

**Boy Scout Troop 477
Kingswood Methodist Church
Minutes of Troop Committee Meeting held July 5, 2004**

Present: Jeff Glaze, Mike LaPrade, Mark Botsch, Peter Bain, Nancy Farrey, Joseph Clements, Bob Melton, Carolyn Sparks,

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 pm.

The minutes of the June meeting were corrected. They should have stated that Carolyn Sparks is the summer chair for Health and Safety. June minutes were emailed to the committee.

Committee Reports

Chairman Jeff Glaze reported that Committee changes are being finalized so that Assistant Scoutmasters will be free to work with the Scouts, and other parents will be assuming committee responsibilities.

Charter Organization Representative Mark Botsch reported that the God and Country program will be scheduled for the fall by KUMC, according to Ellen Sanders, Youth Director.

The Troop has an adequate number of tables, but some still need to be repaired. Thanks to Mike LaPrade's neighbor for their donation of two tables. **Jeff Glaze will see if Scouts can participate the next time the Church has a flag ceremony as they did for July 4. Mark will check on the timetable for the new Scout hut.** The suggestion was made to include Scouts in the storage plans for the outside building.

Unit Commissioner Porwall was absent. Jeff Glaze mentioned the upcoming Calendar planning meeting on July 14, Roundtable on July 13, and the Popcorn Kickoff in August. **Debbie Sigglekow will represent Troop 477 at the popcorn meeting.**

Newsletter Editor Alexander was absent. A suggestion was made to include the program theme and patrol assignments for the month. The newsletter will note that the summer camp CD has great pictures and is available for \$1.

Membership Chair Bill Sigglekow was absent. **The troop will follow up with Scouts who are not attending and invite them back.**

Training Chair Joseph Clements is continuing work on cataloging 04-05 training opportunities and will email those when ready. Internet training is encouraged where available. Junior Leader Training will be offered as a part of the Troop planning weekend in August. Merit Badge Counseling training will probably be offered this fall. **Jeff will send a list of adults who attended summer camp and their training completed.**

Equipment and Facilities Chair Hal Breffle reported that **Barry Deutsch will go ahead with the buildout of the committee room in the Scout Hut for Cub Scout storage.** Hal will work with Michael Fessenden to repair the old Patrol boxes. Jeff Glaze suggested an **additional keyed lock for the trailer door so the spare tire can be stored inside. A lug wrench and lock are also needed. Hal will get these to the junior quartermaster.**

Hal reminded us that if anyone has an accident while driving the church bus, to get in touch with Hal immediately. New projects to schedule include gutter and deck cleaning.

Senior Patrol Leader 's report by J.T. Sparks: the Falcon Patrol will remain the same thru December. All other patrols will be divided and reassigned based to give a variety of ages and experiences. The goal is for every Scout to be First Class by the end of the year. J.T. Sparks will be Troop Guide. Anthony Cotton is acting Scribe for Nick Lichirie.

August Program is fishing. The Cobra Patrol should ask Peter Bain and Mike LaPrade for assistance.

September Program is Aquatics and Boat Safety

October Program is Athletics.

The quartermaster has cleaned up and assigned patrol boxes.

Hospitality Chair Nancy Farrey reported that the next Court of Honor is scheduled for September 30. **Mark Botsch will book the Fellowship Hall.** Jeff Glaze volunteered to prepare a hot entrée (outdoors?) if asked. The Patrol Leader's Council will decide if they want a patrol prepared dinner or to ask the Hospitality Committee to coordinate.

Community Service Chair Del Price was absent.

Health and Safety Summer Chair Carolyn Sparks noted several Scouts have expired health forms and will work to have them updated Jeff Glaze suggested a summer camp committee composed of the Treasurer, Advancements Chair, Committee Chair, Scoutmaster and Health and Safety Chair. This committee should meet soon. He also suggested a Board of Review to plan advancements and merit badge work. A slide show from summer camp could be shown at the next Court of Honor.

Treasurer Mike LaPrade distributed a detailed account balance which is available to any who wish to view it. Balance is \$6556.95. There will be a small expense for redoing the first aid kit. The camping fees may need to be increased slightly to cover gas and food. **Mike will put a reminder in the newsletter about money remaining in Scout accounts.** A deposit was made to Philmont. **Bob Melton will remind the PLC to remember the budget when planning menus on campouts. The committee voted that any expense over \$50, that is not preapproved, needs to be authorized or approved by the Committee Chair or Treasurer.** Bob Melton donated walkie talkies that have a six mile radius and run on regular batteries. **Hal was asked to put a new hasp lock on the storage cabinet.**

Advancements Chair Peter Bain reported 19 merit badges were earned between May 27 and July 5. There have been two rank advancements. **Peter will complete distribution of Blue cards from summer camp including merit badge counselors assigned for partial completions.**

Camping Chair Bill Aaron was absent. Doug Newlands will be the Assistant Scoutmaster for the July rafting campout. The trip will not be an overnigher. There is space for 8 Scouts.

Scoutmaster Bob Melton reported that Sean Sims had completed all his Eagle paperwork. Steven Thomas will meet with Bob soon regarding his Eagle. Andy Costner is ready to begin work on his project after revising his proposal. Bob said that KUMC would provide some financial assistance for a Scout wishing to build the dumpster screens for their Eagle Project. Summer camp was great and he appreciated the opportunity for many informal scoutmaster conferences. **Bob will do the first draft of the proposed patrol reassignments and will ask the Assistant Scoutmasters for input.** August 13,14, and 15 are the troop planning meeting dates and hopefully it will be offsite. We may schedule a camping weekend the following week for the whole troop. The fourth of July parade was very successful. Ben Kiesel, Danny Gibbons, John Bever, Ben Farrey and J.T. Sparks participated from the troop. They helped participants find their space in the Ace parking lot before the parade started and also carried the VFW banner during the parade and assisted the Cub Scouts. Dick Williams of the Crier was pleased with the Troop efforts. The Scouts can count this as an activity or service hours.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55.

The next meeting will be August 2 at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Farrey
Recording Secretary