

**Boy Scout Troop 477**  
**Kingswood United Methodist Church**  
**Minutes of Committee Meeting held January 3, 2005**

Present: Jeff Glaze, Walt LaRoche, Mike LaPrade, Peter Bain, Joseph Clements, Sara Costner, Nancy Farrey

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

**Committee Reports**

**Committee Chairman** Jeff Glaze reported on Recharter for 2005. Troop 477 has 36 youth and 28 adults as compared with 46 youth and 36 adults a year ago. Some of those not rechartering have moved or aged out. There has been good retention from the first year Scouts, in large part due to the excellent ASM leadership.

**Secretary** Nancy Farrey had emailed corrected minutes for distribution and had copies available.

**Chartered Organization Representative** Mark Botsch continues to be involved with the church's building project. The Scout hut looks like it will be standing later than previously anticipated. The God and Country program will finish up, hopefully in February. The Scouts who attended the sessions with the youth group will need to complete a service project and will work with Pastor and Ruthy. The Scouting for Food Drive was suggested as a church/Scout project that might work for the Scouts who participated. Scout Sunday is February 13. Church members will bring their food donations to either service that day. Scouts should be available on Sunday, February 6 to hand out the bags. Jeff has a list of needed foods. **Bob will help coordinate the Scouts in preparing for leadership roles in the worship service.**

**Unit Commissioners Report** was given by Walt LaRoche in Paul Porwall's absence. The District Banquet is Sunday, January 23 at KUMC from 6-8:30pm. Dr Peter Bain will be given the District Award of Merit. The last day for reservations is January 17. Awards will also be given to Hal Breffle, Doc Kiesel and Mark Botsch. Mr. Porwall has observed and evaluated our troop and performed a sort of audit. He would like to share his findings with the Committee members and ASM and SM. **Jeff will contact him to see if he can share with us in lieu of the February or March Committee meeting.**

**Newsletter** report was made by Chair Rob Alexander. The cover story of the January issue will be the skiing campout. The inside feature will be on Troop camping policy and will include a reminder that every Scout should bring his book to every meeting. **Barry will provide an article on the December campout.** There will be a report on the Christmas good turn service project.

**Hospitality** chairs Sara Costner and Nancy Farrey will provide a lasagna dinner at 7:00pm prior to the Court of Honor. The patrol leaders will call one of them with an estimated head count to facilitate food purchasing.

**Membership** chair Bill Siggelkow was absent. Transition planning for the Webelos crossover has begun. There were ten Webelos II on the Troop Scout Skills campout in December. Probably nine of these boys will go with our troop.

**Training** Chair Joseph Clements reported on opportunities for Boy Scout Leader Specific Training, Scout Adult Leader Training and Outdoor Leader Training. He emailed dates for some of these, but pointed out the Hightower Trail website for a thorough listing. BSA recommends Youth Protection Training within the last two years. The February 8 Roundtable will offer this course.

**Equipment** chair Hal Breffle was absent. The Cub Scouts will build lockable storage units in the storage/conference room. There will be a reminder in the newsletter about the uniform exchange. Items not used or claimed by Mary 1, will be donated to inner city Scouts.

**Community Service** chair Ruthy Stevens was absent. The Christmas Good Turn for the family went well and the family was most appreciative. There are still several \$50 gift cards donated for food that will be sent. **Jeff will talk to Ruthy about Scouting for Food and get boys to sign up to deliver bags to their neighborhood.** There will be a reminder in the Feb newsletter.

**Treasurer** Mike LaPrade reported that the Troop balance is \$7491, and all bills are paid except the recharter fees. There are funds in the Scout passbook accounts for Scouts who are no longer members of the troop. He noted that the Troop spent \$1200 last year for awards and advancements, while the budget was \$600. We do need to have the Eagle required merit badges on hand and adjust to buy those earned. **Sara Costner and Nancy Farrey will inventory the merit badges on hand. Debbie Siggelkow will summarize the popcorn sale at the Court of Honor.**

**Advancements** chair Peter Bain reported on rank advancements. Stephen Thomas successfully completed his Eagle Board of Review on December 16. He and Sean Sims need to schedule their Court of Honor. **Peter will work on a script for the COH.**

**Health and Safety** chair Don Stevens will follow up on health forms.

**Camping** chair Bill Aaron was absent. Doug Newlands is campmaster for the ski trip. Rob Alexander is campmaster for Cumberland Island. Lawrence Hetrick will be campmaster for a geology campout April 15-17 at Gray's Mountain. ASM are needed to volunteer to be campmasters. A summer camp committee will meet to plan for camp. The committee will include Bill Aaron, Camping Chair; Peter Bain Advancements; Bob Melton, Scoutmaster; Carolyn Sparks, ASM and last year's coordinator, Mike LaPrade, Treasurer; Bill Siggelkow, Membership and Jeff Glaze, Committee Chair. They will set up policies and look at what worked and what did not. Bob Melton is planning on being Scoutmaster. Rob Alexander and Lawrence Hetrick plan to attend.

**Scoutmaster's Report** was given by Bob Melton. The Otter patrol should be operational by the end of January. Another Philmont payment is due in January. He reported on the progress of the four Scouts who are in the Life to Eagle process, Andy Costner, John Bever, Andy Farrey and Brock Aaron.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55.

Nancy Farrey

