Troop 957 Committee Meeting Minutes—2/24/03 Meeting

Attendees:	Rick Lisk	Earl Hughes	Dave Wisniewski	Hornsbys
	Countses	Danny Wright	Mangieris	Darlene Stokes

The meeting began with the Treasurer's report. At the meeting I explained that we were almost positive, with the current balance of $1782.86 just about balancing the $1817.72 in the liability account. This of course does not count the fact that $592.30 of the troop funds belong to the boys. Rick and Dave signed off the reimbursement requests for the gear purchased for the expected new boys. Per the requirements of the B.P.Amoco grant I will cut a check of about $650 out of those requests. The $250 UTC grant is still in work. I passed out family statements to those there. The $25 earnest money for summer camp was due at the troop meeting, as was the registration fee for the new charter year. Recharter is March 6th. The boy's accounts may be used for campout costs, since they see a direct benefit from it, but I need to know to do so.

Fundraising was briefly discussed. Ideas included the scout fair ticket booth sales discussed in the last committee meeting in December, gift greenery booth sales in the fall, fertilizer door-to-door sales now and a pancake breakfast. The details of the scout fair ticket booth sales for this Saturday and next were in Mark's e-mail. Realize that the boys decided at yesterday's troop meeting to not go to the scout fair, which means that profit is a lot less than the 40% of the money collected or $2 per ticket ($30 per book) we were looking at in December. Also discussed was the possibility of forming our own 501c3 organization for gift funds matching.

Per Chris we now have the bare minimum equipment needed for the expected number of new scouts. He does need adult help to finish the grub boxes within the next week or so to allow the oil-based paint the needed 2 weeks drying time. He is still on the lookout for a trailer (no luck) and canoes (bumped 3 times). For future planning purposes, estimate $400 per new patrol in equipment.

There are plenty of opportunities for parents to help. The Andersons are moving to Dallas so we need a new Outdoor Coordinator. No one is really handling training coordination. Darlene brought up the position of scout book updater. Transportation is always a big concern. A list of volunteer opportunities would be good to have as the new parents register. Most everyone still needs YPT. However since the new parents will also need it, so we agreed at the last committee meeting to hold the mass training session in April. We also need to really concentrate on signing up the Eagle required merit badge counsellors.

Chris then gave a brief pitch for Friends of Scouting. If every family contributes we will become a Pace Setter Troop.

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