

## Troop Committee Meeting – January 3, 2006

**Attendees:** Dave Wisniewski, Barbara Counts, Willifords, Lori Johnson, Kathleen Duncan, Melinda McNicoll, Laura McLain, Max Musso, Susan Beisert, Missy Adams, Warren Hall, Dale Taggart

The parents' meeting followed Dave's previously published agenda, with the calendar being discussed first, followed by recruiting, fundraising, financials and Scoutmaster topics.

Jody reported that we need the final count for the January campout ASAP. I had given her the count I had based on money turned in, but more were expected. The campout planning night and troop elections are both next Tuesday. Warren said that he would sit with the new Quartermaster at the campout and go over the equipment with him, prior to the scheduled trailer work day February 4<sup>th</sup>. Dave reminded everyone that Scout Sunday would be the next day—February 5<sup>th</sup>. I reminded them that our showing last year had been abysmal with about 6 total attending. Per Jody, we have 11 scouts and 5 adults scheduled so far for the ski trip.

Per Dave, there are no specific recruiting events yet. There is a standard paragraph in the Neighborhood News magazine. Putting one in the church bulletin, and going into Round Table to talk to the pack leaders were also discussed. March 21<sup>st</sup> is the estimated new scout arrival date.

A brief discussion of fundraising options ensued. Popcorn is very labor-intensive. Greenery is less so, but needs to be worked earlier in the season. Garage sales might be a possibility. Doug's comment here was that the person who pushes for an event, fundraising or otherwise, should be willing to do all the coordination required to make it happen.

From the November meeting, popcorn sales totaled \$5507 from the troop sale, \$1543 from the ski trip sale and \$1345 from individual sales for \$8395 total. This was due to be turned in by December 1<sup>st</sup>, when I had to cut the check to SHAC for \$5899.60. As of the meeting, I had deposited \$7280, which meant that \$1115 was still missing. I have since heard from one family that they will be turning in their \$918 Tuesday. I also received another \$74 at the meeting. This will bring us down to \$123 still owed. As far as the rest of the financials are concerned, the troop has \$5254.17 in the account, with none considered available for use since it either is allocated for the ski trip or belongs to the family passbooks. The boys owe \$281 in dues.

As this was his first committee meeting since becoming Scoutmaster, Doug did not have a formal Scoutmaster's Report to present. He did state that he wanted to encourage a variety of activities and venues, or we will lose the older boys. Canoeing, fishing, biking, or anything else "scout-like" are fair game. We also must be willing to travel to places other than Strake. Many of the boys have "been there, done that" once too often. More than one of them appear to be trying to phase out as it is. Doug is

willing to accommodate the hormone factor by allowing them to not wear the neckerchief when in their Class A's, if that will tip the scale in having them attend. Other troops are having this same problem. Earlier in the meeting, Doug had reminded everyone that the boys cannot advance to the higher ranks without time served in a leadership position—and that he would not sign off on them for that rank unless they actually did the job they were elected to do.