

**Boy Scout Troop 477
Kingswood Methodist Church
Committee Meeting July 11, 2005**

Present: Paul Porwoll, Jeff Glaze, Don Stephens, Peter Bain, Sara Costner, Barry Deutsch, Joseph Clements, Mike LaPrade, Nancy Farrey

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

The minutes were approved as corrected. Nancy Farrey had emailed copies to all and distributed paper copies to those who did not receive them in advance.

Committee Reports

Committee Chair Jeff Glaze reported that KUMC will be breaking ground on the new building in February, 2006. The God and Country program is still being planned and reviewed for the fall.

Unit Commissioner Paul Porwall reported that the new Life to Eagle Guidebook is ready. The Council website still has the old publications. The new booklet is more user friendly for Scouts. For Scouts still using the paper copy of the workbook, there is a 2003 printing of the project workbook with more space for write-up. He would be happy to present a Life to Eagle Seminar for the Troop if asked. Two advanced training opportunities are planned. On Sept. 13, the District is presenting a Life to Eagle program at the Roundtable at Briarcliff UMC. On Oct 11, there will be a Merit Badge Counselor Training Session also at Briarcliff Methodist. Jeff stated the Troop may also offer a merit badge counselor training in September. Merit badge counselors should be rechartered at the same time the Troop recharters. Peter will get an updated list of merit badges from meritbadge.com. Ben Kiesel's Eagle project write-up is almost complete.

Newsletter is out. Andy Costner's Eagle write-up was in the Crier last week. All future Crier articles will be sent directly to Cathy Cobbs. Brock Aaron and Andy Farrey will need to have their information collected and submitted to the Crier as well. Rob Alexander has volunteered to take on the role of mentoring the Troop Historian. There are not many current pictures up in the Scout Hut and there needs to be continuing work on updating the Scrapbook.

Training As the Districts begin putting out their fall schedules, Joseph Clements will forward info as needed. Warren Martin will present Youth Protection training during an upcoming Troop meeting, possibly July 21, or August 11. The leaders who completed training at summer camp have had their records updated. Bob Melton may lead a second Junior Leader Training at the August planning meeting. Joseph will check on Green Bar schedule. A merit badge counselor workshop will be held at KUMC on September 22 from 7-9pm.

Equipment Jeff has asked Hal Breffle to begin evaluating the carpet, sub flooring, leaks, and exterior mildew problems and to make recommendations for repair and spruce up. The Scout Hut will be in use for a while longer than originally thought.

Hospitality Jeff Glaze said that the next Troop Court of Honor will be on September 29. Sara Costner and Nancy Farrey will plan a menu with the troop providing the entrée and main items and the patrols will have assigned categories such as beverages and dessert.

Community Service Jeff Glaze reported that Habitat for Humanity requires volunteers to be 16 years of age. The suggestion was made for the Troop to prepare lunch for the workers. Camp cooking, or bag lunches were suggested. The dates will probably be in August. Ruthy Stephens will let us know. There is a huge pile of mulch to spread. Jeff will ask Ruthy to choose a date for a Troop workday for the Church.

Treasurer Mike LaPrade distributed the budget which shows a statement balance of \$7310.23 plus uncleared deposits and checks for an account balance of \$8714.43. He reminded all who drove to summer camp and have not turned in receipts for gasoline to do so. The Troop has broken even on the Scout Accounts. Approximately \$100 has gone into a scholarship account from Scout accounts of Scouts who are no longer in the Troop. Ben Kiesel has requested \$190 for the Eagle account which currently has \$850. The Troop bought hats and has the remainder in inventory. The Pack has Troop T shirts that can be used when needed.

Popcorn Jeff Glaze will ask Debbie Sigglekow and Ms. Butera if they will co chair the popcorn sale this year.

Advancements Peter Bain reported that there were 63 merit badges and 3 rank advancements earned at summer camp. Fireman and totin chips were earned and adults completed ALT and the Mile Swim. Congratulations to all the boys and leaders who worked so hard. Bob Melton has the roster of current Life Scouts who may begin the Eagle process. Older Scouts are encouraged to continue participating in Troop activities as much as possible.

Health and Safety Don Stephens has gotten the health forms updated and in good shape. He will send a letter to parents reminding them when forms are expiring. The First Aid kit needs upgrading. Don is working on improvements and completing signed protocols for safe scouting.

Camping Jeff Glaze reported for Bill Aaron. Six Scouts have signed up for the hiking campout in July. The hiking is not strenuous. Barry Deutsch reported on plans for the November trip to the Yorktown. Fuel prices for the charter bus have increased greatly. Jeff suggested that the Troop/Pack might consider using some of the Transportation funds in the Church budget. The popcorn sale will take place right before the trip and that can also be used as an incentive to keep costs down. The Troop/Pack will depart on Friday, Nov 11 at 3pm. Barry will produce a flyer to hand out. The drive will be 5 1/2 to 6 hours and we must arrive by 9pm. There will be snacks on the bus. Barry is the Campmaster. Carolyn Sparks is continuing plans for the September campout for shooting at Ft. Benning. We will use their rifle range and patrols can compete to design a patch commemorating the trip. In October, Jeff Glaze will be Campmaster on a backpacking trip on the Appalachian Trail the weekend of October 22-23.

Scoutmaster's Report was provided by Jeff Glaze since Bob Melton was at Philmont. The new Patrols, including rosters, patrol names, advisors and patrol leaders, will be distributed to the Troop. Family movie night was held on June 25 with "Follow Me Boys" and was very successful. The next movie will be scheduled for July 22 and will probably be an animated feature. More details to come.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 1 at 7:45 pm. As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Farrey