

Members present were Barry Deutsch, Ruthy Stephens, Mike LaPrade, Peter Bain, Mark Botsch, Jeff Glaze, Warren Martin, Joseph Clements, Bill Aaron, Nancy Farrey, Ben Deutsch

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Jeff Gaze representing Joan Holladay. Membership Chair Jeff Glaze called the meeting to order at 7:45 pm.

The October minutes were approved as corrected.

Joan Holladay will send out letters and forms for the annual recharter. Action is required and replies and dues must be received back before early December.

Doug Day is Kingswood's new Scouting Coordinator and our Charter Organization Representative. Mark Botsch will help in training and orienting him. Thanks to Mark for many years of good service to the Troop as our outgoing Rep. Mark reported that construction on the church is progressing rapidly and that the building may be ready for occupancy by late Spring.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT: John Petersen.

The Troop needs a Chaplain's Aide. At the most recent campout, there was a Sunday service.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mike LaPrade

The Popcorn Sale has ended. Kathy Yoakum and Tracy Alexander did a great job. The Troop sold approximately \$6000, with \$2000 as profit and of that \$1000 going into Scout accounts.

Receipts for reimbursement should be turned in to the Troop treasurer in a timely manner. Expenses must be approved in advance for reimbursement to occur.

The Troop will pay for the First Aid kit that was purchased for outside groups who are using the Scout hut and ask the Church for reimbursement.

COMMUNITY SERVICE/GOOD TURN: Ruthy Stephens

The Committee voted to organize a Scouting for Food Drive in February to be held in conjunction with Scout Sunday, the second Sunday in February. Ruthy Stephens will coordinate. She plans to pass out bags the first Sunday in February and Scouts will collect on the following Saturday in the neighborhoods and at the Scouting Sunday service on the second Sunday. A Christmas service project is in the works, details on what is needed will be provided later. Delivery of Christmas gifts will be on Thursday, December 21. Ruthy will send out a email reminder about items that Scouts can bring for Major Doherty. Patrols will rotate in packing and sending items. A Church workday is scheduled for Saturday, November 11. Scouts are invited to come at 8 for breakfast and then work from 9-12. Adults are needed to assist. Service hours can be earned as well.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Jeff Glaze

Jeff Glaze will coordinate the Friends of Scouting appeal with one letter.

The Open House for Webelos II was fun and enjoyed by Troop Scouts and potential Scouts. Thanks to Jeff Glaze for organizing.

CAMPING/OUTDOOR REPORT: Bill Aaron

*The November campout will be Nov 18-19 at Bert Adams. Barry Deutsch will be campmaster, but needs other adults for leadership and transportation. A \$25 deposit is required. Scouts will teach the fire safety, wilderness survival, camping, and cooking merit badges with adult supervision.

* The December Campout will be December 9-10. Webelos II will be invited. There will be horseback riding at FDR State Park and a tour of the Little White House on Sunday.

* The January camping trip will be a backpacking and cold weather trip on the Appalachian Trail from Hogpen Gap to Unicoi Gap. Snow is a possibility. January 19 20-21. Jeff Glaze is Campmaster that weekend. Programs on cold weather camping will be scheduled before then. There will be a shakedown on Thursday, January 18 for all in the Troop, not just those going on the campout.

* February campout will be a ski trip. Joan Holladay, Bob Melton and Bill Aaron will finish planning on this trip. Adults are needed to commit.

* April camping is scheduled to be Sea Base. Lawrence Hetrick is also scheduled to do another canoe trip during public school spring break.

ADVANCEMENT REPORT: Peter Bain

Peter Bain reported 10 merit badges and four rank advancements during the month, along with one special World Conservation Award. The next Troop Court of Honor has been changed to January 25. Peter will begin merit badge counselor rechartering. Kevin Chalpan and Hayden Aaron both turned 18 on October 29. Both have finished their Eagle requirements, and will be scheduled for the District Board of Review either on Nov 12 or in December. Nick Lichirie, Michael Fessenden, and Mark Lindemann are Life Scouts and are evaluating Eagle projects.

EQUIPMENT/QUARTERMASTER REPORT: Position Vacant

An Equipment Chair is needed. Warren Martin will help organize and assess current status.

FACILITIES REPORT: Hal Breffle, absent, no report submitted.

COMMUNICATION/PUBLICITY REPORT: Rob Alexander, absent. Jeff Glaze reported on Rob's behalf. Articles for the newsletter are due tonight to Rob Alexander. Info is needed on advancements, Scoutmasters minute, Service-Good Turn activities, Treasurer news, and a November campmasters report.

TRAINING REPORT: Joseph Clements

Junior Leader Training will be held on December 2. Wilderness First Aid Training will be held in November and March. Classes fill up fast. High Adventure trips now require this training for a number of SM attending these trips. Quality Unit Awards now have new terminology and firm commitment for leader training. Joseph Clements will provide additional information.

SCOUTMASTER'S REPORT: Bob Melton

Bob Melton has requested Troop 477 time at Philmont in 2008. Blue cards are needed for each Scout attending the merit badge campout. It must be reviewed with a merit badge counselor before it can be signed. The Eagle Court of Honor for Tim Newlands and Thomas Webber will be on November 16.

The next Committee meeting will be on Monday, December 4 at 7:45 pm.
The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Nancy Farrey