

Troop 64 Committee Meeting

January 21, 2007

Those in attendance: Carlene Dawson, Diane Fuhrman, Sandy Bakalyar, Angela Lightcap, Deb Ramstad, Bill Kostelka, Jill Frost, Ackie LeDuff, Darrell Robertson, Fran Stutts, Dora Clark, Leitha Courtney, Cindy Qualls, Terry Clift and Susan Malloy.

The meeting was opened with the reading of December's committee meeting and a review of new policies which were adopted for the new year. Diane suggested that the minutes of each month's meetings be sent out to all parents so that they may be better informed about what the troop and the committee are doing. Jill said she would do this.

A sub committee was formed in November with the hopes that a budget could be set for the 2008 year. In that planning, some previous expenses were eliminated and new items were added. The following reflects those changes now in policy for the 2008 year:

1. Altos dues will not be paid with troop funds. Those dues will be paid by the scouts participating in Altos.
2. Troop t-shirts will be ordered by the troop and boys can buy as many as they want at cost from the troop (they are usually about \$8)
3. Monthly dues were increased from \$2 to \$3.
4. Dues must be maintained in order to advance. Advancement will not be granted with an outstanding balance.
5. If a scout transfers in and has less than a year before making Eagle, the scout is responsible for the cost of the Eagle Ceremony. If a scout has been a member for more than a year the presentation kit (approx \$25) will be paid for by the troop (not the neckerchief and slide).
6. Participation in all fundraisers is now required. If the scout fails to participate in a fundraiser his campout fee will increase by \$5 (based on 3 fundraisers). This amount will increase by \$5 for each campout during the year. If he were to fail to participate in all fundraisers he would pay \$15 more for each campout. This begins in January with the spaghetti luncheon.

OLD BUSINESS: Bill asked of the status with our two AWOL tents. Brad is still attempting to get the tents. The family who has them has moved. He or Bill will try to reach the father at work.

OUTDOOR CHAIR: Dora had no report. There is an overnight trip

planned to Poverty Point Feb. 15-16. Terry Clift is presenting items to the boys regarding archaeology to spark some interest in possibly offering help with the archaeology merit badge in conjunction with this trip. The permission slip for this trip will go home tonight. It can also be obtained on the web site through the calendar.

Diane shared information regarding Camp Pioneer's summer camp. Third year + campers are able to go to this summer camp. Sam Melton from Troop 30 in E. Texas has offered to come Jan. 31 and present information on Pioneer. It will be held at the church at 6:30. Bill will take care of reserving a room. Parents and scouts may attend.

ADVANCEMENT: Carlene announced that we have recently had 2 scouts make 2nd class, 2 make Tenderfoot and she's soon expecting to award rank to one more boy in each of these classes.

TRAINING COORDINATOR: No report.

TREASURER: We currently have \$1,470.61 in our account. \$26 in dues was collected last week. \$30.30 was reimbursed to Brad for patrol flag material. It was approved that Brad have a petty cash fund of \$50 given to him. He will use these troop funds when needed. After he presents the treasurer with \$50 in receipts he will be given another \$50. This way he does not have to "front" his own money for troop expenses.

SPAGHETTI DINNER: It was approved that each boy will be asked to sell 5 tickets to help get a better idea of the number to expect. Jill will handle publicity, sign-up sheet for shifts and donations. Bill will talk to the pastor and see what our role will be in the worship services. Feb. 10th is considered Scout Sunday at FUMC-Bossier. Diane will copy and disburse tickets as well as check on what paper goods will be needed (we may have some leftover from last year). It was further decided that all scouts would be needed to donate an item to offset costs for the dinner. If they choose not to bring an item a \$10 donation would be appropriate. Brad will also invite incoming WeBeLos to support the dinner by purchasing tickets and helping with clean-up. The dinner will begin at 10:30 (with to-go orders) and end at 1:00.

SCOUTMASTER REPORT: A March backpacking trip is scheduled for March 29-30.

The WeBeLos crossover ceremony will be Feb. 29th at the Arthur Ray Teague boat launch. He is expecting at least 10 scouts to crossover, maybe more. We also expect a new asst. leader, Brad Nelson.

Brad expects that starting next week the troop will be run by the patrols. Each patrol will have assigned duties each week.

When our recharter was turned in at the end of 2007 we had 27 active scouts in Troop 64. He thinks we could be pushing 40 by March.

The initial payment for summer camp to Pioneer is due Feb. 1. Any 3rd year scout or above wishing to go to this camp should attend the info. Meeting 1/31 and pay a \$60 payment that night. This camp is held the week of July 6-12. Brad further informed the committee that he has commitments from 2 leaders who will be at Pioneer (Brad and Steve) as well as Garland (Jerry and Rahonda) summer camps.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ackie announced that a rehearsal for Forest's Eagle Ceremony would start at 4:00 Saturday and that the ceremony and reception would begin at 6:00. Many troop leaders and scouts were named as participants.

Dora announced that if any scouts wished to help with Pack 104's pinewood derby it would also be Sat. at 10:00 a.m. at RR Chevrolet.

Meeting adjourned.