

Troop 64 Committee Meeting

February 9, 2009

In attendance: Terry Clift, Diane Fuhrman, Jill Frost, Dora Clark, Fran Stutts, Susan Malloy, Randy Hamilton, Cindy Qualls, Angela Lighthouse, Bill Kostelka, Carelene Dawson, and Deb Ramstad

OLD BUSINESS: Clothing drive will end March 14. That is when we are to take donations to the Goodwill drop-off points. Ideally we should keep our personal donations until then. We have a collection barrel placed here at the church and are storing a few donations in our troop closet.

There is a new health form for the scouts. All of our scouts will need this before summer camp and every year after. You can print it off the web site.

TREASURER'S REPORT: (see official report) Deposits are being made to all 3 summer camps and recharter has been paid. The troop has \$2,317.91. From this we will need to reimburse a few spaghetti dinner expenses (\$120) as well as pay crossing over expenses (est. \$175). There are a few scouts with outstanding dues from 2008 and we have one scout with outstanding spaghetti dinner tickets. Diane reported that we profited about \$1200 from the spaghetti dinner. (YEA!)

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: The troop currently has 25 active scouts. We have picked up 2 transfers from Troop 205 which will put us up to 27. We have 4 scouts crossing over in Feb. that we know of for sure.

QUARTERMASTER'S REPORT: Tent poles that were damaged were repaired by replacing the elastic that holds them together. Patrol boxes have been cleaned out, inventoried and labeled for each patrol. Brad would like to replace some cooking equipment. He is asking for:

5 cook sets at \$24.44 ea.

1 stove at \$68.05

2 lanterns at \$20 ea
+ a few misc. utensils

This totals to about \$400. The troop voted to approve these purchases.

ADVANCEMENT: We have 2 new Tenderfoots, Ryan and Jake. Ackie is working on a schedule for wrapping up summer merit badges.

OUTINGS: A backpacking trip is scheduled for Horse Thief Springs Trail in Oklahoma 3/7-3/8.

3/30-OA elections (majority of boys has to approve)

5/1-5/3-Ordeal—Newly elected scouts will not be eligible to attend Conclave (April) due to not having completed Ordeal (May).

8/1-8/6- OA camp

We still need one chaperone/leader for Sid Richardson for the traditional camp. We have 20 scouts and 3 leaders so far going to SR.

Anyone wanting to participate in the Highland Mardi Gras parade is welcome (starts Feb. 22 at 2:00)

SCOUTMASTER REPORT: Friends of Scouting will be at the March committee meeting 3/16. \$40 per scout is asked.

Brad is checking with the church to see if we are in compliance with the new Methodist Church policy of Safer Sanctuary. Background checks must be performed on every leader (even merit badge counselors) and any adult with contact to our scouts. Brad may slightly modify his scoutmaster conferences to make them more visible. This should not be a real problem for this b/c we already have many of these safety measures in place.

Brad wants to make sure everyone knows the tricycles in the Fellowship Hall closets do not belong to us. Some of the boys have been found playing on them. If this continues he will issue that scout a 2 month suspension.

March 15 is our next Adopt-a-Road

Brad is hoping 7 scouts will qualify for OA. The first week in May is ordeal. We must have 75% of the scouts in attendance to vote on March 30. He has restructured the patrols. The same ranked boys have been together too long and in order to boost leadership he wants to spread some of the older boys out. (Please see web site for specifics regarding who is in what patrol). The newly crossed over scouts will be in a new patrol.

We will not meet next week b/c of President's Day. Crossing over ceremony 2/21, 7:00 pm. Meeting adjourned.