

Boy Scout Troop 477
Minutes of Troop Committee Meeting
August 2, 2004

Present: Mike LaPrade, Barry Deutsch, Gene Gaultney, Bill Aaron, Bill Alexander, Bill Sigglekow, Debbie Sigglekow, Walt LaRoche, Bob Melton, Joseph Clements, Joan Holladay, Mark Botsch, Brock Aaron, Jeff Glaze, Nancy Farrey

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 pm by Chairman Jeff Glaze.

Committee Chairman. Jeff Glaze reminded all that KUMC will be sponsoring the God and Country program for Scouts and other KUMC youth. The first session of five will take place on Sunday, August 29 beginning with dinner at 5pm. The class will be taught by the ministers and youth director. Remaining dates are September 26, October 17, November 21 and December 19. Jeff Glaze or Mark Botsch can answer any questions.

Secretary: Minutes from July were distributed by email. A sympathy card was sent to the Bickerstaff family after the death of Mac's mother.

Chartered Organization Representative : Mark Botsch reported on KUMC's Capital Campaign. The church is planning a 35,000 square foot multipurpose space that can be used as a gym, but will have the flexibility and acoustics to allow other programming. There will be dedicated storage space for Scouts. Completion is two years away.

Senior Patrol Leader: Brock Aaron mentioned the Troop Planning weekend scheduled for August 13-15. All Green Bar Scouts and Assistant SM should attend. There will be four patrols as on the end of December as a part of the effort to get all Falcons to first Sclass by the end of December. He announced that the Troop Librarian will be updating materials.

Unit Commissioner: (Walt LaRoche for Paul Porwall) The District planning meeting will talk place on Saturday, August 14. **Bob Melton will call James Tolliver at the Council Office to see if the Troop can get materials early for use at the Troop planning meeting.**

Newsletter: Rob Alexander announced that articles for August will include the God and Country program, the Falcon campout, Michael Fessenden's report on a service project, a Blast from the Past, the Planning weekend, Scoutmaster's Minute and September Court of Honor. For the September issue, he may ask the Scouts to send info on what they did this summer and may run a Primer on the Language of Scouting. Articles need to be given to Rob on Committee Night, so it can go out the first Thursday of each month. Scouts can bring a friend to a meeting or on a campout or activity.

Membership: **Bill Sigglekow reported that he will continue to work with the Webelos II and will contact the Boy Scouts who have not been active after checking Troop attendance records.** Jeff Glaze said that KUMC Church Secretary can print out a

list of youth ages 11-14 for invitations to Scouting functions. **Bill will contact PCMS to see about a table at Registration or Open House.**

Popcorn Sales: Debbie Sigglekow will be attending the Council Popcorn Kickoff meeting on August 14 from 10-12am. The Troop will receive an extra 5% for her attendance. She showed a copy of a letter she used last year with the Cub Scouts explaining the program and the incentives. She plans to kick off the sale at the Court of Honor on September 30. REI gift certificates were suggested as incentives for top sellers in the troop. Scouts earn one half of the commissions for their Scout account. Last year, there were problems with local businesses wanting to schedule a table for selling.

Training: Joseph Clements reported that Fast Start, Committee Challenge and Youth Protection training are all available online or could be scheduled for a Thursday night. All parents and Assistant Scoutmasters are encouraged to complete Parent and Leader Essentials. Committee members are also required to complete Fast Start and Committee Challenge. There is a good description of committee function on the website. He plans to offer merit badge counselor training. Woodbadge Fall Dates are Oct 8-10 and Oct 29-31. You must have completed Essentials and Basic Leader Training before Woodbadge.

Equipment: No Report

Community Service: Del Price has taken on this position with the Pack. Ruthie Stevens is the Service and Good Turn Coordinator with KUMC. **Jeff will contact her about coordinating church and troop community service.** More details will follow on the fall Charis House project. The Christmas service project was excellent last year, but may need a co chair.

Treasurer: Mike LaPrade distributed a detailed account balance to all present. It is available to any who wish to view it.

- * The balance was \$6,041.15 at the end of July.
- * The troop will be refunding \$44.80 to each person on the July rafting trip since they only completed one part of the trip.
- * Troop paid \$1000 deposit to Philmont, but has not received the packet yet.
- * We have more Committee members than ever. In the past the Troop has covered the \$10 registration fee, but Committee members may want to pay their own fee at Recharter.
- * Dues last year were \$65, down from \$75 from previous years.

Advancements: Steven Thomas turns 18 on August 21. He is attempting to complete his Eagle rank before then, including paperwork and his project at Chestnut Elementary School. The Troop Court of Honor will be on Thursday, September 30.

Camping: Bill Aaron reported that the July campout was enjoyed by all even though they got lost and did only half of the trip. The August planning weekend will be August 13-15 at Jeremy Weber's. The September campmaster is Doc Kiesel and the October campmaster is Hal Breffle. The November campmaster is scheduled to be Jeff Fishback.

Bill Aaron will check with Jeff to see if he is able to attend. The Falcon patrol has a camping trip scheduled this weekend. Permission slips will be completed. A Summer Camp Committee is planned and will include the Scoutmaster, Committee Chair, Health and Safety Chair, Treasurer, Camping Chair and Advancements Chair.

Scoutmaster's Report: Bob Melton reported on the Planning Weekend and \$500 donation to the Troop. He announced that it was time for the selection of the Doug Breffle Award given to a boy who lives up to the ideals of Scouting. Paul Weber was last year's recipient. Bob would like to present the award at the September Court of Honor. Bob supported the Protestant God and Country program going on at KUMC, and wondered what could be done to support our Jewish scouts. **Barry Deutsch said he could help find a rabbi, if boys wanted to work on the award.** The patrol realignment is still being planned. Sean Sims's Eagle Court of Honor will take place when he is back home from college.

Pack News: Barry Deutsch announced that the Cub Scout Pack is designing and will be ordering T shirts similar to the Troop's. The plan is for the smaller sizes to be blue, and the larger sizes to be green. He introduced Gene Gaultney, The Assistant Committee Chair for Pack 477.

The next Committee meeting will be Monday, September 6 at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Farrey
Troop Secretary