

Troop 365 Committee Meeting

February 12, 2013 7-8:43PM

**“The troop committee’s primary responsibilities
are supporting the Scoutmaster in delivering
quality troop program and handling troop administration.”**

Attendees: Jerry Roderick, Bill Alsnauer, Marian Greuling, Gary Meyer, Karen Roderick, Dan Ryan, Tim Hamner, John Heywood, Steve Bailey, Steve Aspery, Mike Hock, Jamie Prosser, Bob Hoffman, Matt Williams, Joe Gilligan, Tony Matlak

- **Financial report:** Matt Williams. Matt presented the financial information to date. We are tracking both expenses and income at a reasonable rate.
Dues have just started coming in and there is some outstanding F&G money to be collected.
Reinforce: Budgeting for outings is a good teaching tool for boys. It was suggested that prior to establishing an outing cost, that the historical numbers of cost/scout is evaluated.
Fundraising: Spaghetti Dinner – Nothing to report
- **Inventory needed:** Dan will work with Randy and a group of boys.
What needs replaced? Tarps, pop-ups etc. Nylon is nice for weight and quick dry.
Looking at new pop up tables. Dan will research different items for discussion next month.
Bob Hoffman will go through the garage at Sawmill to see what is available from that troop. It was suggested to clean the garage completely out.
Gary will lead the cleanout of the garage. Gary will get/be provided the list of boys who did not participate in Scout Sunday and those scouts will be responsible to help with the cleanout effort.
What can you throw away without needing a committee meeting to do so? Up to Gary to decide.
- **Scoutmaster report**
New Scouts – no new scouts yet. 3 cross-overs coming soon plus 8 new prospective scouts who have participated in a couple of events.
Eagle Report – Joe Gilligan is still putting together his plan.
Bill reminded the group of the peacemaker award which go along with an Eagle project.
Need help with – nothing to report
- **Chief Logan** – Karen reported that the camp location has been secured. Our area will hold 40 boys.

- **Assistant Scoutmaster Reports & Boys that need something extra** – The vision for our meetings is a schedule consisting of a 20 minute program, move to patrol corners spending 20 minutes of rehearsing the requirements in preparation for the last 20 minutes which is the competition.

Feedback was some of the boys don't feel connected with their patrol. Bob Hoffman will develop a monthly theme.

Adult mentor can gather and "teach the teacher" for upcoming presentation. This model can be used for merit badge presentations as well as overall programs. Tim and Jerry cautioned against Scouts presenting merit badge information without a) having the MB counselor present and b) presenting to the MBC in advance of the group presentation for thoroughness and accuracy.

Discussion surrounding using Troop Guide and those scouts could be the group that leads the presentation.
- **Outdoor Report** – we are on track. Need participation and adults are always welcome and encouraged to participate.

Winter Weekend – what first class requirements and parts of merit badges would work well with this weekend?

Canoe Trip – Gary would like to have 20 ppl. Philmont – shake down the weekend before the Turtle. Group is going to try and do both.

Spring Break – More details are needed. Leaving on Monday, arriving Tuesday. On the boat Wed and Thursday, returning on Friday.
- Would like to find 2-3 adults to work with 2-3 Life/Eagles on better integrating our outings with advancement.

Keeping track of what we should. – Group can focus on what the boys are doing and what they can be doing to move forward with first class requirements.
- Indoor, Training & Advancement – Mike talked about training that is required and training opportunities that are available and optional.

 - Training we need to do as committee members
 - boy scout and rank related training available to us
 - boy scout leader training
 - Adult volunteer training - Volunteer recognition form
 - Self Study – elearning
 - training for scouts and parents together
- **Boy to boy training** - Karen Roderick model – Karen works with some of the boys training them. Then those boys train younger boys.

Discussion surrounding building a program plan into the indoor calendar with prerequisites attached.
- **Recruiting:** What Packs have we ID'd as our main Scouts? What Packs are struggling and might need Den Chiefs?

We pull scouts from the following dens 632, 365, 357, 333, 331. Bill will visit the patrol corners to establish which dens each scout came from in an effort to recruit additional den chief candidates.
- Looking Ahead, the Committee Chair needs another Committee....Memorial Day Parade. Scouts might be interested in a float.

It was suggested that the scouts need to wear class A attire as a tribute to all those who

are/did serve our country.

It was also suggested that asking veterans to walk with us would be nice.

- Tim would like to have the email address of all the parents to send out advancement information.