

## June 14, 2017 Troop 216 Committee Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:00 by Annette Schoeberle. In attendance: Steve Dunning, John Evans, Grant G., Diane Gill, Gary Gill, Steve Kupsy, Max Maier, Natasha McClintock, Larry Miller, Mike O'Koniewski, Dan Ruark, John S., Annette Schoeberle, Bob Schoeberle, Wes Searcy, Shane Smith, Mike Veith, and PJ Welsh.

**Secretary Report:** Previous meeting minutes were reviewed. Wes Searcy moved for approval, seconded by Diane Gill, motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurers Report:** Steve Dunning provided written copies of the April and May 2017 treasurers reports and be reviewed the May report. Highlights included:

- Very little change in the balance from April. Current balance was \$14,849.87.
- There were debits of \$5,594.81, the majority of which (\$5,152) was for St. Louis Cardinals tickets for the Troop fundraiser. Deposits totaled \$5,493.41.
- There is \$1,871.72 in Scout accounts, down slightly from April due to the Troop reclaiming D.J. Wickman's unused account balance. Scout accounts have not yet been credited with Cardinals tickets fundraising revenue.
- Two Scouts are now in arrears on dues and are therefore not in good standing. Numerous emails have been sent to their parents about the situation.
- Gary Gill will talk to Jim A. about the disposition of his Scout account.
- Annette Schoeberle said she will check to see if Chris Robinson has been sent any emails yet about closing out his account since he did not recharter with the Troop.
- Steve reported that neither he nor Tim will be able to attend the next (July) committee meeting.

**Eagle Scout Project Proposal:** John S. presented a proposal for his Eagle Scout project to the committee. The project would plant seven trees and pour a concrete pad at Father McGivney High School. The Committee asked numerous questions and offered several suggestions. Gary asked John to work on the timeline for the project to make sure there is adequate time for all required approvals and to get the work done. The Committee encouraged John to refine his plans but gave its approval for him to proceed.

**Activities Chair Report:** Diane reported on the following:

- Summer Camp:
  - Camp Ingersoll has accepted our swimming tests.
  - We have 12 Scouts and four adults registered.
- Boundary Waters:
  - Don Halpin is working on the permission forms.
  - We have seven Scouts and seven adults signed up to go.

- Gary sent an information update email to all participants. He is still working out travel logistics.
- A campout at Pere Marquette State Park is planned for August 25.
- Natasha reported that there is a zipline in Grafton, near Pere Marquette, that may interest the Scouts, but it is expensive. The Committee discussed different options for zip lining and related campout ideas, including Creve Couer Park (which also has team building events). There is a campsite about 20-25 minutes away where the Troop could stay; alternatively, Greensfelder Park is also close and it also has hiking trails. The Committee took no action.
- Max Maier reported he had planned to offer hikes for the Scouts on 19 and 26 August, but those dates will be adjusted considering the timing of the Pere Marquette campout.
- We Searcy mentioned there is an Aviation Day for Scouts on August 12 at St. Charles Airport (more information available from the link on the Troop 216 website calendar).
- Order of the Arrow Fall Reunion will be at Camp Warren Levis on 19-20 August.
- The American Legion will have a flag retirement ceremony on July 1.
- The American Legion will need help on July 2, picking up fireworks debris after the fireworks show. This is service hours opportunity will start at between 6:30 and 7:00 AM.
- Steve Kupsky reported that Troop 7 has openings in their June 21-July 3 2018 Philmont trek for anyone interested in going. These dates may be preferable for some Scouts to those we have reserved ourselves for 2018. The Committee briefly discussed the possibility of working and training together.

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

- Rank advancements are still slow, but there is a lot of activity working on merit badges.
- John asked Grant to make sure older Scouts are helping younger Scouts develop and advance, especially at campouts. He asked that Grant remind Scouts to periodically bring their Scout books to Mr. Evans to document progress.
- John also asked Grant for help updating Scout swimming records.
- Mr. Dunning is learning to use Troopmaster software as a backup to John.

**Council/District Representative Report:** Wes Searcy reported on the following:

- All current documents are available on the Troop's Google Drive.
- He sent me a synopsis report (attached as an addendum).
- He knows of several upcoming events he will pass to Diane as Activities Chair.

**Fundraising Report:** Mike O'Koniewski reported on following"

- Cardinals Tickets Sales:

- He sent Committee members a detailed after action report on the Cardinals tickets sales and Scout account disbursements. The bottom line for the fundraiser was that we returned 120 of the 400 tickets to the Cardinals at no penalty. Sales were slow at first but increased after the price was lowered. Overall, it was a success and earned \$7,280 in ticket sales, of which \$2,465 went into Scout accounts. He is working on a “lessons learned” document so if we choose to do the fundraiser again, we can build on what worked and avoid any mistakes we made; he is looking for input from us for that analysis.
- Gary stated for the record that this fundraiser would have failed without the efforts of Mike and Max Maier.
- Steve Kupsky suggested letting everyone know how much money went to Scouts (anonymously) to drive home what a benefit fundraising can be for individual Scouts.
- Steve Dunning asked Mike for final numbers so they can go on the books.
- Annette asked Grant to gauge Scout interest in doing individual popcorn sales this fall as a fundraiser.
- Beth volunteered to spearhead the Cardinals calendar fundraiser again this year.
- The Committee needs to look at wreath sales to see if that is something we want to do again this fall. No formal assignment was made for that task.

**Quartermaster Report:** Mike O'Koniewski gave the quartermaster report on behalf of Karen O'Koniewski.

- Brian O. is repairing tents this week. Two are done and there are four to go. All the tents will be waterproofed.
- Gary indicated we need to take a critical look at what equipment we can remove from the trailers for storage elsewhere, but we will need to identify a storage location first. Some of the equipment could go in the church attic, but large/heavy items like the rain canopy won't go up there. It was suggested that we have a canopy raising contest at a Troop meeting to identify which canopy is the damaged one.

**Communications Report:** Annette and PJ Welsh gave the Communications report:

- Wes was recognized for the great work he is doing on the Troop's website.
- There's been no interest expressed in the Troopmaster upgrade posted on the Troop's website. The Committee discussed if it wasn't needed or if we need to drive parents to the webpage to respond. No decision was made.

**Senior Patrol Leader Report:** Grant G. provided the SPL report.

- Meetings are going well. Scouts are staying busier and are better occupied at meetings than they have been.

- He will plan to have a Patrol Leaders Conference soon.
- Max suggested building in preparation for Philmont in 2018 into the PLC activity planning.

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

- The video that Wes shot at the Camp Sunnen campout has been posted on the Troop's website and is amazing. It captured the event perfectly and will be a great recruiting tool.
- The Sunnen campout went well, even though the camp was in a state of disuse and water was not available at the campsite. The canoes were in disrepair and some even leaked; nevertheless, the Scouts coped and made good use of them.
- He is working on accommodations for the Boundary water trip, as well as getting everyone Google Documents access to the printed materials.
- Edgar M. finished his Eagle Scout project and will be ready to present to the Board soon.

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

- She thanks Mike Veith and John Evans for the use of the Masonic Hall for the Committee meeting and upcoming Troop meeting.
- Grant G. will consider whether or not to have a Troop meeting on June 26 during Summer Camp Week.
- There won't be a Troop meeting July 3.
- Troy Day Camp is looking for volunteers to be Den Chiefs the same week as Summer Camp. The day camp will run Monday-Friday from 8:40-4:40 at the Edwardsville Sports Club. Working there will earn Scouts free tickets to the Cardinals.

**Charter Organization Representative Report:** Mike Veith reported on the following:

- The new charter is framed now and is hanging on the wall. Mike suggested we consider doing a formal recognition at a church service this fall. The pastor will contact Gary to talk about this.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** Shane Smith has two or three different CPR masks for us to look at decide which we like. They run between \$5-7 plus shipping each. We probably will want to have a couple on hand. Shane also suggested we look into being an adopt-a-highway sponsor for advertising and service opportunity reasons. The Committee discussed the idea and concerns were raised about safety. The issue was tabled for now.

Motion to adjourn by Bob Schoeberle, seconded by Dan Ruark, approved unanimously.

Addendum: District/Council Liaison Report, June 2017, by Wes Searcy

- Roundtable Documents available at:  
[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0Bwc\\_4P8wFjMQOHVCUGVsU1VfZFE](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0Bwc_4P8wFjMQOHVCUGVsU1VfZFE)
- There are 25 documents scanned and placed online this month. They include:
  - 6 Training fliers – NYLY, Wood Badge, Accessing online training, etc.
  - 3 Recruitment items – Venturing, Fall Recruitment Plan Booklet, Be A Scout Flier
  - 2 Merit Badge Workshop events – Safety, NESAs Day @ Joy in August
  - 3 High Adventure items – 2 Unit Leader Training Fliers, Philmont 2018 application
  - 2 Fundraising items – Popcorn commitment form, popcorn flier
  - 3 Event items –STEM Flier, Rendezvous flier, and Fishing Events flier
  - 3 Cub Scout related items – Summer camps flier, 2 Day Camps fliers
  - 3 Camp items – Swift flier, Specialty Camp flier, and Adventure Awaits Flier
- My Comments:
  - Some of these are repeat documents shared before, but there are a fair amount of new items.
  - I also got a 2017-18 Pocket Calendar of GSLAC events. This is an excellent item and I will give mine to Diane after harvesting what I can glean out of it to the Troop website calendar. I want to get one for Gary too for help with PLC program planning.
- Other items:
  - I was overtly asked for “Den Chief” help the week we are at summer camp for the local Cub Camp held at the Edwardsville Gun Club by Christy Carter – 618-409-1884.
  - There was no OA Chapter Meeting. Anthony was there for this meeting. I expect he will go far in the OA once his presence is felt in the Chapter meetings.