

BOY SCOUT TROOP 365

Meeting minutes for Troop Committee Meeting, October 11, 2016

In attendance - Matt Williams, Rob Kemp, Steve Aspery, Randy Reeves, Neil Toepfer, Mike Hock, Chris Cook, Steve Bailey, Frederica Stupka, Christopher Deis.

Matt Williams-Treasurer

Budget statements were distributed.

Invoices were mailed within the past weeks and dues payments are needed to close the books.

Budget is on track, including Turkey Shoot, and ammo has been donated.

It was questioned whether camp outs should be allowed before payments are made.

Rob Kemp-Outdoor Program

Leadership from the scouts is struggling. Emphasis must be made on the scouts commitment to lead and follow through. The fall is typically difficult for the older scouts due to other involvements but choices must be evaluated individually. Consideration is being given to "thin" next falls schedule.

5 service projects are scheduled from September to December which allows several opportunities for advancement needs.

PLC decide whether service hours must be tied to reward camp out.

It was questioned if camp out costs were significant reason for lower attendance.

Suggestion was made to evaluate subsidizing by fundraising.

Neil Toepfer-Recruiting

Discussed troop direction/selection of cub scouts within our community.

Weebelos Hike mentioned and again, participation issues addressed.

Mike Hock-Training

Training interests tracked in troop web host. Sent for reassessment recently at troop council.

Chris Cook-Black Dragon

Focused on leadership issues again within individual patrols.

Discussed the need to strengthen PLC members. Encouraged all ASM's to check the ages of scouts in their patrols for advancements.

Suggestion was made to hold introduction meeting(s) for parents of scouts to recruit additional ASM's.

For planning assistance, scouts are able to use Troop Web Host to a degree, but a goal of the troop is to encourage "face to face" or verbal contact from scouts. This allows opportunity for scouts to improve communication and social skills which are necessary for this age of electronic and impersonal contact.

Christopher Deis related that some troops are sponsoring projects that are needed at different camps. A particular project at Camp Chief Logan was mentioned to gauge

interest. Ranger Kerry has suggested troop 365 sponsor a "sound system" for the dining hall, as the existing one is in need of replacement.

Costs could range within the estimate of \$2000-5000. The question was raised as to whether or not fundraising should be utilized for this. The sponsorship for such a project would highlight troop 365 at the camp for years.

Adjournment at 8:40