

Troop Committee Meeting—June 6, 2006

Attendees: Dave Wisniewski, Countses, Willifords, Glinda Jones, John Maclean. Missy Adams, Susan Beisert, Melinda McNicoll, Susan Wright, Aracelli Casso, Jane Hall, David Lopez, Carola Massimino, Kathy Robertson, Jeannette Johnson, Pat Zimmerman

Dave began the meeting with a few brief comments about the Friends of Scouting presentation from the Court of Honor, including the little-known fact that if you take a form home for later donation (as several did) that the troop does not get credit for your donation. He then introduced James Wright who proceeded to tell us about his proposed Eagle project (the first in the troop!) to move the used clothing donation area from the men's changing room into the women's, and design and build shelf units to double its space. Expected start date is mid-to-late July.

Doug then gave his Scoutmaster report. The troop charter package has not come in yet. All adults attending summer camp need the online YPT and criminal history check. The boys will be doing their PLC on the 10th from 1:00 to 7:00. The two first year patrol leaders will be included in the next one, when they will have some scouting experience to bring to it.

Next topic was the scuba cert program that Doug is setting up for later in the summer. It will be at the Williams pool. Rough guess is about \$250 cost. He promises that it will exceed the NAUI standards, as the intent is to get the boys ready for next year's summer camp, Florida Seabase. Anyone curious about that camp can checkout their website at <http://www.bsaseabase.org/>.

Other topics discussed include:

- Danny will be joining Doug and Jody in pre-Pioneer leader duties.
- John Maclean will be the plumbing MB counselor, while Pat Zimmerman will do motor boating.
- Aracelli will need parents for back-to-back BOR meetinhs in July (18th, 25th). Many boys usually advance in rank after summer camp, and family vacations impact the number of parents available to support the associated boards of review. Minimum is 3 non-related parents per board, and we often have multiple boards going at the same time.
- Current troop fundraising plans revolve around greenery sales in October at the older boys' request. If any of the first year's would be heart-broken at not selling popcorn, that can be arranged as long as a first-year parent coordinates the sale, pickup and distribution, including working with the district popcorn 'kernel' to make it all happen.
- Jane Hall has agreed to take over the troop secretary duties, which will allow me to take over those same duties for Fletcher's theater booster club, while Susan Wright will look into what it takes to be troop treasurer. Carola Massimino has said she will handle first year campout transportation coordination (a.k.a. seat-belt counting) for Chris. Thanks all!
- Not discussed but still needed are parent volunteers to track the adult training requirements (YPT, troop committee challenge, scoutmaster fundamentals and intro to outdoor leadership fundamentals to name a few), plus another to handle new scout applications, and handle the annual re-charter which means verifying the boys' and adults' records in TroopMaster and the re-charter package are complete and correct.

Dave closed with his hurricane preparedness tip—take those merit badge cards with you when you evacuate (safely stored in the plastic baseball card holders for 3-ring binders). If your son has visions of Eagle, then he has to have those cards to prove all his badges were earned through officially listed MB counselors.

Treasurer's Report

\$6563.96 in the checking account. A lot of that is being held for the two summer camps. Some of it is unused \$ from the cancelled ski trip.

\$260 owed by boys for dues

\$680 still owed for boy/adult registration fees

\$900 owed for CIMA charges

> \$2000 owed for Pioneer charges

\$45 still owed for FCE cooking fees

\$67 still owed for May campout

Fishing trip is balanced out.

Golfing, I will have to get with Jerry.

Bottom line the numbers add up quickly on both the credit and debit sides due to the large number of boys (and associated adults) now in the troop. We are talking in the \$11,000 range for the two summer camps alone, since so many are going.

As an F.Y.I., I sent out all the family status e-mails in May. To try and make it easier on all of us (yes me included), I gave most of you with a balance due a zero out number, as in a check for x dollars will zero out all charges due through summer camp, rather than a complete listing of puts and takes. Call or e-mail me if you have any questions and we can always go over the details. With the lack of dues charges for June and July, and the lower amount of chargeable events, the numbers should not fluctuate too much.

Thanks,

Barbara

Troop 957 Treasurer and Secretary