

Troop 1333
Committee Meeting
July 19, 2009

Attendance: Daniel DeMaranville, Mike Zarella, David Gibson, Lisa Gerdes, Wendy Valley, Daree Stracke

Daniel DeMaranville –

- All leader training documentation needs to go to James Y'Barbo
- Still need an adult leader to volunteer to conduct the protestant religious emblem classes.
- Lisa Gerdes is trained for the high school catholic classes, but is having a hard time getting communication to the area catholic churches. Need more boys (at least 5) to commit to the year long process to make it a worthwhile class. She is going to contact the middle school emblem leader at Prince of Peace to see if we can join forces.
- Mike Zarella is going to contact the scoutmaster at St. Ignatius.

David Gibson –

- He will be the adult volunteer liaison. If anyone needs adult help, contact David and he will find someone.
- There are several positions where the current leadership is ready to “pass the baton”. There was discussion on what might be the best way to handle this. Should we send out a mass email asking for help in certain areas? Should we have a meeting at the August Court of Honor? Should we decide who we think would be the best person to assume the role and personally ask that person?
- Kaiserhoff is not usable for camping right now and we need to decide, as a troop, what kind of maintenance commitment we want to provide.
- The areas around the scout huts need to be cleaned out.
- He is going to hold a brainstorming meeting to discuss a long term vision of scout facilities. More on this at a later date.

Daree Stracke –

- She wanted to know if we should reserve a facility for Lake Somerville. The decision was to talk to Rick Dunn.
- She also needs to book the rest of the year's camp facilities but would really like to find a new person to be the Outdoor Coordinator.

Wendy Valley –

- Distributed financial statements
- Our year ends July 31st, so she would like all outstanding expense reimbursement requests to be submitted to finalize the year.
- Will have a summary of all financial activity for the year at the August committee meeting.

Lisa Gerdes –

- Stated that she plans on opening the Venture Crew checking account but needs to get all of the official documentation to do that. She tried to just tag on to the Troop's account at Wells Fargo but they would not allow that.
- Brought up for discussion the annual dues for the boys that are part of the Venture Crew. Since they pay dues to the troop, she was wondering if part of that money should be transferred to the Crew for their operating expenses since they have needs that the Troop does not. The consensus was that these boys are part of the Troop and *should* participate in troop activities. If they have equipment needs, they should present those needs to the Troop Committee for purchase approval and, if approved, the Troop will pay for it and own it; however, the Crew can use it.

General Discussion –

The Venture Crew was discussed in length and all feel that these boys need to be more active in the Troop. It seems as though they are becoming a group of their own, and are providing no leadership or service to the Troop. If these boys want to continue to increase in rank in the Troop, and especially earn the Eagle rank, they *must* be active in the Troop. How they become active is a discussion that should be held at the next leader's meeting.