

**Boy Scout Troop 477
Kingswood United Methodist Church
Committee Meeting of May 3, 2004**

Present: Jeff Glaze, Del Price, Mike LaPrade, Bill Aaron, Rob Alexander, Tom Bever, Brock Aaron, Barry Deutsch, Nancy Farrey

The meeting was called to order at 7:50 by Chairman Jeff Glaze.

Committee Reports:

Troop Committee Secretary: The April minutes were not read.

Senior Patrol Leader (Brock Aaron, present)

1. PLC discussed whether to have each patrol cook an outdoor meal for their parents before the Court of Honor on May 27 or to schedule this for a future Court of Honor. With school ending and various exam and trip schedules, it might be difficult to coordinate with adequate adult supervision. At the next troop meeting, the troop will vote on cooking or just to have cookies and lemonade provided by the Hospitality Committee.
2. A Summer Camp Gate Design Committee will be formed during May.
3. PLC noted that Saturday, May 29 is the day to honor veterans by placing flags on graves at the Memorial Cemetery in Marietta. The Pack usually participates in this activity and Scouts and families meet at Kingswood UMC at 8:00am and drive to the cemetery. PLC was not sure if Troop 477 has a coordinator, so more discussion will follow.
4. After summer camp, the new Scouts in the Falcon patrol will be placed in the existing patrols to ensure continuity of patrols and a variety of ages and experiences in each patrol.
5. May program patrol is Cougars and will focus on knots and lashings with one meeting on paddling
6. June program patrol is Mongoose and will focus on special cooking
7. July program patrol is Wolverine and will focus on backpacking.
8. Kris Norman will serve as Chaplain's Aide and Hayden Aaron has agreed to be Troop Historian. Cindy Aaron has agreed to be advisor for the Historian.

Assistant Scoutmaster Tom Bever reported on the camping trip scheduled for May 15 and 16. The troop will canoe on the Broad River with Class I and II rapids. Scouts will assemble on Saturday morning at 7:00am and depart at 8:00am. They will be taking the church van and will arrive at the Georgia River Outpost at 10:00 and be on the river canoeing by 10:30. Lunch, which should be double wrapped, will be eaten on the river. They will finish canoeing by 2:30 or 3:00 and will head to the Watson Mill Bridge Campsite. Dinner cooking will be by patrol and at the campfire that evening, there will be songs and skits. After breakfast, chapel and packing up, Scouts will depart early on Sunday will be back at KUMC by noon. The cost is \$25 per Scout. Bill Aaron reported some difficulty in tracking leaders who have signed up for campouts.

Committee Chairman's Report (Jeff Glaze, present)

1. Position changes: Bill Sigglekow- Membership, Robert Alexander-Newsletter, Nancy Farrey-Secretary

Chartered Organization's Representative (Mark Botsch, absent)

1. KUMC is working on a God and Country Award for Protestant Scouts. More info will follow.
2. KUMC has a list of suggested projects that would be excellent Eagle projects. One is organizing the recycling bins in front of the Scout Hut and building a screen. Interested Scouts who need an Eagle project should contact Bob Melton.

Unit Commissioner's Report (Paul Porwall, absent)

No report.

Newsletter and Communications (Rob Alexander, present)

1. Thanks to Rob for taking on this job. The newsletter deadline is the Monday night of the Committee meeting. All committee chairs are encouraged to submit an article on their area each month.
2. There was general discussion that a little additional time beyond the committee meeting night might be needed to write an article, but no change was made at this time.

Membership (Bill Sigglekow, absent)

1. Henry Fisher will continue to help Bill Sigglekow as he transitions to this position. Thanks to Bill for agreeing to continue Henry's good work.
2. Troop membership is up to 47 Scouts.
3. A suggestion was made to have nametags for Scouts, Leaders, and Committee Members. Mike LaPrade will investigate; Rob Alexander will discuss the idea with other leaders at the Roundtable.

Training (Joseph Clements, absent)

1. Several training opportunities are being planned, including a orientation for Merit Badge Counselors probably an evening from 7-9pm and Fast Start Leadership Training.
2. Junior Leader Training will be held soon on a troop level on a Saturday or a couple of nights.

Equipment (Hal Breffle, by email)

1. The church would like a report on the storage room.
2. Hal wants the Boy Scouts to clean the exterior and interior of the Scout Hut.
3. The Sea Scouts would like to share equipment with the Troop and would like to have an old troop box. The committee decided to allow the Sea Scouts to share troop equipment, access will be by request, not open access.
4. Hal also wants the gutters cleaned and the deck sealed.
5. Mike LaPrade reported that he had ordered regular (green) Troop T-shirts. He ordered 2dozen small, 2 dozen medium and 2 dozen extra large shirts. They cost \$8. See Mike to order.

Hospitality (Nancy Farrey, present and Sara Costner)

1. Hospitality Committee is awaiting the decision of the Troop regarding refreshments for the next Court of Honor on May 27 at 7:30pm. If the patrols are not cooking meals for their families, then the Hospitality Committee will provide cookies and lemonade.

Community Service (Del Price, present)

1. The Scouts who helped on Saturday at Lemonade Days will receive service hours. A complete list of those who helped will be developed after the next troop meeting.
2. KUMC will again be helping with the Charis House in October. The troop will be able to participate.
3. Sean Sims planted trees and did landscaping and spread mulch at Chestnut this past week for his Eagle project. He and the Scout helpers did a good job.

Treasurer's Report (Mike LaPrade, present)

1. Detailed account statement distributed, available to any who wish to view it.
 - a) Balance of \$7470.12 as of 4/15
 - b) Uncleared deposits of \$3692 and uncleared withdrawals of \$2535.72
2. A \$1625 deposit was made to summer camp. Troop has reserved 25 spaces, there are 2 slots remaining. Rob Alexander will put a notice in the upcoming newsletter. Spaces must be reserved by 5/22.
3. Adults must pay \$40 for summer camp. Two new adults have signed up to attend. Don Stevens, a new committee member, and Bill Sigglekow, who will be a new Assistant Scoutmaster. All visitors to camp must check in at the Business Office and must pay for their meals. If they do not have a health form on file, they cannot go on the waterfront.
4. There are still a few boys who have not paid for the April camping trip. Mike will check on their status and work with them.
5. Expenses must be turned in within 2 months of the camping trip or activity. We still have a few outstanding expenses from the April trip. Four or five checks from the December camping trip were recently "found",
6. Mike and Jeff will handle "past due" accounts.
7. A list of Scout funds available will be printed in the newsletter so that Scouts can use theirs for the May trip or summer camp.

Advancements (Peter Bain by email)

1. In April Scouts earned four merit badges and four rank advancements.
2. There were also two Eagle Courts of Honor for Danny Gibbons and Harrison Bain.
3. The Council date base crashed and they are asking troops to reconfirm summer camp advancement and merit badges scheduled.

Health and Safety (Wendy Gibbons, absent)

No report.

1. Note, Class III health forms are valid for 3 years if the activity is not high adventure. Jeff Glaze will follow up on health forms. The troop has not responsibility for the Venture Scouts. At present, there are not joint Scout/Venture trips scheduled.

Scoutmaster's Report (Bob Melton, absent)

No report.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55. The next Committee meeting is Monday, June 7 at 7:45 pm.