

PARENT MEETING MINUTES

August 28, 2017

St. Theresa School Library

ATTENDEES: Dan Marazita (C), Oz Yorulmaz (C), Bill Amidon (ASM), Ray Gombos (C), Randy Morse (C) Andy Spalla (CC), Lauri Perez (P), Charu Kulkarni (P), Bob Soucy (C), Rob Doris (P), Kate Gombos (C), Ben Strong (C), Mike Abrahamson (SM), Bill Mayeran (C)

Meeting Called to Order by Andy Spalla at 7:45 with Pledge of Allegiance

Introduction of Attendees

In absence of Treasurer or the report, Andy provided a brief summary of Troop Financial Condition. Positive balances in all accounts and \$435 still outstanding from Camp Yawgoog campers.

Mike Abrahamson presented the Scoutmaster's Report. 26 Scouts and 13 adults participated in the Summer Camp at Camp Yawgoog for the week in Rhode Island. The Scouts earned 97 Merit Badges and several rank advancements were achieved. 10 members of the Troop and several Adults attended the National Jamboree at the Summit, Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia for two weeks in July. All attendees reported very favorable and positive experiences. The summer began with a weekend camp out at Old Mine Park with Cub Scout Pack 468.

Committee Chairman's report, 44 Scouts are members with 47 Adults. Andy is looking for some assistance is coordinating the scheduling and logistics of events.

Andy Spalla presented the calendar for the Troop for the coming year. All dates are subject to adjustment.

September 1, 8, 22, 29 Troop meeting, September 15-16-17 Camp Sequassen with Saturday trip to Catamount Aerial Park. September 24th PLC, September 25th Parent/Committee Meeting

October 6, 13, 27 Troop meeting, October 20, 21, 22 Camporee, Theme is Carnival at Camp Sequassen, October 23 Parent/Committee meeting, October 29th PLC. Troop Open House is October 6th.

November 3, 10 Troop meeting, November 17, 18, 19 Thanksgiving Feast at Old Mine Park, November 27th Parent/Committee meeting

December 1, 15 Troop meeting and Court of Honor. December 8, 9, 10 Winter Camp out Webb Mountain, Monroe, CT

January is Klondike Derby, location and dates to follow. January 28th PLC, January 29th Parent/Committee meeting

February 2, 9, 23 Troop meeting, February 16, 17, 18 Ski Trip to Butternut Ski in Massachusetts, camping at Sequassen, Loomis Hall. February 25 PLC, February 26 Parent/Committee meeting.

March 2, 16, 23, 30 Troop meeting, March 9, 10, 11 Camp Out Camp Wah Wah Taysee in North Haven with hike and overnight at Sleeping Giant Park. March 25th PLC, 26th Parent/Committee meeting.

April 6, 13, 27th Troop meeting, Camp Our Camp Pomperaug, Union CT April 20, 21, 22. **APRIL 28TH ANNUAL PASTA DINNER AND AUCTION.** April 22nd PLC, 23rd Parent/Committee meeting.

May 2, 18, 25 Troop meeting. **May 11, 12, 13 CONN JAM, Orange Fair Grounds.** May 20th PLC.

June 8th Troop Elections, June 15 Court of Honor

There was no OLD BUSINESS to be brought up.

NEW BUSINESS

Ben Strong made a presentation regarding two additional fund raising opportunities for the Troop to consider. Both ideas will have to be presented to the PLC for discussion and acceptance.

The first is the WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA program. It places wreaths at Christmas on the graves of Veterans in the State Veterans Cemetery and Arlington National Cemetery. There is NO carrying of inventory, the Scout solicits a donation of \$15 per wreath, \$5 will be given the Troop, all \$15 is remitted to the organization providing the product. The Troop may also have a "donation can" at their show and sells if contributions are accepted. WREATHS ACROSS AMERICAN provides all support materials, including the receipt, disclosure form regarding the disbursement of funds and BSA compliance guidelines. The primary requirement of the Troop would be to accurately record donations, including the individual Scout allocations and to remit the full proceeds to the WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA organization. Two weeks after submitting the funds to the sponsor the Troop will receive a check for their portion of the proceeds. Ben noted that a Google search of the operation revealed NO ADVERSE comment, complaints or problems with the program. SM Abrahamson noted that there must be a clear disclosure that the Troop receives a portion of the proceeds and the organization is a for-profit entity.

The second opportunity to raise funds is the Camp Card. This program is operated through the CYC and is coordinated by our ASM Bill Amidon. The best source is found on the Connecticut Yankee Council web site. As a summary, the Troop receives 50% of the sales proceeds for the \$5 card, the purchaser receives at least \$10 in savings on a \$50 purchase at places like Bass Pro Shops. The Troop secures cards for sale from the CYC offices and is responsible to pay the Council the 50% share of the proceeds.

Ray Gombos noted that St Catherine of Siena Church is having its Church Fair on September 17th on the Church grounds. They are looking for Scout volunteers to help man some of the activities. Scouts need to be in uniform and should contact Mr. or Mrs. Gombos to offer assistance. The Fair is scheduled from 1 to 5 on Sunday.

Mr. A has acquired 20 tents that were used at the National Jamboree to replace the worn and damaged ones the Troop has been using. The tents are Coleman Medium Duty and may not be suitable for deep winter camping. Ray said that the tents offered good service at the Jamboree and certainly were worth consideration. The Troop Quartermaster, Brian Crumb was not present to speak to the Troop's needs. Mr. A did note that if anyone wished to purchase a tent after the Troop's allocation the cost would be \$25 per tent.

Submitted, Bill Mayeran Troop Secretary 8/29/2017