

Boy Scout Troop 306 Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 13th, 2009

Attendees:

M. Farmer (chair)
K. Duncan
K. Conerly

S. Conerly
L. Mobley
C. Sava

C. Cook
P. McCray

Opening:

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

Reports:

Scoutmaster:

Monthly Outings:

Webelos Woods 2009 will be out at Camp Rybolt. The dates for this are: January 16, 17 & 18. Permission slips and fees were due back by January 5, 2009.

There is a backpacking campout in February.

There will be a campout during spring break.

Equipment:

The trailer will need to be serviced before summer camp. The troop is also in the process of buying items for patrol boxes. As the troop grows and equipment wears out, it needs to be replaced. Right now we have enough for up to 6 patrol boxes.

*Mr. McCray stated that the current cooking equipment is not suitable for use over an open fire since it is "kitchen gear." He then asked questions about why the troop is purchasing the less expensive items, as they are inappropriate for cooking over an open fire and wear out much faster. He stated that the troop is buying double what they need. He expressed his feeling that the boys need to know how to cook over an open fire and made a motion that the troop does not buy any more indoor equipment (no Teflon). He in that motion he stated that the troop needs to use what it has but phase it out rather than buying more. Instead, the equipment should be replaced with suitable materials for outdoor cooking such as blue porcelain and cast iron materials.

After much discussion and debate, this motion was tabled until the next meeting due to time constraints.

SPL: Justin was not present and did not provide Mr. Conerly with any notes.

Secretary: The advancement report needs to be added to last December's minutes. Mrs. Farmer stated that she would be sure it gets done. Also, the old business needs to be revised as follows (in the 4th paragraph) regarding the Thanksgiving baskets: The troop received a thank you card and 1 family donated a small amount of money to the troop.

Treasurer:

Mrs. Conerly provided two reports this month in order to compare them. She discussed the differences between Scoutmate (old) and TroopLedger (new). We have made the transition from the old to the new effective 1/01/09. She entered some transactions in December in order to gain experience with the new program and make sure that both programs would have the same ending balances as of 12/31/08. When using Scoutmate, Mrs. Conerly was able to provide reports every thirty days, which coincided with committee meetings. From now on, the reports will be done on a monthly basis due to the constraints of the programming.

These reports are now much easier to generate and require less time to prepare for the treasurer's report. Mrs. Conerly can easily provide a financial statement at the end of each month that shows assets and liabilities. This in turn gives the troop's net worth. This was something that had to be compiled in a spreadsheet in the past. In addition, she can also provide a monthly income/expense report that shows the monthly activity for each account as well as the year-to-date activity. Mrs. Conerly also explained the discrepancy in net worth between the two statements.

So far, there are 22 scouts and 4 adults registered for summer camp. They have paid their deposits. The troop is still planning the trip. The first payment by the Troop to Camp Rainey Mountain is due February 1st. The summer camp account has increased significantly since the latest report due to monies being paid by scouts and adults.

The troop received a check for \$993.25 from Insiderpages.com. Funds have been distributed into Passbook accounts. The troop plans to do the fundraiser again in late February to mid-March.

The troop is still waiting for \$120 in rebates for cookware sets.

After January 1st, Mrs. Conerly emailed out Passbook statements from Scoutmate and TroopLedger for comparison. In the future, only TroopLedger statements will be emailed.

Outdoor Activities Coordinator: vacant**Advancement Coordinator:**

Rank/merit badge/ other awards 12-10-2008 through 1-13-09

Rank: 5
Merit badge: 4
Other: 0

Rank/merit badge/ other awards 11-19-2008 through 12-09-08

Rank: 5
Merit badge: 1
Other: 0

Boards of review appear to be going smoothly. Mrs. Mobley expressed her appreciation for the excellent teamwork and flexibility that committee members continue to exhibit. Scout input has generally been positive; however, one scout did complain about other scouts not respecting personal property because they were pulling off uniform patches of those who had them attached with Velcro. Some of the boys think that it is fun, and this behavior has generated

great concern among the adult leaders. The adult leaders will remind the scouts about respecting personal property and address it as or if it happens.

Chaplain: vacant

Training:

Mrs. Farmer will email Mrs. McGuire for a status update.

Equipment Coordinator – vacant:

See Scoutmaster report.

ScoutParent Coordinator:

Mrs. Cook asked if “Friends of Scouting” would be present at the January Court of Honor for a presentation. Mrs. Farmer mentioned having Angie Wilder help with decorations and set-up for the COH. Mrs. Cook also asked the committee for suggestions about people she can approach for vacant committee positions. She stated that her next step would be to understand each position before she approaches people.

Old Business:

Sign up sheets need to go out at least a week earlier than they have been in the past.

The discussion took a sidebar to the SPL managing scout behavior at troop meetings. Mr. McCray provided input.

Troop rummage sale –The rummage sale is set for 1/31. The profit split has already been approved at 80/20, and the committee agreed that it should remain the same for the car wash and concessions. Mr. McCray did suggest a 70/30 split, but Mrs. Conerly pointed out that it would be easier for bookkeeping reasons. The money will be distributed to scout accounts once all expenses have been taken out of the proceeds from the sale/car wash/ and concessions. A motion to accept the 80/20 split was made by Mrs. Sava and 2nd by Mrs. Cook.

**Mrs. Mobley offered to make a donation for the pizza during Friday night set-up. Mr. McCray also donated whatever funds are in his scout account. A motion was made by Mrs. Cook and 2nd by Mrs. Sava.

The PLC has tabled the discussion of selling candy bars as a fundraiser until after Family Fest.

Family Fest: the troop will need to order cards and find someone to coordinate. Mrs. Cook will inquire about volunteers. The suggestion was made to approach Mrs. Mack as she has plenty of experience.

New Business:

The sign up sheet for COH is out. Mrs. Farmer will contact Mrs. Olds and update her list. She has received some calls about COH. Mrs. Cook will follow-up with Mrs. Wilder on decorations from a past event that would fit the theme. Mrs. Farmer is coordinating the Friends of Scouting. Mrs. Mobley needs to know how many programs the troop will need. A suggestion was made to print 60.

Mrs. Sava gave Mrs. Mobley three awards that she can use for COH or any way that she deems appropriate.

Mr. McCray voiced concerns about boys who may not be able afford the cost of summer camp. He questioned Mrs. Conerly about the costs involved and wants to eliminate any motel costs. Mr. McCray requested a breakdown of all costs involved for the trip, as he is concerned that it may be prohibitive and may be preventing many boys from attending summer camp. Several committee members argued that there have been and will continue to be plenty of fundraising opportunities for the boys to earn the money. In addition, there are 22 scouts currently registered, which is half of the troop. Many of the boys who are not going have other commitments. The discussion did not proceed any further.

Possible future fundraisers were discussed. Mrs. Mobley will research Chik-Fil-A calendars. Mrs. Farmer mentioned doing a Scout Night at Scorpio's. Mrs. Farmer made a motion to present these ideas at the next PLC and Mr. McCray seconded the motion.

Mrs. Mobley would like the boys in the troop to write a thank you letter to the Church for its support. She will bring supplies to the COH.

The meeting adjourned at 8:42 PM.

Next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 10, 2009.