

Boy Scout Troop 306 Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 9th, 2008

Attendees:

M. Farmer (chair)
K. Conerly
C. Cook

M. Mack
C. Sava
P. McCray

J. Donahue
I. McGuire

Opening:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. and opening prayer led by Mr. Conerly.

Reports:

Secretary: Mrs. Duncan and Baby Keira are home and doing well. Mrs. Farmer hopes to have Mrs. Duncan back soon. Motion was made by Mrs. Sava to get questions regarding meeting minutes to Mrs. Farmer as soon as possible to help expedite approval process at meetings. This motion was seconded by Mrs. McGuire.

Minutes of 10/21/08 meeting – Mr. McCray and Sonny have some issues but could not remember what at present time. Mrs. Cook asked if the minutes could be approved with the possibility to amend in January. Mr. McCray made a motion to approve with exception – motion seconded by Mrs. Sava.

Minutes of 11/18/08 meeting – revisit at end of meeting.

Scoutmaster:

Monthly Outings:

The Manatee Swim is on December 13th. We have a good size group signed up to go (19/20 scouts and adults).

Webelos Woods 2009 will be out at Camp Rybolt. This is a much better location. The dates for this are: January 16, 17 & 18. The process has been started. Permission slips and fees are due back by January 5, 2009.

Equipment:

Mr. Conerly said there is nothing new to report for equipment. Mrs. McGuire asked if the Troop could use more shepard's hooks for lanterns etc. Mr. Conerly said we could probably use 1 more.

SPL:

No report

Treasurer:

Mrs. Conerly provided a hardcopy of Troop financial status: We are in the positive. Monies owed to the troop are from dues owed by 4 scouts. Payment for popcorn was made to Council on 12/4/08 – money still owed to Troop from Scouts is \$120. There was one more

returned check from a Take Order – the parent has been notified and will be collecting the money along with \$5 bank fee.

We purchased one table, one lantern and three 21 piece non-stick cookware sets for Patrol Boxes. We are waiting for \$120 in rebates – this will bring the Camping Supplies Fund back into the positive.

Thanksgiving Basket Fund began with a balance of \$105.19. Total expenses for this year were \$404.04. We have an ending balance of \$47.15.

Scout Account statements will be going out soon.

Outdoor Activities Coordinator: vacant

Advancement Coordinator:

No report

Chaplain: vacant

Training:

Mrs. McGuire said there are more training opportunities coming up (Outdoor Leader Training). She will send an email out.

Equipment Coordinator – vacant:

See Scoutmaster report.

ScoutParent Coordinator:

Mrs. Cook asked for suggestions of someone to ask to cover “Friends of Scouting” at the January Court of Honor. Committee members suggested Mr. Hundley or Mr. Duncan. Mrs. Cook asked how active Troop 306 was with Friends – Mrs. Farmer said that we are a pretty active Troop, and she will try to get the figures for Mrs. Cook.

Old Business:

Fundraiser updates:

Insiderpages.com – The Troop earned a total of \$993.25. 75% will be put into Scout’s Accounts after check is received from insiderpages. Many reviews were removed due to improper punctuation/capitalization and/or not written in “first hand experience”. 19 Scouts had family/friends that registered – several did not write a review even after registering. We will plan to do this fundraiser again late Feb. to mid March. Discussion to improve participation next time – Mrs. Farmer suggested a step by step printout for families; Mrs. Mack suggested setting up a computer to the TV in the meeting room and doing a “walk through” during a meeting; Mrs. Sava thought this would be better approx. a week after next set up date and suggested recommending that families keep a notebook to keep track of businesses visited on vacations etc.

Troop rummage sale – Mrs. Mack spoke with church officials and verified we have access to the Family Life Center anytime on Friday 1/30 and Saturday 1/31. It was also okayed to hold a carwash during the rummage sale hours – this will be passed on to the SPL for further discussion at PLC. Pastor Keith was very wary about the possibility of allowing other vendors to set up for the rummage sale. It was decided that we would not push the issue at this time. 2 hour shifts are set up 7a-9a, 9a-11a, 11a-1p, 1p-3p. The first and last shifts included set up and

clean up times. Donations will be accepted at the Troop meeting on Monday 1/26/09 and at set up on Friday 1/30/09 after 4pm. We need volunteers to help sort and set up on Friday night. Mrs. Mack will have a flier ready to hand out at the Troop meeting on Monday 12/15/08. Mrs. McGuire stated that she has Scouting for food signs that we can use to advertise the Rummage Sale. Mrs. McGuire also stated that we need to make sure the items donated are sponsorship friendly – no inappropriate, suggestive or offensive material. Once items are donated that cannot be reclaimed.

Toy Box Ministry – Mr. Conerly said that many people were very appreciative of having the Scouts there to help. 80 families and 210 children benefited from the ministry. Part of the campout fee was donated to the church to offset cost of lunch. A “Thank You” card was received from a family that benefited from Thanksgiving basket. The Scouts also did about 30 minutes of clean up at the campground.

Christmas Party – Report from Mrs. Farmer as Mrs. Olds was in the Emergency Room at the time. Set up will start at 4pm. Mrs. McGuire and Mrs. Mack will organize decorations. The Scouts decided on a gift exchange with a \$15 max limit. The adults would also like to have a Toys for Tots donation table. Each family is to bring a 2L drink and dish to share. Mrs. Sava would like to have coffee available for any adults interested. Mrs. McGuire said there is also hot cocoa left from the campout – just need hot water. It was decided by the committee that it would be best to hold deserts to the end.

Popcorn prizes – Mrs. McGuire asked what adults would be willing to have a pie in the face for the boys that earned pies selling popcorn. Volunteers include Mr. and Mrs. McGuire, Mr. Conerly, Mrs. Mack, Mrs. Farmer and possibly Mr. Mack. Approximately 30 pies were earned (1-6 pies per boy). Mrs. McGuire will prepare tickets for boys and gather whipped cream, drop clothes, and plates.

New Business:

Mrs. McGuire wanted to let the Committee know that we have a new Unit Commissioner. His name is Pablo but cannot remember his last name.

Mr. McCray brought up that during the Turkey Rod Run groups were selling water/hot dogs for 4 days. This may be something to consider as a fundraiser. There are other events during the year that offer the same opportunity at by the Speedway. He will get the contact info. Mrs. Farmer stated that it needed to be passed through PLC first to see if there was interest from the Scouts.

Next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 13, 2009.

Meeting adjourned 8:14pm