

Troop 301 Committee Meeting

October 7, 2003 Meeting Notes

Presiding: Tammy Smith

Attendance: Brian Turner, Cindy Van Deursen, Gerard Van Deursen, Cheryl Hodgesson, Kathy Sealy, Sonia McGrath, Mary Hiestand, Karen Hernandez, Joyce Hallaway, Demi Singleton, Steve Henry, Kathi LaPointe, Linda Corredor

Minutes from the September 2 meeting were reviewed. One change was made: David Van Deursen's Eagle project is on 10/4 and 10/11, invitation only.

Financial Report - Camping expenses from January 2003 through the Lutheran Camporee have been reviewed. The troop is approx. \$50 ahead. It was decided that the \$15 camping fee would remain the same. It was noted that food reimbursement forms are available and that mileage is reimbursable; however, neither reimbursements have been requested on a regular basis. This should not discourage drivers from requesting reimbursement for mileage.

An issue was raised with regard to spending more than \$7 per boy on food for campouts. It was stated that there is no Troop policy on the \$7, but that parents should encourage the boys to spend within the budget. On another food note, scouts/parents should not buy condiments as the Troop has 1,000's of ketchup and mustard packets neatly packed in a box in the trailer. Mrs. Smith indicated that she would purchase mayo.

Advancements - The Troop has two new 2nd and 1st class scouts. One more scout will have a BOR this month.

Fundraising

- Entertainment Books – Mrs. Hernandez. Approx. 91 books have been sold. The deadline to turn in books/cash is October 20. Between 301 and 1115, 240 books need to be sold in order to get the extra \$1 per book.
- Popcorn – Mrs. Corredor – Popcorn order forms will be collected at the Oct. 27 Troop meeting. Arrangements can be made to turn them into Mrs. Corredor until November 1.
- Haunted House/Car Bash – Mrs. Smith/Mr. Turner – The Haunted House/Car Bash will run from 6:00 pm –10:00 pm, an additional hour since the event is on a Friday night. Mr. Turner discussed having the Haunted House/Car Bash again on Saturday night. Last year, the 2nd day only produced one additional attendee. Signs would need to be put up to publicize the second night. Mrs. Smith indicated that she would check with the City to ensure we could do the event two nights.
- November 8 Craft Sale Concessions/Brisket Sale – Mr. Henry – Tickets need to be made available soon for the pre-sale of half and whole briskets. The Garden Club has asked the Troop to only sell brisket and sausage on a stick; Mrs. Smith to check on whether the Troop can sell hot dogs and/or pickles, as well. The event will be at the Meadows Elementary School. Mr. Henry has developed Lessons Learned from last year.
- Fertilizer – Mr. Henry is going to check into the possibility of selling winterizer fertilizer.

Service Hours

- Rec Center Chair/Stenciling/Branding – a decision hasn't been made, but they are leaning toward branding. This will probably be done some time in November.
- MUD Building Landscaping – more info to come.

Activities

- First Aid Team Practice – Mr. Turner’s house, Wednesday, October 8, 7:30 – 9:00. First Aid competition held in April. The top 3 teams go on to the Council meet.
- December 12 or 13 – Lock-In/December Court of Honor– A location is being sought for the lock-in. The Troop cannot have the lock-in at any Laser Tag locations, due to BSA policy. The rock wall location is probably raising its price, which may not be feasible. Mrs. Van Deursen is going to check with St. Thomas Aquinas to see if they are available either December 12 or 13. If December 12 is available, it was suggested to have the December Court of Honor at St. Thomas Aquinas on that night, followed by the lock-in. The Court of Honor is currently scheduled for December 15, which may be difficult for some due to final exams starting on December 16.

Camping

- Lutheran Camporee – Mr. Turner shared that it was a great campout with a good program and an amazing campfire. The Troop swept the events, including receiving the Founder’s Award for having adults volunteer to help with programs. The Border Patrol won 1st place overall. There were 7 troops at the camporee.
- OA Pow Wow - October 17-19_ - currently 6 boys and 2 adults are attending.
- Fall Camporee – October 24-26 – currently 25 Boy Scouts, 2 Webelos, and 4 adults are confirmed. Discussed sending Troop invitations to Packs. Mr. Turner stated that the Boy Scouts should be inviting 5th grade Webelos that they know, and that they have been directed to do so.
- Fall Camp, Camp Karankwa – November 21 – 26 – currently 20 boys and 3 adults are signed up to attend. The next \$50 payments are due October 20 and November 10

Adult Training: No training report. On another note, Mr. Doherty is no longer employed at the scout shop

Issues

- MUD Building – Mr. Turner attended a workshop held before the Council meeting to discuss the MUD building becoming a “youth building” for Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, Meadows baseball, etc. The discussion went well and most likely will have a positive result. They discussed moving walls, etc. At this time, the City has stated they will retain the back rooms, but this is a first step: “One Step at a Time.” Mr. Turner has been invited to attend all Council meetings!
- Camporship Accounts – Mrs. Van Deursen raised the idea of allowing boys to utilize unused camporship funds to help fund Eagle projects or the boy’s Eagle Court of Honor. Sometimes, boys who are going to be achieving their Eagle rank will not be attending too many more long-term camping events and this will allow them to use the money that they earned. This would also be an incentive for older boys to continue to participate in fundraising activities. The Troop Committee unanimously voted in favor of allowing boys to use unspent camporship funds for his Eagle project or Eagle Court of Honor.

Scoutmaster Minute - In lieu of a Scoutmaster minute, Mr. Turner adjourned the meeting for the Committee to look at some tent possibilities; Jared Turner set up the tents during the Committee meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.