

Troop 1333 Committee Meeting Minutes

Troop 1333 Committee Meeting Minutes – Sunday, January 6, 2008

Members Present: *Chip Breitweiser, Terri Byrne, David Gibson, John Landry, Amy Myers, Pauline Ramsey, Michele Roddy, Daree Stracke, Karen Swanee, Sandy Y'Barbo and Mike Zarella*

Mike Zarella asked *David Gibson* to open the meeting in prayer at 3:50 pm.

The troop committee re-affirmed its commitment to meeting on the first Sunday of each month at 3:45 pm. Interested troop parents are invited and welcome to attend. 2008 has been designated the Year of the Volunteer. Many volunteer positions with varying degrees of time requirements are available on the troop committee! For example, Board of Review positions require a very limited amount of time about once a month but are so very important to continuity the Scouting program.

Treasury – *David Gibson* reported that *Lisa Gerdes* would be absent. She sent ~~word~~ **word** that she would be available, if needed, to write checks. *Mike* will contact *Lisa* regarding a current treasury report.

Scoutmaster – *John Landry* presented an estimate of the cost per Scout for the upcoming **Pedernales Falls State Park campout Friday, January 18 through Monday, January 21**. (Note: Friday is a half-day holiday for Trinity students and a full-day holiday for Klein ISD students. Monday is also a student holiday for both groups.)

John noted that for the last few campouts, troop expenses have been more than the amount collected. He estimates the **cost of Pedernales to be \$65 per Scout**. The cost includes 9 meals at \$5 per Scout, the \$120 park entrance fee for the group, and the cost of gasoline for 1 church bus to travel 600 miles at 10 miles per gallon. *Daree Stracke* will check into reserving a second bus if needed.

John was concerned about the impact of rising costs on Scout families and wanted to make the committee aware of the situation. *Chip Breitweiser* suggested that parental communication which includes a break-down of camping cost might justify the increased expense.

The committee discussed possible ways of reducing financial stress including an annual or semi-annual camping fee. All agreed that the cost of camping and other activities should be incurred only by those who participate. The committee discussed cost-cutting measures and *John* and *Mike* explained some measures already implemented (e.g. troop-level grubmasters who purchase food for the entire troop rather than individual patrols) to reduce expenses and waste.

John reminded the committee that Scouts are able to raise individual funds by participating in district-wide fundraisers: Popcorn and Scout Fair Tickets. Scouts may also earn funds by participating in the North Hampton Garage Sale. The committee agreed that while funds from these events are used primarily for Summer Camp and annual troop dues, they will discuss the feasibility of allowing Scouts to use the funds for monthly campouts. In the least, a credit to a Scout account may be deemed appropriate when paid camping fees are forfeited due to illness.

Haberdashery – *David Gibson* presented a breakdown of current gifts from the troop for the estimated 40 Webelos who will be crossing over in 2008. For the past three years, *David* has made a personal donation of the cost; however, he is no longer able to do so. **The committee determined that Scout Handbooks and slides will be the responsibility of the Scout. The troop will provide red shoulder loops, neckerchiefs and the troop numeral patch.** *David* also indicated that he no longer has a volunteer who can sew the

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neckerchiefs. *David* will transfer the neckerchief stock to *Mike Zarella* whose mother can sew the neckerchiefs.

Summer Camp – *Daree Stracke* reported that the **first installment of \$60 per Scout will be due to Buffalo Trails Scout Ranch (BTSR) by February 1**. Cost will include transportation to and from BTSR, an over-night stay at Balmorhea State Park and a side-trip to McDonald Observatory. *John Landry* will e-mail the parents (including the parents of new Scouts).

Summer Camp is estimated to exceed \$500 per Scout. Transportation costs have increased due to the cost of gasoline.

Additional Summer Camp installments will be due April 1 and May 15.

Parent Meeting, January 28 – *Daree* will make a Summer Camp presentation at the parent meeting.

New Scouts must turn in Boy Scout applications, Class I medical forms, and the \$60 annual troop dues which includes a Boys' Life subscription.

All youth Summer Camp participants are required to have a Class II medical form, including a physical. Adult participants are required to have a Class II or III medical form (depending on age) which also includes a physical.

Membership – *David Gibson* requested clarification of the flow of paperwork/money for new Scouts. The committee agreed that *David* would collect applications, medical forms and annual troop fees. *David* will keep the documents together. After obtaining appropriate signatures on the applications, he will pass the applications and medical forms to *Mike Zarella*. *David* will give the money to *Lisa Gerdes* (treasurer). After *Mike* updates Troopmaster, he will give the applications to *Terri Byrne* (secretary) to maintain and the medical forms to *Daree Stracke* (health & safety coordinator) to maintain. *Terri* will submit original applications to Sam Houston Area Council (SHAC) and retain copies for troop records. She will obtain a troop check from *Lisa Gerdes* (treasurer) for SHAC payments.

North Hampton Garage Sale (Fundraiser) – The troop has been invited by the North Hampton homeowners association to coordinate their annual subdivision garage sale again at Klein Oak High School on **Saturday, April 12**. *Karen Swanee* is the North Hampton liaison. The troop provides administration (including booth rentals, advertisement, set up, clean up, traffic control, security, and portable restrooms) and concessions. The public is welcome to shop but only North Hampton residents and Troop 1333 families may rent booth spaces at \$10 per parking space with a \$20 minimum. A Scout must work a shift in order to share those profits.

The troop will also coordinate a combined booth to raise money over and above the administration and concessions. Parents donate items to sell at the troop booth and then work a shift to benefit their Scouts' individual accounts.

An individual Scout family may coordinate a booth alone if the family has enough items to sell or has several large-ticket items they wish to benefit their individual Scout. The \$20 booth fee will benefit all of the Scouts who participate in the event.

Chaplain – **Scout Sunday is February 10** - the second Sunday of February. Scouting is the "mission" of the month of February at Trinity Lutheran. *David Gibson* will coordinate a program for Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts. All Troop 1333 Scouts are invited to attend services at Trinity Lutheran on that Sunday. Program details will follow.

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David is still working on a plan to implement the God & Church program for Protestant Scouts. Programs for other Christian denominations and religions are also available.

Life to Eagle Committee – The troop has 20 Life Scouts. The purpose of the committee is to provide leadership for Life Scouts who are working on their Eagle Scout projects. **The next meeting is Tuesday, January 8 at 7 pm in Room 213.**

Sandy Y'Barbo has reserved a room on the church calendar for the second Tuesday of each month through April. The Scoutmaster Corp meets on that Tuesday. *Sandy* will try to move future meetings to the first Tuesday to avoid the conflict.

Sandy has invited the Polaris District Life to Eagle representative to give a presentation to the troop in February or March. Watch for e-mail communication.

University of Scouting, Saturday, February 2 – Training classes for youth and adults are available at this all-day training event presented by Sam Houston Area Council. On-line registration (registration is \$14; optional \$7 lunch) and class descriptions are available on the district website.

Troop Equipment Update – The troop trailer is coming! *Mike Zarella* indicated that *John Landry* has asked the troop quartermasters to design the trailer build out. *Mike* suggested *Chip* might be a good resource in assisting the Scouts with this project. *Chip* agreed to assist the QM's in the build-out.

The troop is also discussing the purchase of new tents. Choices range from Eureka Apex tents suitable for backpacking at \$90 per tent to \$30 3-man Coleman tents with 5-year warranties. *Chip* agreed that the Coleman's would be acceptable for use by the troop.

Advancement Update – **The next Board of Review opportunity is Sunday, January 13.** A Scout must request a Board of Review by submitting an on-line request available on the troop website. **The next Court of Honor (COH) is Sunday, March 2.**

In the News – *Terri Byrne* commented on the nice article *Mike Zarella* submitted to the Houston Chronicle regarding the S.W.I.M. service project in December. *Amy Myers* and *Michele Roddy* encouraged the troop's participation in the district's publicity drive. Any troop publicity may be reported on the Polaris District website.

David Gibson reported that Troop 1333 was listed among the **2007 Centennial Quality Unit** recipients presented at the December Roundtable.

Closing - *David Gibson* closed the meeting in prayer at 5:45 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by *Terri Byrne* on Monday, January 6, 2008.

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