

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

**Present:** Joan Holladay, Bill Aaron, Peter Bain, Robert Burns, Joseph Clements, Rob Alexander, Bob Melton, Nancy Farrey

The meeting was called to order at 7:50 pm by Chair Joan Holladay.

The minutes were emailed earlier in the month. Hard copies were also available. The minutes were approved.

### **Committee Reports**

**Committee Chair** report was given by Joan Holladay. We have a new Scout member, Thomas Jackson. His dad, Bruce Jackson, is a registered leader.

**Chartered Organization Representative** did not send a report. The status of the God and Country program will be checked on.

**Treasurer's Report** was not available. Joan Holladay made the suggestion that the Troop could do fund raising projects in addition to the popcorn sale. This would help cover the costs of more expensive Scout trips such as summer camp, Philmont and skiing. Proceeds from fundraising projects such as Krispy Kreme donuts or a car wash could be done. The Scouts that participated would earn funds for their Scout accounts and the Troop would also earn a portion. Jeff Glaze will have totals from the Friends of Scouting campaign after the Court of Honor.

**Unit Commissioner's Report** was not available.

**Camping** report was given by Bill Aaron. The ski trip went well! When we overfund a trip, the money is returned to the boys. Joan Holladay will be campmaster again. The March Canoe Trip has been cancelled. The PLC has decided on a backpacking trip to Panther Creek for March 18-19. Joseph Clements has agreed to serve as campmaster for this. Bill Aaron will remind campmasters that he needs the folder back with the tour permit, roster of attendees, and receipts.

**Summer Camp** report was given by Robert Burns. Twenty five Scouts have signed up including several from other Troops who are not able to attend with their own Troop. We also have 8 leaders going, including Warren Martin, whose son will be crossing over from the Pack. Lawrence Hetrick will be the campmaster for summer camp.

**Community Service** report was given for Ruthy Stephens. On March 18, the church will have a workday. Scouts can have breakfast and boys can work on the Scout Hut. On March 19 and 25, Scouts can help KUMC with setting up clothes racks for the sale and taking them down. The North Georgia Conference is sponsoring the Church Home Adoption Program (CHAPS). Churches provide labor over 3-5 weekends, sort of like Habitat for Humanity. Jeff Glaze suggested we recommend ages 14 and up. There are questions about insurance, and the participants stay at a local church. There is a meeting with a representative from CHAPS at KUMC on March 12 at 4pm. Joan Holladay reported on a request from Steve Fortman, who coordinates "Convicted for Christ", to provide Bibles and Bible resources to

prisoners. He is trying to raise \$3132 for Bibles and has asked for the Troop's help. A car wash was suggested. Bob and Joan will talk this over with the PLC, and possibly have Steve come to a Troop meeting.

**Health & Safety** No report.

**Advancements** Chair Peter Bain said that there were 3 rank and 3 merit badges earned last month. Rob Alexander requested a listing by patrol for the Patrol Corners section of the newsletter.

**Life to Eagle** report was given by Bob Melton. Thomas Weber turns 18 in June. He needs another merit badge and his project. Tim Newlands turns 18 on April 21. He has planned to install a plant screen around the dumpsters at KUMC for his Eagle project. Kevin Chalpin needs to earn his Life rank this month. Michael Fessenden and Mark Lindemann are close. We may need an extra Board of Review this month before the regular one on March 16.

**Equipment** –Hal Breffle and Mike LaPrade will work with the Board of Trustees at their meeting on April 23. KUMC is planning to use church dollars for materials to repair the Scout Hut. Hal and Mike will submit a material list to the church. Rob Alexander said that he and Scouts have brought back wood and stored it in the fire pit. He asked them not to use.

**Membership** Jeff Glaze has volunteered to chair. He would like to like to give a special invitation to boys who are inactive or new to Scouting to participate. He plans to get an exterior sign for Troop 477 made and installed. He also plans an Open House/Scout Show in the fall, and wants us to be active at school registration.

**Webelo to Scout Transition** is going smoothly. Jeff will try and complete the Troop directory to include the new Scouts in May.

**Training Chair** Joseph Clements reported that the Junior Leader Training was successful and 4 Scouts participated.

**Publicity/Newsletter** report was given by Rob Alexander. Newsletter articles are due tonight. Tim Newlands has an article about the ski trip.

**Hospitality** will provide a meal, probably fried chicken, at the next Troop Court of Honor on April 27. Another Court of Honor will probably be held in July.

**Scoutmasters Report** was given by Bob Melton. He asked continued support from the Committee, Assistant Scoutmasters and families as Troop 477 encourages Scouts of all ages and abilities.

The next meeting will be Monday, April 10, 2006 at 7:45pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Farrey