

**Meeting Notes**  
**Boy Scout Troop 288 Committee Meeting**  
**Monday, January 25, 2010**  
**PV United Methodist Church**  
**7:00 – 8:30**

<p><b>Call to Order</b>  <b>Introduction of New Members and Guests</b>  <b>Attendance – Names highlighted in blue were in attendance</b>  <b>Guests – Ray Rahaim, Mike Dahlin, Tom Murta</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Chair</b>  <b>Tina Holland</b></p>
<p><b>Previous Meeting Minutes - Approved</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Chair</b>  <b>Tina Holland</b></p>
<p><b>Reports from Troop Committee Leads</b></p>	
<p><b>Scoutmaster –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning for new scout parent meeting on 3/1 – will scale back last year’s presentation and focus more on our troop than scouting in general. (costs, camping costs, how to pack food, recommended equip., acronyms, etc., more like what we did previous years)</li> <li>• No Meeting scheduled for Monday, May 31 due to Memorial day weekend. There will be a meeting Tuesday, June 1 for MB wrap-up and BOR’S for those who need it for COH on June 7.</li> <li>• Service project for church, Pastor Bennett sent an email stating that they have the water seal to complete the fence. If we get 20 volunteers it will take 60-90 minutes to complete. Carson has Eagle carwash scheduled for Sat. Feb. 13. Decision was made to complete this project on Sunday, Feb. 14, after the flag ceremony for the 11:00 service. Scouts will leave the church and change clothes to complete the spraying of the fence. A BBQ lunch will be served afterwards.</li> <li>• Shed Construction project - Due to the coordination required with the church, it was agreed that Tom Murta will coordinate the effort to construct the shed. It is estimated that the shed will cost roughly \$1000 + approximately \$400 for concrete slab. After discussion, it was agreed to use the funds from the New Trailer fund plus operating funds to complete this for the church ASAP. The funds from the sale of the big trailer will be used to purchase the new smaller trailer, and if more funds are needed, a fundraiser will be planned. Construction dates need to be set. Matt Moore addressed the committee and indicated that the construction effort as planned will require the services of a contractor/carpenter and very specific tools. The gentleman who helped with the construction of the first shed is no longer available. Matt advises that this must be a priority of the troop for the project to be scheduled and move forward. Various ideas were discussed, and several committee members felt they knew someone to ask for help with this.</li> <li>• Dick spoke with the manager of Walgreens and they will not allow any more car washes there. Heritage Bank across the street from Walgreens is allowing car washes, and Carson has planned one there Feb. 13, 9-2.</li> <li>• Scout Sunday, Feb 14, at the PVUMC. Scouts will be greeters for both services, 9:30 and 11:00. They will perform color guard and lead the pledge for both ceremonies, and scouts are invited to sing or play an instrument at the first service if interested. All 288 scouts and families are asked to attend. Tina will ask for RSVP’s to identify the size of the group attending.</li> <li>• Dick would like to offer weekly meetings through the summer to keep the boys engaged. These don’t have to be normal meetings, can be swimming, fishing, MB work, baseball game, etc., for those boys in town and available week to week.</li> <li>• Webelos Day 2/6 at PVUMC– Matt Moore is working on details with Debbie and will assign duties for scouts and parents at next Monday’s meeting, 2/1. Timing was discussed and it was agreed that the scouts should arrive by 9:30 to set up. Those setting up the catapult may need more time. Tina will send a reminder notice out by email.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Dick Basye</b></p>
<p><b>Secretary</b></p> <p>Newsletter update – none currently planned.  Website Update</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Diana Rawle</b></p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>new POR "webmaster" for the troop is available. If the position is filled, coordination will be needed with Jeff Reel, the current Webmaster, to assign duties, enable access, and review.</li> </ul> <p>Public Relations Announcements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Carson Basye will publicize Eagle project car-wash fundraiser.</li> <li>Photos will be taken at Webelos Day, Scout Sunday, and District Crossover weekend in Feb to send to local papers</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Outdoor Coordinator –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Keys/Everglades – Gary reports that this trip went well. The weather was windy and did not allow for snorkeling as planned, but it was a good time. The campsite was nice and they agreed they would be happy to return there, but slightly warmer weather would make for a better experience. Also some concerns about the mosquitoes.</li> <li>February Split Camping - Space Coast Canoe Trip for older scouts, canoeing out to island on Saturday, camping one night. Adults planning to attend NT will supervise. Detailed plans underway. / Webelos District Crossover event at St. Francis in the Field for younger scouts. \$15 fee plus food per person. OA will be performing crossover ceremony on Friday eve., then leaving. Saturday's events will include "scout skills" for boys crossing over plus activities/MB for current Boy Scouts. Troop 288 will be responsible for manning the knot station. (per Dick Basye)</li> <li>Equipment Update – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The trailers need to be cleaned out and patrol boxes inventoried before Webelos Day (2/6). It was agreed that the boys attending the TLT on Sat. 1/30 should have time when they finish to help with this since training will not last as long as scheduled.</li> <li>Gary brought a new patrol box from Home Depot to show everyone to consider. The new box is lighter and should hold everything. The group discussed the current patrol box situation and agreed that the troop should purchase 7 more boxes for a total of 8 while they are on sale for \$12 (normally \$25 each). One box will be used on the next campout to try it, and the others can be returned if they don't meet the Troop's needs.</li> <li>A new arm for the catapult is needed. Gary will pick it up at Home Depot and have it available for Saturday at the TLT to store with the other parts.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Gary Christiansen</b></p>
<p><b>Treasurer –</b> financial statements as of 1/24 were presented and reviewed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Keys trip was under budget by \$125, will apply funds to future campouts.</li> <li>Will collect first payment of \$100 for summer camp on 2/1/10. Remaining payments will be due 3/1 and 4/1.</li> <li>Also supposed to collect \$750 for Northern Tier on 2/1/10.</li> <li>New checks are in, everyone should have a copy of new tax exempt certificate and authorization letter from pastor Bennett. If you need a copy, see me.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Lisa Reel</b></p>
<p><b>Advancement Coordinator</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Life to Eagle – Connor is very close to finishing. Zach is not far behind. Carson is just beginning with a fundraiser planned 2/13.</li> <li>Merit Badges – Family Life was started 1/25 by Brad, but it appears that an email did not go out to parents with this information. Marohn will send out an email and ask Brad to offer one more "kick off" meeting for those who missed the 1/25 meeting but are interested in working on the badge. Citizenship of the Community will probably begin in March.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Marohn Pacitti</b></p>
<p><b>Chaplain – suggestions</b> Update on chaplain support to Troop Religious emblems programs/participation</p>	<p><b>Position Open</b></p>
<p>Membership - Webelos Day Update &amp; Planning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Saturday Feb. 6th – will work with Matt in planning. Planning is underway - Sign ups will be next week, Feb. 1. Form is ready to be filled out. All scouts are expected to</li> </ul>	<p><b>Debbie Selvagn</b></p>

<p>participate. Parents are also needed to participate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Invitations have gone out to over 50 Webelos II's from Packs 23, 277 &amp; 291. A second letter went out today. Also two more troop meetings before crossover that Webelos can attend.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Training coordinator –</b>  Training completed this month:  Joye Christiansen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Youth Protection – 1-8-10</li> <li>• Boy Scout Leader Fast Start – 1-8-10</li> <li>• Safe Swim Defense – 1-8-10</li> <li>• Safety Afloat – 1-8-10</li> </ul> <p>Training expiring in January 2010 - None</p> <p>Boy Scout Leader's Training Award – several qualify for the award</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Dick Basye</li> <li>○ George Pisacano</li> <li>○ Chip Bennett</li> <li>○ Steve Linn</li> <li>○ Gary Christiansen</li> </ul> <p>Several more only need a few requirements</p>	<p><a href="#">Leigh Leisle</a></p>
<p><b>Old Business/New Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Parents meeting will be Monday, March 8</li> <li>• Flag Ceremony at MPS Tournament is the same weekend as April Campout 4/10-4/11. We will have scouts perform the ceremony either Saturday or Sunday. We need 5 scouts (had 6 last year which was one too many), might be a good idea to use at least 2 scouts that participated last year. Date of April campout will be reviewed to confirm that the conflict cannot be resolved by pushing the campout forward a week. All agreed that the invitation to participate should first be put out to those boys who did it last year, and then to other older scouts. It was agreed that more experienced scouts would be best for this event.</li> </ul>	<p><a href="#">Tina Holland</a></p>
<p><b>General Announcements –</b></p> <p>Tina will send a notice to remind parents to be in the sanctuary for Troop announcements by 8:15.</p> <p>Tina will forward flyers to the troop announcing the following Council events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feb .27, March 27 or April 17 – CPR at Echockotee -\$35</li> <li>• March 27 – Swimming &amp; Water Rescue and Paddle Craft Safety – Echockotee - \$35</li> <li>• April 11 – Scoutreach Cycle Ride to raise money for needy youth.</li> </ul> <p>Next Committee meeting scheduled for February 22.</p>	<p><a href="#">Tina Holland</a></p>
<p><b>Adjournment – Reminder to Follow through, ask for help if needed</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Tina Holland</a></p>