

TROOP 117
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
November 7, 2007

Doc called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm and determined a quorum was present. Others in attendance were: Alice K, Diane Y, Judith E, Lynn H, Ed O, Jay B, George F, John M, and John D.

Financial Report: The current financial report was reviewed and accepted.

Minutes: The October 10, 2007 minutes were accepted with the following correction: The committee agreed to split the balance, 50% to reserve and 50% to scout accounts, from the net profit, after allocations, from the craft fair fundraiser.

Upon reading the October minutes, the treasurer realized that he had not allocated funds to the "new scout" expenses as approved by the committee at the last meeting. A motion was passed to allocate funds for the "new scout" expenses out of the reserve fund posted as of 11/7/07.

Scoutmaster Report:

-Kyle is advancing this month and will get a troop neckerchief.

-Soapbox Derby: will be Sat, Nov 17th from 1-3 pm. Judith will email the ASM's regarding the opportunity to request expenses be reimbursed, which can be submitted to the committee at the meeting in December. Doc will locate information on how to donate expenses and receive a tax deduction.

-Those involved with PLC meetings have decided to stay with the Sunday meeting.

-Older Boys:

a) Ed received the OK from Tom D to approve Luke S as a Jr. Assistant Scoutmaster.

b) The "older boys" will need to attend troop meetings on the 2nd and 4th Mondays to help with troop activities. They need not come on the 1st and 3rd Mondays (Merit Badge night), if they don't have any merit badges they are working on.

c) There are 12 "older boys" participating in Ed's plan: Troop Instructors are: Ian D, Justin H, Matt F, Eddie O, Josh O, Josh C, and Colton P. Troop Guides are: Andrew H, Wes L, Jordan L, and Robbie L. Luke S. is the Jr. Assistant Scoutmaster. (Evan C is the current Librarian and Logan B is a patrol leader.)

d) Ed has a scoutmaster conference with the above scouts on a quarterly basis. The momentum of the plan will be full force in January (re: 1st and 3rd Mondays for merit badge work, and 2nd and 4th Mondays for troop involvement). Ed has given them their troop designation patches and has invited them to the JLT. Ed will ask Tom and Ryan to call the older boys and remind them of their invitation to JLT.

e) Trail to 1st Class: Pierce will help the Troop Guides (Andrew, Wes, Jordan, and Robbie) to put together a program for the new scouts.

-Good Turn Week: Sat, Dec 1st. Lynn will ask the church what they would like done.

(October minutes, continued)

Recruiting: Pack 559 is having their space derby, and Alex, Luke, Kyle, and Zach will help out (soft sell). Then, packs 559, 730, 562, and 462 will be invited to the November Court of Honor. (559 and 730 have confirmed attendance at the Court of Honor and the Toilet Bowl, 562 has confirmed the Court of Honor, and Ed will call 462 tomorrow to determine their intent at both.)

Old Business:

- The wreath fundraiser option is out.
- High Adventure Schedule: George is coordinating for 2008. He will report at the December committee meeting “who” and “how much”.
- The church has a new application form to use the church facilities. There is a hard copy available, and we want one on the troop website. The troop has already paid \$25.00 for 2007, and has budgeted \$50.00 for 2008. We are not required to pay additional fees for use of the church facilities for any boy scout events, up to and including Eagle Court’s of Honor (unless the kitchen is used, in which there may be a fee.)

New Business:

- The PLC compiled a calendar of events through March. A motion was passed to accept the calendar with an added January campout. In addition, the committee will review the calendar quarterly for the following 6 months. Jay would like to put together a “surprise” campout and incorporate winter camping training in preparation for Klondoree. The patrols have planned events in January for rank advancement. The ASM’s will let Jay know what weekend in January would be best.
- Adult Positions were reviewed. Most of the positions have been filled or are not currently needed. Doc will have a conversation with Holly H re: communications coordinator and if her role is to include the on-line calendar/newsletter and Troop Scoop. Ed O will act as Den Chief Coordinator. There is no one for Order of the Arrow Adult Rep.
- Ed will be assigning patrols to coordinate the calendar activities, starting as soon as we have a calendar, so we will be seeing coordinators on the calendar.
- Jim L volunteered his grill, and the committee (unofficially) declared him “Grill Master”.
- Some adults still need training for their positions. Jay B was recognized as being fully trained as a committee member.
- Re: recruitment...Our troop guidelines say 40 active scouts, which may mean 60 scouts, 40 of which are regularly active.
- We have a budget of \$400.00 for camping supplies...we may want to consider buying tents.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00.

Submitted by Diane Y, secretary

