

February 8, 2017 Troop 216 Committee Meeting

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

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

Activities Chair Report: Diane Gill and Natasha McClintock reported on the following:

- The escape room is booked for this Sunday afternoon, February 12, from 2:15 to 4:15 PM. Cost will be \$17.50 per participant with the discount. Gary, Natasha, and Shane Smith will provide adult leadership.
- The Beaver Dam campout is set for March 31-April 2. The high ropes course will be the morning of April 1.
- There is a service opportunity on Arbor Day, April 29. Details will be forthcoming.
- Gary Gill would like an early March campout and also would like to plan April, May, and June campouts for the Scouts to hone their camping skills and for Boundary Waters (BW) high adventure preparation.
- Based on our BW entry permit, the dates of the trip will be Friday July 7 through Saturday, July 15, inclusive of two days driving there and two days back. Boy Scout Troop 31, which went there last year, is available to help us prepare (Reese W. went there with them last year). Gary would like to have an information session for potential participants and parents soon. After some discussion, Steve Kupsy asked Edgar M. to set aside some time at an upcoming Troop meeting for past BW participants to make a presentation to the Troop and parents.
- June 25 is the start of summer camp week at Camp Ingersoll. The Troop has Tomahawk campsite. Merit badge class signups start April 3. April 21 is the end date for early bird registration; the roster and fees must be finalized and submitted by June 2.
- Steve Kupsy reported tonight that we now have a firm reservation for between seven and twelve people to do a 12-day Philmont high adventure trek on July 26-August 7, 2018.
- There will be no meeting on February 20.

Treasurers Report: Steve Dunning and Tim Valley reviewed the January 2016 treasurers report. Highlights included:

- There was very little account activity in January.

- We are waiting to get the Church's tax ID number so we can open a new checking account. There has been some difficulty finding all the required paperwork; Dr. Brooks has offered to call the bank to help move things along.
- Annette described a new draft refund policy to the Committee. After some discussion, Max Maier moved to adopt the policy as described; the motion was seconded by Steve Kupsky, with one amendment: the word "committee" will be deleted from the last sentence. The approved refund policy language is as follows:

All activities sponsored by Troop 216 will be accompanied by a permission slip with details of the activity along with any associated fees. In order to participate in an activity, the permission slip, along with the appropriate remittance must be received by the Activities Chairperson before the stated deadline.

In the event that a Scout or family member is unable to attend an event after submitting the permission slip and remittance, a refund may be available. This will be subject to several factors and a partial or full refund may be available. For camp-outs a request for refund must be made before the Troop purchases groceries for the event, which usually is the Thursday prior to the event. If there are facility fees paid in advance by the Troop (e.g. vendor, park, etc.) that portion of the payment may or may not be refundable.

The Troop will make a reasonable effort to accommodate a refund of funds to the Scout/Family and will be handled on a case by case basis. If the circumstances result in an unreimbursed cost to the Troop, a refund will not be permitted.

- Annette also described a proposed new Scout account closeout policy. The Committee reviewed the language and ultimately decided to put off action on the language, pending an opportunity to further consider the policy. Annette will email everyone the current draft language.

Advancement Chair Report: John Evans reported the following:

- There has not much activity since his January report. It seems as though advancement has stagnated in recent months, although the holidays are admittedly a slow time of year. John encouraged Edgar M. to work more closely with the Scouts and Tenderfoots on advancement.
- The next Court of Honor is scheduled for April 3. Troop elections will be held in March.

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

Fundraising Chair Report:

- Annette reported Tara Kuhne will have 50 Camp Cards for Monday night's Troop meeting. We did not have to pay for them in advance. It was suggested that Scouts should pay for them up front when they receive them.
- Mike O'Koniewski reported on a possible fundraiser involving tickets to Cardinals games. The Troop can get tickets to a given Cardinals game at an extreme discount and allow Scouts to sell those to the public at whatever cost we set, and keep all of the profit. No deposit is required to get the tickets from the cardinals and we can turn in up to 25% of the tickets (if they do not sell) two weeks before the game. Depending on how close to face value we decide to price the tickets, profits of around \$20 per ticket ought to be expected. There are a limited number of games for which we can sell tickets. After much discussion, John Evans moved that the Troop get 400 tickets; Dan Ruark seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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

- The lock-in went well.
- Nine Scouts participated between the two worship services at Scout Sunday.
- He has the Troop doing more Scout activities, such as first aid training, to help manage the meetings and fill the time better. Annette reminded Edgar there is a Troop meeting planning guide on the Troop website.

Quartermaster Report: John Evans gave the quartermaster report.

- Stan Schloesser has the artwork for new trailer decals and he is making them now.
- All the Scouts now have patrol patches.
- The Committee discussed the upcoming change in Council and the fact that it will require everyone to get new Council patches. After some discussion, Steve Kupsky moved that the Troop purchase fifty new council patches for Scouts and adult leaders. Max seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Communications Report: Wes Searcy gave the report:

- Position descriptions for all Troop positions are now posted to the Troop website. They mirror BSA guidelines. Wes asked everyone to review them and bring any questions to the next Committee meeting.
- Wes also noted there is now a Cyber Chip online safety program available to Scouts. Two programs are offered, based on the age of the Scout. There is a cost associated for patches of \$3.59 and \$0.19 for cards.

- John Evans talked about the possibility of a Scout portal feature to record campout information and other information. Such a feature might make the Historian position more relevant and active, and could also be used by the Scout Webmaster and SPL. The content would be vetted by an adult on the Communications Subcommittee. No action was taken.

Scoutmaster Report: Gary Gill could not attend the meeting but had passed on his thanks for help at the YMCA lock-in and at Scout Sunday.

Committee Chair Report: Annette Schoeberle reported the following:

- Annette welcomed John Schoeberle as a new adult leader and committee member.
- All Scouting.org documentation for Troop 216 is now in the name of First Christian Church as our new chartering organization.
- Adult leaders and new Scouts may now register online instead of having to complete hard copy forms.
- Annette thanked everyone who has helped the Troop through transition to a new chartering organization.

Charter Organization Representative Report: Mike Vieth thanks the Troop for its participation in Scout Sunday. He said the church members were very happy to see the Scouts and leaders.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Motion to adjourn by Dan Ruark, seconded by Phillippe Welsh, approved unanimously.