

## **Troop 477 Committee Meeting Minutes** **November 3, 2008 7:45 PM**

**Members Present:** Ruthy Stephens, Peter Bain, Bob Melton; Jeff Glaze, Barry Deutsch, Joan Holladay, Jeff Sheiner, Rich Butera, Gene Gaultney, Nancy Farrey,

**Committee Chair** Joan Holladay called the meeting to order at 7:45 PM. The minutes had been emailed and extra copies were available for distribution. The minutes were approved.

Ruthy Stephens presented options for the Troop Christmas Service Project. The KUMC Mission Committee is helping a PMS family whose apartment burned in a fire last week. The Troop could also help this family. Also, there is usually a needy family that the Red Cross knows about who could use help at Christmas. December 18 will be the delivery day. Ruthy will call the Red Cross around December 1 and ask about a needy family. Peter will put Scout service hours on the Good Turn website.

Ruthy and Tracey met to plan Scout Hut fundraising. They will meet next on Nov 11 at 7PM. The new Scout Hut Committee will present to the church's Finance Committee in November.

Joan picked up the recharter paperwork for the Ship and the Crew. Thanks to Jeff Glaze for his help. The Troop may consider an electronic letter in the "green spirit" in the future. The recharter responses are due by December 4 and those not responding will be deleted from the Troop role. Nancy Farrey will work with Jeff Glaze on printing and framing the Eagle press releases for the Scouts who do not appear on our Eagle wall. There is a new BSA requirement for someone in the Troop to be trained online for weather related emergencies. The Troop Training Coordinator position is open at this time.

As part of her Wood Badge, Joan has identified High Adventure opportunities available within 250 miles of Atlanta.

Mr. Smith Goes to Washington is scheduled for 3AM on Wednesday night for those who'd like to record for later viewing. Jeff Glaze suggested a movie night at the church for a Citizenship in the Community requirement. Joan will also present info from the Rainbow Animal Preserve for those who need community service hours. Robert Wittenstein, new Dunwoody City Council member will be at the church at 7PM on Thursday, Nov 13, for boys to interview. All are invited.

Basketry merit badge will be presented in November. Congratulations to Joan on her Wood Badge. Her beading ceremony will be planned later.

**Advancements** Peter Bain reported that there were 7 merit badges and 2 rank advancements during October. Merit Badge University got generally good reviews. Several websites were mentioned that function as clearinghouses for local merit badge clinics. Joan added a plea for merit badge counselors in the Troop recharter packets going out

**Camping** The October backpacking trip went well. The Scouts hiked farther than expected and the trip was easy and the weather good. Nick did a great job as SPL.

**Health and Safety** A CPR Day for the Troop and the Church was suggested and could be scheduled at the leaders' convenience. Dean Melton or someone from the Scouting Office could conduct. The goal would be to have as many trained in CPR as possible.

**Treasurer** Rich Butera reported a balance of \$6615. The Troop has paid for popcorn.

**Membership** Jeff Glaze is looking for a replacement. A Webelos parent who crossed over last year was suggested. The recharter dues are \$65. Ten dollars per person will go to Council and \$3-\$4 goes to Boys Life.

**Facilities and Equipment** The Scout Hut is down to one bathroom. A utility sink is needed. Jeff, Barry and Joan will coordinate to get the second bathroom in better shape. The New Scout Hut Committee has met 3 times. Ruthy and Tracey met to plan Scout Hut fundraising. They will meet next on Nov 11 at 7PM. There has been discussion of a grass roots fund raising campaign every other month. The projects would alternate between adult led and boy led and will vary as we discover what will work. Gene has a friend who is an architect who will do a rendering and work on a full blown architectural plan. Contributions may be made to the church or the troop. Several said the contributions should go to the Troop directly. Discussion followed on how to accept payments online and suggestions were made re links and the church's website.

**Hospitality** The next Court of Honor will be on Thursday, January 8. The Troop will provide the entrée and the PLC will assign Patrols to bring side items, desserts and drinks.

**Scoutmaster** The PLC was a tough meeting dealing with important issues. Topics discussed included better organization of meetings, better coordination of ASM with their patrols, and how to get adult ideas and assistance to the boys who run the boy led Troop. There will be a meeting next Tuesday, Nov 11 at 7PM at the Scout Hut for adults to discuss the Troop. More space is needed for Patrol Corners. A room in the church was suggested. Bob needs each ASM to meet in a Scoutmaster's conference with the Scouts in their Patrol every 60 days. The ASM will also help the Scouts with ideas for programs, games and activities. Younger Scouts are doing a better job of working together than the older Scouts. Games should be a patrol competition or related to the program rather than free for all. Lots of Scouts in the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grades should be able to assume leadership roles. Green Bar Scouts and Northern Tier participants don't realize they're leaders. There will be a Junior Leader Training Day after the Scouts change leadership assignments. Bob reported on Life to Eagle. Mark Lindemann will probably have his Eagle Court of Honor in December. Nick has an Eagle project under consideration. Uniforms were also discussed and ideas on how to encourage respect with proper wearing were shared.

The next Troop Committee meeting will be on December 1 at 7:45PM.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.