

Meeting Notes
Boy Scout Troop 288 Parent Committee Meeting
Monday May 21st. 2007
Lord of Life Lutheran Church
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

In Attendance: Austin Patneau, Dick Basye, Brad Brown, Patty Smith, Tina Holland, Steve Linn, George Pisacano, Julie Buckley, Mike Lenahan, Rick Jarvis

1. Old Business

a. Fla Caverns Camping Trip

Bob Chapa

Bob Chapa was not in attendance. Austin Patneau reported that the troop toured caves, a metalworks shop, and a shop that constructs small whirly bird helicopters. All boys had a great time and got a sample piece of metal. A couple of scouts missing a few remaining requirements for their next rank, were assisted to completion.

b. Status for procedure on 'A' meeting handout

Mike Lenahan

It was decided that approved, "print ready" information would be emailed to Rick Jarvis. Each Parent Committee member would be responsible for providing Rick with an update of information for the calendar. (Mike – Scoutmaster notes; upcoming Scout training, PLC meetings, Council information, Court of Honor Information; Dick – merit badges; Patti – Service Projects; Brad – OA information; George – advancement information; Bob – camping information; Other Ass't Scoutmasters planning a camping trip – trip information; Lisa Adams – Re-charter information; Karen Nickerson – Webelo Scout information; Dick – summer camp information; Ginny Chapa – Adult Leader Training; Rick will add the information to the www.Troop288pvb.org website. Steve Linn volunteered to extrapolate information and put together a newsletter for handing out at 'A' meetings.

c. Policy for gas reimbursement – longer trips

Dick Bayse

Several decisions were made:

- Re: Last Camp out - Tina Holland will email the parents who drove on the last campout to the Florida Caverns and tell them the gas reimbursement policy. They can choose or not to choose to get reimbursed. It is their choice. She will ask them to email her a request for gas reimbursement and either mail her or give her the gas receipts. Tina will reimburse the parents who request it.
- Going Forward: The committee agreed that better management of "scout – to – car" ratios need to be in effect and going forward there will be 4 scouts to a car whenever possible. In order to be conscientious of the rising cost of gas;
- The committee agreed to reimburse all drivers who are driving a full complement of scouts.
- Reimbursement will be based on total mileage of the trip, leaving and returning from the meeting location.
- Example A: A driver who leaves with the Troop from Winn-Dixie with a full load of scouts will be reimbursed for gas. Parents can decide if they wish to seek the reimbursement or not. Some parents prefer to use this as a volunteer of time and money. Others would like the reimbursement. It will be the responsibility of the parent to request reimbursement from the Treasurer.
- Example B: A driver that attends camp and drives on their own with no kids or kids that chose not to leave with the troop due to calendar conflicts will not be reimbursed. Whenever possible, adults should buddy up in cars.
- Adults who choose to drive to a camp on their own will not be reimbursed.
- Will need to do additional fundraising to adopt this policy. It was agreed, the method to gather monies to pay for the gas would be additional fund raisers. One parent estimated an additional \$1,000 would need to be raised for one year, based upon history.

2. New Business

Austin Patneau began the New Business portion of the meeting outlining a new Committee meeting process. Committee chairs are being asked to form sub-committee's to address topics prior to coming to committee meetings and provide a plan/process that is ready to be voted on by the committee at the time of the meeting. If the plan/process needs further research, the item will be tabled and discussion taken "off-line" to be further researched. The Committee member is responsible for getting alignment with the Unit Committee Chairman, the Scoutmaster and any other involved parents in the proposed recommendation topic, prior to the meeting.

- a. June Camping Trip Dates and Location Steve Linn

Steve Linn will email all scouts with details of the June Canoe trip prior to the "B" meeting on June 4. Basically, the trip will be split into a canoe/backpack trip for the scouts who are first class and above. They will leave on Friday June 8th. The scouts with lesser ranks will leave one day later, going directly to Poe Springs camp grounds. The older boys will meet up with them in the afternoon. do other activities.

- b. Scout Shop Funds: Status on Procedures/ Responsibility Tina Holland

Dick Basye, George Pisacano and Tina Holland will develop a system for using the Scout Shop Account and report back at the next committee meeting.

- c. Scout Shirts Status Update Rick Jarvis

13 families have ordered. Order needs to be in by May 31. Rick and Tina are both collecting money. Orders need to be turned in to Rick.

- d. Status on Procedures for advancement recognition Mike Lenahen

Current Advancement procedures are:

- Scout requests a Scout Master conference
- Scout Requests a Board of Review
- Scoutmaster Conference and Board of Reviews conducted at monthly scout advancement night.
- Julie Buckley ensures proper paper work is filled out and that scouts book is signed. She turns in paper work to George Pisacano.
- George completes the paperwork once a month, after advancement night and prior to the "A" meeting.
- Dick Bayse is informed of what badges to pick up at the Scout shop.
- Dick Bayse gives the badges to Mike prior to the next month's "A" meeting.
- The Scout will be verbally recognized at the next A meeting and receive his badge.
- The card and pin for his Mother will be formally presented at the next court of honor.

Mike will revise/revisit these procedures and discuss with those involved to gain approval. He will bring it to the next committee meeting to inform the committee.

3. Summer Camp Update

Dick Bayse

- a. Funds Collection Status - Almost all scouts are up to date with payments
- b. Merit Badge sign up Status – Dick will put out an email reminding boys to turn in their choices, if they don't choose by a given deadline, he will choose for them
- c. Parent Meeting Planning – June 11, place TBD

- d. Adult drivers and campers – we have 5, probably 6 drivers. Dick will put out an email requesting an additional driver. We have 32 scouts.
- e.

4. Treasurer's Report

Tina Holland

We have \$3210 in account. This does not include any deposits or checks written for summer camp.

5. Equipment and Trailer Report

G Morrill/ M Lenahan

- a. Need for Trailer committee – discussed need for a committee to refurbish trailer. Mike will solicit several parents to be on the Trailer Committee.
- b. Status on Trailer sign before summer camp – Discussed desire to get Troop Logo put on trailer before camp. Mike L. said it would cost \$650. The committee approved the cost. Mike will contact Jon Holland to help him tow the trailer to the paint shop. Austin P. paid the registration fee for 2007 and applied the new tag.

6. Service Project Report -

- a. fence project at LOL is complete. No other service projects will be scheduled until Fall. Patti Smith

7. Training

- a. Status on process for tracking adult certifications Ginny Chapa

Ginny Chapa was not present. Tina Holland spoke to Ginny and the two will form a committee to ensure that scout parents get the training they need and to obtain and keep on file documentation of that training. They will report on their progress at the next committee meeting.

Mike L. will be responsible for the leadership training of the scouts.

8. District Committee Meeting Report – no one attended District meeting

9. Review Troop Calendar for June

Rick Jarvis

- June 3 = PLC meeting to Plan Canoe Trip (specific time and location TBD)
- June 4 - "B" meeting for Canoe Trip – (location TBD)
- June 8 – 10 – Poe Springs Canoe trip – older boys meet at Winn Dixie 9:00 a.m Friday June 8th; younger boys meet at Winn Dixie Saturday, 9:00 a.m.
- June 11 – parents summer camp meeting – (TBD)
- June 18 – committee meeting LOL
- June 25 – Advancement /Board of Review
Philmont Planning meeting – (TBD)

10. Scoutmaster Notes

Mike Lenahan

Mike read the "Code of Conduct" that was handed out at last meeting. Emphasized that all scouts need to turn it in with their signatures and their parents signatures in order to attend the next meeting. Mike will put out an email to remind scouts and have Rick Jarvis add it to the website.

11. Next Committee Meeting

June 18th

- a. Process for Building Camping Schedule 2007 -2008
 - Mike emphasized need to have "A" meetings every month, followed by "B" meetings, advancement meetings and committee meetings. Would like that to be carefully taken into consideration when making camping calendar for next year.
 - The group discussed the difficulties this year with changes to some local events.

- The committee voted not to have a campout in August
 - George will poll kids for camping ideas at the June camping trip for next year and inform Bob Chapa.
 - Bob will propose camping weekends to reserve and send to Rick Jarvis to hold for the calendar
 - Rick Jarvis will bring back to the June Committee meeting a proposed calendar for A meetings, B meetings, camping trips, committee meetings and advancement night meetings, based on the school calendar, Bob's input, last years schedule and the above guidance.
 - Would like to have a proposed calendar of meeting dates/camping dates in place to vote on by next committee meeting June 18.
 - Content for camping trip locations will be worked by Bob and the camping committee prior to the August "A" meeting with proposed locations completed thru the end of 2007. Bob will solicit input from new parents in the Fall for locations in the Spring of 2008.
- b. Process for Building Merit Badge night 2007- 2008 – Dick will ask 2 or more parents to join him for a Merit Badge Committee. Together they will work on a proposal of merit badges to offer during the year at merit badge night. They will gain approval from advancement chairman, Unit Committee Chairman and Scoutmaster prior to the August "A" meeting.