

Meeting Date: May 31, 2020

Attendees: Shelly Lail, Shannon Tomerlin, Ken Vilardebo, Wayne Devoid, Michelle Devoid

Location: Online meeting

Duration: The committee meeting started at 7:00 pm and ended at 8:20 pm.

Past Events

Troop Elections (Girl Troop) – The girls held their elections on May 4. Rachel is the new SPL.

Court of Honor (Girl Troop) – The girl troop held their COH on May 11th. The COH was presented through a Zoom meeting. R. Devoid prepared the slideshow and A. Wilson did a great job as master of ceremony for the COH.

Court of Honor (Boy Troop) – The boy troop held their COH on May 26th. The COH was presented through a Zoom meeting. A. Banks prepared the slideshow and did a great job presenting.

Planning Meeting (Both Troops) – Both troops voted on the slate of 2020-2020 scouting activities. A few of the events were selected by both troops. Leadership will make sure the logistics are done jointly but camping will be separate between the two troops. The list of trips include:

Boy Troop

Lock-in at Ascension

Canoe trip down Peace River or Crystal River

Tubing float trip down Rainbow River (Swimming and Tubing)

St Augustine historical tour weekend campout

Cape Canaveral Air Force Station Lighthouse (Camping or Tour)

Florida Caverns State Park Campout

Daytona International Speedway Tour and Campout

Overnight shark experience at the Florida Aquarium

Ski Trip to North Carolina

Camporee

New scout campout

2021 National Jamboree

Escape Room

Shooting Range Day

Girl Troop

1 night backpack trip and swim to Alexander Springs (hiking 5 miles)

Overnight shark experience at the Florida Aquarium

Beach campout

Camping in the Everglades

Lock-in at Ascension

St Augustine historical tour weekend campout
Florida Caverns State Park Campout
Jekyll Island Bike and Beach Campout
Snorkel trip to Penny Camp FL Keys
Camporee
New scout campout
Daniel Boone Summer Camp
Trampoline Park
Ziplining or high ropes course

Troop leadership will get together and start planning the activities as soon as both public and Ascension school calendars are available. There was a concern that parents were not involved with selecting dates. W. Devoid mentioned that most families respect the school calendars and if we schedule activities around both public and private school calendars, we should be alright.

Upcoming Events

Escape Room (Girl Troop) – The girl’s escape room day trip was postponed due to COVID-19. The Escape room is now back open so the girls will be making reservations within the next week.

Summer Camp – La-No-Che sent out a status on this year’s summer camp availability. It looks like the first few weeks of La-No-Che will be offered virtually. Both boy and girl troops did not want to move the in-residence week to July so M. Kane has requested a full refund. There is still time to coordinate a week at La-No-Che in July if we get two adults and five scouts interested. M. Kane also said he is looking for the official summer camp signup sheets that scouts filled out in February. If anyone has them, please get them to M. Kane.

Summer Camp - There are four adults and nine scouts currently interested in going to Bechtel. J. McKune, J. DeLaPorte, W. Devoid, and M. Devoid are the adults in charge of the Bechtel summer camp trip. They have signed up for the week of July 19. They have a leader’s meeting scheduled for June 8 to discuss details. There was a request by a new scout to go to Bechtel. The committee’s position is that if all leaders are alright with a new scout going, it would be possible. This will also be discussed at the leader’s meeting on June 8.

High Adventure - The folks originally going to Philmont have designed a new trip. No official report was made.

Fundraising

S. Lail paid our Camp Card bill for both troops using a e-check from our troop account. The receipts were sent to the treasury.

S. Lail said that it is almost time to register for 2020 popcorn sales. She asked that we look for another troop popcorn colonel. She would like to help transition to another person. We need to provide a new popcorn colonel in time for the popcorn training. The training date is TBD at this point.

The committee discussed our participation in the Lightfest fundraiser this year. W. Devoid mentioned that the troop made quite a bit of money for two nights of work and that it would be a good idea for us to participate again this year. S. Lail said she would sign the troop up for a stroll night and one other non-stroll night. We will need to identify someone to head up this effort. The Lightfest setup is the weekend of October 3 and 4 (with an optional campout planned by the District). Gates open on November 22 and stroll weekend is December 4-6.

Treasury

Dues for 2020-2021 was discussed. National registration fees will be \$77 for youth and \$53 for adults. Council also has a program fee of \$51. This brings the minimum we can charge to \$128/\$104 (youth/adult). The troop typically collects \$40 from each scout to cover advancement. That would bring the total for scouts to \$168. The committee felt that this was too much to collect all at once in August. The decision was made to collect \$100 for everyone (including adults) in August and the remainder around the end of November or beginning of December to allow scouts to earn money through popcorn and the Lightfest.

Parents will have the option of paying in installments (\$100 in August, \$63 in November/December) or paying in full. These options will be presented on the yearly troop registration form.

The committee also assigned the action for W. Devoid to see how Scouterships work in case we have families that cannot afford the registration increase. This will be an option based on need. If families apply for a Scoutership, the troop expects that they volunteer for at least two fundraisers.

W. Devoid stressed that June is a good time to reconcile the troop account. Once S. Lail sends the final Camp Card list to the treasurers, all fundraising money can be deposited into scout accounts. We need to make sure this happens so scouts can pay for summer camp. W. Devoid will work with G. Dugger and S. Tomerlin to reconcile the account.

M. Kane gave a report on the bank signature card. He said he was having trouble getting a response from the Church to make an appointment with Fr. Tobin. M. Kane will continue working the issue. We will have to make an appointment with the bank in order to sign the form due to COVID-19 precautions.

Advancement

One scout is bumping up against some deadlines to make eagle by his 18th birthday. K. Vilardebo and M. Kane will be working with the scout to develop a plan for reaching his goal.

Volunteerism

No report.

Recruiting/Membership

Based on the significant increase in registration fees, the committee made it a requirement that the committee chair approve the list of scouts and adults before the troop is re-

chartered in December. This will provide one last opportunity to make sure the troop is not registering a scout, leader, or parent who has not paid registration in full.

A big shout out was made by the committee to D. Ewing for the work she has been doing with the medical records and keeping leaders informed of their youth protection and fingerprint expiration. The committee unanimously approved making D. Ewing the official troop registrar. All medical forms, youth protection certificates, Diocesan fingerprint approvals, and registration forms should go through the troop registrar with a copy sent to A. Salaka. The troop registrar will ensure that all data (specifically expiration dates) will be input into the troop website and/or Scoutbook.

Other

There was a concern brought up that some of the adults who are scheduled to take scouts to summer camp or the other high adventure trip had let their youth protection or Diocesan fingerprint date lapse. In addition, J. DeLaPorte is not a leader registered with the troop. M. Devoid took the action to get with J. DeLaPorte to complete his registration before summer camp.

W. Devoid said that he has plans to do some work on the small trailer this summer. He and the Ewing family are going to add LED lights, fix the bent tongue, add a side access door, and repaint the trailer.

S. Lail asked the committee if she can go ahead with ordering the new boy troop Class B t-shirts. K. Vilardebo asked what the latest was on the last effort to purchase t-shirts. S. Lail said that the last batch were done poorly and were returned to the vendor. She found another vendor who offered the same shirt with 5 colors and only a \$25 setup fee. K. Vilardebo suggested that we take an updated poll to see who needs what size shirt before placing the order. M. Kane suggested that we have a bunch of original shirts left but S. Lail said there are only a handful left and they are all youth small.

W. Devoid mentioned that the new neckerchiefs are in. K. Vilardebo will see who needs a troop neckerchief.

Since the local scout shop has closed, there was discussion on how we were going to secure rank advancement. S. Lail said her son works near the scout shop in Apopka and may be able to stop by to pick up orders. Other scouters are also in the area frequently so they may be able to help pick up orders as well.

Room assignments for this upcoming year are due. S. Lail and A. Salaka will work with the church to secure our meeting rooms for the year.

Next Committee Meeting – The next committee meeting is scheduled for June 28 at 7pm.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:20pm

Action Items

Ken – Complete the adult application with the position code “SM”

Ken – Start looking into scoutmaster training online as well as getting fingerprinted through the Diocese

Ken – Discuss assistant scoutmaster openings with selected parents

Wayne – Update the troop registration form to include registration payment options

Wayne – Look into the process of applying for scouterships

Shelly – Send final Camp Card list to the treasurers

Treasury – Start the yearly reconcile process

Wayne – Get with D. Ewing to make sure she knows how to update user info in the troop website

Shelly – As a parent to head up the 2020 popcorn sales effort

Michelle – Ask J. DeLaPorte to register with the troop

Ken – Put together a list of scouts who need an official troop neckerchief