Historian.
- Gary reported he had attended services at the Church and thought they were terrific and very welcoming. He discussed ways we can advertise the Troop to Church youth.

**Committee Chair Report:** Annette Schoeberle reported the following:

- The Troop application for Gold Level in the Journey for Excellence is now in. We will need a slightly tweaked version of our budget for the 2017 application.
- Youth and adult leader applications for our Council will be newly available online this month.
- John Evans and Max Maier will receive awards at the District Dinner. John will receive the Acorn Award to recognize his “being a rock to the Troop” and Max will receive the Sparkplug Award for “providing that extra spark” that keeps the Troop moving forward. The awards will be presented at the District Dinner on Saturday, February 4 at 6PM, held at Troy United Methodist Church.
- Annette recognized Larry Miller as a new Committee member and talked about the many things the Troop can do for his organization, the American Legion.
- Arbor Day, April 29 from 10-11 AM is a service opportunity for Scouts. They will be needed in uniform at Schoen Park.

**Charter Organization Representative Report:** Mike Vieth, our new Chartered Organization Representative, spoke to the Committee. He indicated he is very impressed with the Troop. As we go along, he asked that if there is anything the Church can do to make this relationship work better, please ask. He considers it a great opportunity for the Church to meet new people.

**Old Business: None.**

**New Business: None.**

Motion to adjourn by John Evans, seconded by Jim West, approved.