

WUMC Scouting Committee
Meeting November 3, 2022

MINUTES

J. Heywood and L. Roskuski announced that Venturing Crew 247 will not recharter as there are only two Crew members (a minimum of five members is required to recharter).

J. Roderick proposed that the non-profit corporation that owns the Troop 365 bus and trailer, BSA365 Inc., be the chartering organization for Troop 365 for 2023. The board of directors for BSA365 Inc. includes J. Roderick, R. Reves, and J. Sweet, the board would appoint a new Charter Organization representative.

K. Stimpert commented that the Worthington United Methodist Church (WUMC) is very supportive of scouts and will enter into a Facility Use Agreement with Troop 365 concerning the use of church facilities for meetings and storage of troop equipment in the church garage.

J. Miroslaw moved, and R. Reves seconded that BSA365 Inc. be the Chartering Organization for Troop 365 for 2023, and that the troop enter into a Facility Use Agreement with the WUMC. J. Miroslaw called for the question which passed unanimously.

J. Heywood announced that Troop 752 will recharter at the Worthington Presbyterian Church, but will keep their equipment in the WUMC garage.

Background on rechartering for 2023

On February 8, 2020 the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy in response to sexual abuse allegations by thousands of former scouts.

Subsequently, BSA entered into negotiations with the United Methodist Church (UMC) concerning the church's financial obligations as part of a bankruptcy settlement, and its on-going support of BSA scouting programs.

The result of these negotiations was an Affiliation Agreement between BSA and the UMC. The Affiliation Agreement sets out the terms for an individual church's relationship with BSA, the local council, and the Scouting unit. These terms include liability and insurance, local councils owning unit property and assets, providing an EIN for banking and procedures for financial reporting, and property insurance for trailers and unit assets, and the local church providing access to its facilities.

Unfortunately BSA did not check with local councils that they would be willing to own unit property, and provide banking support. The Simon Kenton Council has said it will not support or participate in the BSA/UMC Affiliation Agreement. Further the WUMC will not charter a scout unit outside of the BSA/UMC Affiliation Agreement.

This left Troop 365 with three options: 1) find a new charter partner and facility, 2) find a new charter partner with an approved Facilities Use Agreement with the WUMC, or 3) find a new charter partner that is a parent group or group of citizens with an approved Facilities Use Agreement with the WUMC. Chartering with BSA365 Inc. qualifies under these options.