

October 18, 2010 Troop 400 Committee Meeting Minutes

Committee Members in attendance: John Blyckert, Adrienne Choate, Michelle Fossum, Carla Van Keulen, Lori Patchett, Carolyn Holley, Dana McKinley observed (will be taking over as treasurer January 2011)

- 1) Scoutmaster report: Terry Fossum (Gary was out of town).
 - Camporee was a huge success. We won Teambuilding, 2nd in fire building, 1&2nd in tomahawk throwing. 10 Cub Scouts said they would be crossing over to Troop 400 next spring.
 - Food drive coming up. John to pick up bags on 21st. Distribution Nov. 6, pick up Nov. 13.
 - Pumpkin Plunge – we will run a booth, yet to be determined
 - Summer camp – Camp Pigott. July 24-30. Committee to pay \$125 deposit this week. Summer camp 2012 to be at Camp Easton. Committee to pay deposit when form comes out in Jan/Feb. 2011.
 - Terry said he feels our troop has two areas we need to focus on:
 - A) Emphasize the Patrol Method. With the size of this troop SPL needs to communicate with Patrol Leaders. Scouts need to speak with Patrol Leaders and move communication up and down the chain of command. Will work to get JASM's actively involved.
 - B) Scout Skills are lacking – especially First Aid. Feels Scouts are being signed off on skill/ranks when they really don't know the skill. The committee cannot make scout prove skill at BOR. ASMs need to take firm stance. Carla Van Keulen said her former troop of 120 scouts required two signatures by ASM's before they were signed off to assure proficiency.
- 2) Minutes – Will review Sept. minutes next month as no one had the minutes. It was discussed & approved that future minutes will have an "approve" or "disapprove" box to check and then mail back to the secretary.
- 3) Treasure's Report: reviewed last two months expenses and income. Will write out suggested budget for 2012. Will miss next months meeting. Committee approved and disbursed funds to pay for the food provided for the Webelos at the camporee.
- 4) Advancement – Lori reported 1 Life rank last month, 1 Gold Palm, 4 merit badges. We have 6 BOR scheduled for Nov. 1. We will start BOR at 6:30pm on Nov. 1. Updated By-Laws still need to be discussed & revision handed out. Committee Member, Adrienne, will discuss at next week's troop meeting. Gary to post on Troop website.
- 5) Equipment/Quartermaster – David Covillo purchased the 6 camp stoves approved last month, 2 Fire extinguishers were purchased. Still working on Troop First Aid kit, to be put together by scout & Becca.
- 6) Recruitment – We expect 10 new Webelos to cross over into our Troop next spring. Den 439, out of Adams Elementary, is looking for a Den Chief. Robin is the assist. Den leader. Dale Peter has her phone #. Troop 439 doesn't have available scouts, (only 6 scouts in Troop would be experience enough).
- 7) Outdoors/Activities – Adrienne Choate volunteered to do the Troop tour permits, if Gary doesn't want to keep doing them.
- 8) Fundraising – Popcorn – going well. Will end Oct. 31.
Poinsettias – start Nov. 1. John sent email to Troop today, outlining program
Christmas Tree Recycling – will do in two locations 1) CVHS 2) Blake McKinley's business on Argonne/Mullan. Once dates confirmed need to put together flyer for distribution.
- 9) Becca came in and advised Committee Davis Hill's tent burned during grass fire scouts started. Asked what our policy is about replacing damaged equipment for accidents. Can we set up a fund for these rare occasions. Committee agreed to pay to replace the tent approx. \$150. We'll go to Church to request reimbursement.
- 10) Troop Quartermaster requested to purchase two new patrol boxes & supplies that go inside for the two new patrols. He will pick up a \$100 check from Carla Van Keulen for shopping and then submit back receipts & change. He'll contact Dave Covillo about purchasing equipment & box.