

## **Troop 286 Committee Meeting Monday, June 3, 2013, 7:30 PM**

In Attendance: Mike Brylinski, Nancy Brylinski, Jason Crosby, Dan Dahlke, Maureen Dahlke, Margaret Korman, Christine McGinniss, Mark Oetinger, Phil Yarnes,

### **COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS**

#### **Chair's Report**

- Fall camporee – if you're interested in helping, signup sheet going around.
- Membership Policy – people made a bigger deal out of it than it was in the past, since it was don't ask don't tell. Being able to be honest is morally straight (standing up for people's rights). "Scouting is a youth program..."
- Mowing 9-mile campsite – volunteers needed. Eric said tractor is down and 9-mile is half underwater.

#### **Scoutmaster's Report**

- National Meeting in Dallas
  - Pressure to remove duty to God (never happening). Guidelines will be given out for the new policy taking effect in January 2014. More conflicted/confused kids at scout age than people think. They thought there'd be more backlash from certain groups than there was. Mark offered to take questions. There were none.
  - New merit badges – Sustainability will run either/or with Environmental Science; Cooking will be required for Eagle; CAD replacing Drafting; Digital Technology replacing Computer
  - 2013 online registration
  - 2014 Paperless rechartering
  - 2015 One oath and law for all scouting groups (Boy Scout version)
  - 2015 online paperless advancement
  - Committee is supposed to check adult leader references (this is not a change)
  - Guidelines given on scoutmaster conference (character & leadership)
  - Handbook organization – by rank or by topic? Split vote, decision was made to do by topic with rank indicator – how it is now.
  - My Scouting Tools will be the basis for things to be available online. Their IT department is being challenged to make it more robust. Key 3 access to troop info (Mark, Jason & commissioner) with allowable access for others. 24% of scouts don't have internet access, 36% don't have high-speed.
  - Youth Protection Policy should be on the troop website (link to national); some require youth protection for adults to attend meetings. Cyber-chip (online safety like toten chip)?
  - 80% of units are sponsored by churches.
  - Scouting.org scoutcast last Friday of every month on a different topic. Link to video in emails or on Facebook?
  - 411 strategic plan is changing lots of programs (especially cubs), training changing to more online, commissioners to act as mentors.
  - Trip was great, scoutmasters treated like royalty.
- Jim Battistella nominated the troop for an Allstate grant for \$1,000 for the general fund.
- GNFC breakfast Tuesday there are 9,117 scouts in council. 187 Eagles last year. 370 young women in Ventures, 3,500 registered leaders, 82,515 service hours last year.

## **Eagle Status**

- Sam done
- Justin needs to get his paperwork done; doing a project at his church
- Brandon has a sizable project, a room at his church

## **Treasurer's Report**

- Monthly report was distributed.

## **Fundraising**

- Year-end report was distributed by Phil
- Camp Cards
- Candy Bars – he talked to parents owing money on candy bars

## **Quartermaster's Report - NA**

## **Program Report**

- Claimjumper, 6/14-16@ Nine Mile Island
- Planning Meeting
- Summer Camp

## **Training**

- White Buffalo – Maureen read a report Christine prepared summarizing the interviews Christine, Linda and Margaret did with the candidates, Zach & Will (appended to these minutes).  
Approved

## **Other Committee Member Reports**

### **CONTINUING BUSINESS**

- Fall 2013 Camporee (Rough Rider)
- Popcorn 2013 – Lisa and Dennis plan to take over next year (deal not sealed yet!)
- Hat design contest for popcorn prize

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Parent brochure – possibility of keeping online versions was raised
- Membership chair – Jason mentioned that this person may be a logical Eagle party planner

## **CONCLUSION**

## White Buffalo Interviews

Zach Archibald and Will Crosby were both interviewed for White Buffalo Training on May 13, 2013. Interviewers were, Margaret Korman, Linda Sternin and myself; Christine McGinniss.

Zach is currently the rank of Star and is 14 years old. He is striving towards Eagle Scout. He wants to go to White Buffalo to become a stronger leader, better teacher and to continue the troop towards a stronger boy lead troop. Though he is involved in many activities he feels he could be a good leader and would pre plan well in advance, should he not be able to attend a meeting. He feels he would be ready to take on the position of ASPL or SPL.

Will is currently the rank of Eagle and is 13 years old. He is acting as troop guide for the new scouts, is a leave no trace instructor and has taken lead as assistant patrol leader. He wants to attend White Buffalo to become a strong leader and feels it would be fun as well as to grow and change into a stronger scout. He is striving towards becoming the ASPL at this point and not the SPL as of yet.

After the interviews were finished Margaret, Linda and I spoke and I believe that we all agree that it would be a benefit to the troop to support both scouts in their interest to attend White Buffalo this year and that we should support them monetarily as well by paying \$100 of the fee for each of them to attend.