

Meeting called to order @ 7:00

Committee Member Reports-

Chair's Report-Jason Crosby

First order of business will be to review minutes -these were emailed to members last week. Future Committee Meeting minutes will be emailed to members before the next meeting. Members should review the minutes ahead of time, and come with any questions to be discussed. Linda will take minutes, minutes will be sent to Jason, and Jason will send them to all Committee members at least one week before the next meeting. Linda will bring a few extra copies to the meetings.

Rules for discussion were reviewed- need to make sure people are being heard at Committee. (See handout per Jason). Most important is to let reporting committee member be able to report uninterrupted.

Rules for discussion have already been approved by the Charter organization (BCC). The Committee Chair is the person that deals with the Charter Organization. Jason will CC the Pastor and the Charter Org. rep (Rick Boughton) the minutes.

Committee Positions-

Jason reviewed committee positions. People that are interested in various positions should let Jason know, and explain why they are interested in that position. Some people did respond to survey and noted that they are interested in various positions.

Question- Is there a time of the year when new positions are chosen?

Jason – if someone is interested, they should let Jason know at the beginning of the year, position should be in place by the Charter Dinner.

A person may hold more than 1 position.

Some positions may be held by more than 1 person.

All positions are for a 1 year term.

Committee Chair- currently Jason Crosby

Secretary- currently Linda Sternin

Finance Chair- Mike Brylinski volunteered

Treasurer- currently-Christine McGinniss , Maureen Dahlke volunteered

Fundraising Chair- Philip Yarnes volunteered

Chaplain- Eric Nagle volunteered

Activities Chair- Dan Dahlke volunteered

Equipment Coordinator- currently Bob Parker

Camping Chair- currently Rob Gradle

Transportation Coordinator- currently Jim Mol

Service Chair-

Health and Safety Coordinator- Dan Dahlke volunteered

Outmeeting Chair- currently Philip Yarnes

Advancement Chair- currently Rob Gradle

Membership Chair- Dan Dahlke volunteered

Training Chair-currently John Kerwin
Publicity Chair- Eric Nagle volunteered
Scoutparent coordinator-

If anyone is interested in any of these positions- let Jason know.

Question/comments regarding health and safety- Should there be a health record form for all Scouts and adults at all activities, especially at campouts?

Polly suggested adult health forms may not have to have specific information, but may just be a person to contact for information.

It was suggested that all people (children and adults) should have a health form. Dan suggested that health forms can be in a sealed envelope and only to be opened in case of an emergency- to protect privacy. No final decision was made.

Questions-Who is in charge of planning for Webelos troop visitations? PLC and SPL should be planning for the visits, Membership chair possibly may be in charge to help plan for visits.

Concern- scouts should have an activity to do as a gathering activity; currently it appears as a "free-for-all" when the scouts come in.

Concern- the transition from Scout to tenderfoot is a hard time. These scouts may need to have separate activities and more guidance.

Suggestion- older scouts could be mentored, to help the younger scouts, during the gathering time.

Suggestion- similar to "clean up patrol", each meeting will have a "gathering activity patrol". Each patrol will take turns being in charge of creating and leading a gathering activity at the beginning of each meeting.

*Committee Member Training- All committee members need to complete online trainings. Jason will send this out in an email. All trainings can be found on line- these are similar to youth protection training.

Treasurer's Report- Christine McGinniss

All popcorn is paid for. Some boys still have outstanding dues. Extra popcorn is still available (4 bags of caramel corn, 1 bag of popcorn with nuts). Mike Brylinski has excess. If anyone is interested, contact Mike Brylinski.

Kevin Steward purchased items (\$76.93) to convert Klondike sleds to be used in case of no snow at Klondike Derby Campout . Christine took \$ from equipment budget.

February 6th is when deposit for early registration is due for summer camp. Christine said dues must be paid before summer camp deposits can be made. Christine has made contact with these scouts and their parents.

Quartermaster's Report- Bob Parker

Bob reported to Jason that there is still no plan for the Patrol Boxes.

New and Continuing Business-

Zebb's Fundraiser- Linda Sternin

Fundraiser is scheduled for March 11, 2012.

Discussion of where \$ earned should go. Should \$ go to individual accounts, or to the general Troop fund?

Price of tickets is \$6, and includes 3 pancakes, bacon, and beverage. This is not an all-you-can-eat event. Scouts need to be at Zebb's to set up (time to be confirmed). Breakfast is served from 8:00-10:30. Scouts are required to stay and help clean up also. Zebb's will do the cooking. Scouts will do the set up, greeting, seating, serving, and clean up. Scouts can earn \$4 for each ticket they sell. The expectation is that if you sell the tickets, you will work the fundraiser. Hours worked can be counted toward Scout spirit, but can't be community service. Mike motioned that money from tickets sold go toward individual scout accounts. Hours worked will go toward Scout spirit service hours. The motion was made to participate in Zebb's fund raiser- Jason proposed motion- seconded by Jim- motion passed. Linda will draft email and send to Jason- informing parents and families of fundraiser. Tickets have already been printed, and will be ready to give to the Scouts at the next meeting. A record of all tickets given out and sold will be kept. Phil Yarnes offered to help Linda with this event.

Scoutmaster's Report-

5 active scouts are turning 18 this year.

Eagle projects- Sean Steward's project is done (cupboards). Paperwork (application and write up is done) is in transit to office.

-Alex Gradle's project is done (painting). Mark is still waiting for the paperwork. Must be done before his 18th Bday. As long as paperwork is submitted to Council by his 18th birthday, it should be OK.

Eagle Board of Review will need to be scheduled.

-Steve Valeri needs paperwork.

- Chess Lee will be doing his Eagle project at 9 Mile Island.

- Rob Karker and Paul Brylinski are already Eagle Scouts.

National Jamboree- Our Troop has Mark and Jason as leaders for the WNY Troop, Dan and Mike as volunteers. It is important for Scouts that are interested in going to get registered online, to reserve spot. First payment is due by the end of February. Space is limited to 72 scouts. Currently about 12 scouts registered. Jamboree is July 2013 in West Virginia.

PLC met tonight. Mark feels they are doing a great job at planning. They would benefit from reminding people ahead of time as to what they are expected to do, to be better prepared. They have been completing scout leadership report cards. Some kids are good about doing jobs, some need reminders. The report cards are to help get the Scouts talking and give them feedback. Report cards will be done quarterly. Every troop leader position from asst. patrol leader and up is graded.

Webmaster- Alex Gradle was webmaster but is stepping down. Dan Berry and Conner Shubert volunteered to take over. Eric Nagle will mentor/assist.

February Activities-

Cub Scout Blue and Gold Dinner/Crossover (2/12/12 @ 2:30 pm).

It appears that there may be a significant # of scouts that may be crossing over. (Packs 286 and 202). Not everybody is crossing over at this time. Some boys will wait until April.

Question- for the boys that are crossing over early- do we charge them dues or just let them in? Do we ask the Pack that they come from for ½ the dues money?

Discussion- These boys have already paid their full dues in Cub Scouts. It was decided that Troop 286 will not ask scouts for money when they crossover. Expenses remain the same for our Troop-(we provide them with a neckerchief, Troop patch, and slide).

Chartering Dinner is scheduled for 2/27 @ 6 pm. Boys working on the Public Speaking Merit Badge will be speaking during the dinner to complete requirements. There could be 2 Eagle presentations that night, with an abbreviated ceremony. Phil Yarnes has volunteered to run the dinner. Question was brought up with dishes- do we use paper plates or use real dishes? No decision was made.

No Sledding Campout scheduled for 2/17- 2/19- good sign up so far. Mark will not be there. Jason and Ken K will be leaders.

Boston Trip (4/11-4/15) - decent sign up. Some of the older scouts may not participate as they have already been there. This will be open to new scouts that crossover as well. Cost is still approximately \$150 per scout.

New business-

Concerns with safety before the meeting starts, especially with ball throwing. There was a motion made to do away with ball throwing, and seconded. It is up to all adults to monitor and enforce this.

There was a motion made to create a Gathering Patrol assignment. Motion was seconded.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Sternin