

**Boy Scout Troop 477
Kingswood Methodist Church
Committee Meeting February 6, 2006**

Present: Bob Melton, Rob Alexander, Mike LaPrade, Jeff Glaze, Joan Holladay, Bill Aaron, Joseph Clements, Peter Bain, Barry Deutsch, Nancy Farrey, Ruthy Stephens

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 pm by Chair Joan Holladay

The minutes were emailed earlier in the month. Hard copies were also available. The Troop Secretary will try to produce minutes soon after the Committee meeting to serve as a reminder of action items.

Committee Reports

Committee Chair report was given by Joan Holladay. She thanked Jeff for his service and thanked Committee members for their help.

Chartered Organization Rep report was given by Jeff Glaze. Scout Sunday is February 12 and Boy and Girl Scouts will be recognized. The Troop can provide Scripture readers, ushers, but names are needed by Thursday morning at 10:00am. Bob Melton will work on names. The Scouting for Food drive will also be a part of the day. Primary registration for some Scouts was changed from Troop to Sea Scouts during Rechartering. Jeff Glaze will collect any dollars from the Friend of Scouting brochures that will be distributed at the next Court of Honor. Jeff Glaze will order a second Troop flag in time for the April Camporee.

Treasurer's Report was given by Mike LaPrade. He handed out detailed financial statements. Our balance is \$9390.89. We received \$420 in dues in January. The Troop registered 20 Scouts for Summer Camp at \$60 each for a total of \$1200. No Scouts have paid yet. REI gift certificates were purchased for the top three Popcorn sellers. Kyle Kline had top sales, Trevor Alexander second place, and Anthony Butera was third.

Equipment report was given by Mike LaPrade. He and Hal Breffle looked at the extensive damage to the Scout Hut from leaks and wear and tear. Hal and Mike will get a rough estimate on the cost of materials and get the figures to Mark Botsch for the church to purchase or reimburse. Hal and Mike will take a couple of days off to work on repairs and will publicize the dates so that Scouts and Scouters can help. The whole front needs to be reframed and repaired. Hal and Mike will see if the church would hire out the work to be done since it will be such a big project. The pressure washing and gutter cleaning will be done a little later in the spring. Service hours for cleaning the Scout Hut will count for service, not for an Eagle Project. The Service Patrol may need to be reminded to clean the bathroom.

Camping report was given by Bill Aaron. The January backpacking trip to Standing Indian was great. The ski trip for February is set for February 18-20 with eleven Scouts and two adult leaders attending. Joan will write an article for the newsletter and the website. There is room for a few others. Skillbuilding and Pioneering weekend is the same weekend. Robert Burns is the Campmaster. The troop still needs a campmaster for the March campout. The PLC has voted to cancel the caving trip. Lawrence Hetrick will be Campmaster for a trial run down the Chattahoochee on March 18. Since March 25 is the Good Turn American Chattahoochee Clean Up Day, the Troop Dahlonga Day Trip scheduled for the same day will be postponed indefinitely. The Troop will participate in the Clean Up activities. The Camporee is in

April and Robert Burns will be Campmaster. The next Summer Camp payment is due April 28. Rob Alexander will have an article in the newsletter. The Pack anticipates 100% participation from crossovers. April 1 is commitment date for Summer Camp classes.

Community Service report was given by Ruth Stephens. The bags for Scouting for Food were passed out on Sunday. Church members will return the filled bags on Sunday, [February 12](#). On Thursday night, she will ask for volunteers to staff a collection table at the Orchard Park Kroger. Few boys took bags to distribute to their neighbors. She mentioned that boys will need to sign up in advance for the Good Turn for American Day. Hours are 8-4.

Health & Safety Rich Butera has agreed to chair and is going through the records to update.

Advancements Chair Peter Bain said that there will be 24 merit and 6 rank advancements presented at the Court of Honor on Thursday, Feb 9. Joan Holladay will arrive by 6pm to organize. The photography merit badge will be worked on at upcoming Scout meetings. Bill Melton and Rob Alexander will coordinate. Jeff Glaze has made copies of the Troopmaster CD for the Committee Chair and Rich Butera. Mark Lindemann is looking for service opportunities.

Membership is open. Recruiting is ongoing. The Pack would like to borrow the Scout Trailer next weekend for the Polar Bear Campout. Older Scouts are welcome and encouraged to come during the Day to assist with the Cubs.

Webelo to Scout presentation will be made at Roundtable. Barry thanked the Scouts who helped with the Pack Pinewood Derby. Scouts will earn service hours for their time. Crossover is March 27th and the boys can attend Troop meetings as soon as their Arrow of Light is complete. The Troop usually schedules a parent orientation after crossover. Robert Burns has done a lot of parent education already.

Training Chair Joseph Clements reminded the Committee about the Roundtable on Tuesday, February 7. Webelos to Scouting Scoutmaster Training began last Thursday. On March 4, from 8-12, he has scheduled Junior Leader Training at the Scout Hut..

Publicity/Newsletter report was given by Rob Alexander. Newsletter articles are due tonight. Haydn Aaron has done a special feature and a report on the Standing Indian trip. Jeff Glaze will take care of printing. The Scouts are doing a good job of turning in their articles.

Hospitality will provide a meal at the next Troop Court of Honor on February 9, 2006. The Troop will provide fried chicken, bread and beverages. The Eagle Patrol will bring side dishes, the Cobra Patrol is assigned desserts and the Mongoose Patrol is bringing salad. Mike LaPrade will help Nancy Farrey since Sara Costner is unable to attend.

Scoutmasters Report was given by Bob Melton. Troop 477 did not win a Philmont slot for 2007 in the lottery, but we will try again for 2008. He will keep an eye open for Philmont opportunities with other troops.

The next meeting will be Monday, March 6, 2006 at 7:45pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Farrey