

Minutes of Troop 575 Parent's Meeting

March 17, 2008

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In attendance: Aaron Eckroad, Cheri Egge, Collette Hempel, Bill Hempel, Kurt Humfeld, Tony Kenow, Tony Koenigsfeld, Mike McDonald, Dave Mills, Kate Mills, Bea Murphy, Ron Murphy, Greg Staffenhagen, Gene Stobbs, Jolene Turk, Nick Turk, Linda Watkins, Mark Wegner

Attending for a short time: Corey Nystrom, Mike Wegner

In a separate meeting (registering): Marco Harroun, Dara Anderson, Jeffrey Doran, Nancy Haan, Ryan Johnson, James Stotz, Cathy Stotz, Dave Thune, John Ward, Teresa Ward

NOTE: Some of these names may be incorrect since the little fat guy didn't keep notes!!

The meeting was called to order by Gene Stobbs since no committee chairmen were present. The minutes of the last meeting were skipped since the secretary was not in attendance and nobody had copies of the minutes.

TROOP STATUS

The Troop now has 35 Scouts. We have registered 14 new Scouts in the past three weeks and are busy working to help them complete advancement requirements. The goal is to have all of the new Scouts achieve First Class rank within 12 months.

COMMITTEE POSITIONS

A list of committee positions was distributed and people were asked to put their name beside any position that sounded interesting. The goal is to have every adult in a position and doing something to help the Troop. We are not trying to overwhelm anyone but if everyone does a little, it keeps a few from doing a lot.

FINANCIAL STATUS

A copy of the Troop financial position including individual Scout accounts was distributed. We have several Scouts and former Scouts who have a negative balance. Letters need to be sent to these individuals and their families to see if we can get these paid up. These letters should come from the Troop Committee Chair(s).

Mike will have a summary of each Scout's individual account to be put into the mailbox. This will permit the Scout to know how hard he has to work on the next fundraiser and whether he can take money from his account for the next outing or he if has to get the money elsewhere.

OUTING UPDATE

Copies of the Outing Updates were distributed and discussed briefly. A few changes were recommended. These changes have been made and the new Update is on the web site (www.vikingtroop575.org).

JLT/TLT

Junior Leader Training and Troop Leadership Training will be held at Camp Cooper on April 4 – 6, 2008. Directions to Camp Cooper are included on the Troop Update. Parents are encourage (begged) to attend this outing even if only for the day on Saturday. This is an opportunity to watch the Troop (and your Scout) in action. The parents do the cooking and cleaning so more hands make light work. We will be leaving St. Gerard's at 6:00 pm on Friday and return about noon on Sunday.

SPAGHETTI DINNER WRAPUP

The spaghetti dinner was held February 2. We served over **257** people and made **\$1166.47**. This is an improvement over last year but still not as good as hoped.

Many thanks to Tim and Mary Kay Andreen for doing such a fantastic job of organizing this event.

FLOWER SALES

Greg Staffenhagen and Collette Hempel are in charge of the flower sales this year. The orders are due on April 7. Only the totals by type are needed. The individual record of who they were sold to should be kept by the Scout.

Flower delivery is on May 2 at about 8:30 am. We can use help unloading the truck if you are available. Those helping unload can also get their orders at that time and be done for the day.

Flower money is due on May 19. The prices for these flowers is lower than, or comparable to, most of the discount stores in the area. The quality is good and purchasers are helping a young man pay his own way. These should be a fairly easy sell.

SUMMER CAMP

The Troop will be going to Tomahawk Scout Reservation near Rice Lake, WI on June 21 – 28, 2008. We will be leaving St. Gerard's at 9:00 am on Saturday June 21 and return about noon on Saturday June 28. Parent's are encouraged to camp with the Troop for the entire week or even for a day or two. Simply let Ron Murphy know so he can arrange for meals and a tent (WOW!! A place to sleep). Scouts have the opportunity to work on merit badges (lists and recommendations will be available in a couple of weeks), swim, sail, canoe, row, shoot rifles, climb the climbing tower and rappel down, shoot arrow on the archery range, throw tomahawks, eat in the dining hall, cook (Wednesday only), feed mosquitoes and get sunburned. Cost is \$225 for Scouts and \$85 for Adults (very limited programs are available for adults). The fee goes up by \$10 after April 15 so get your name on the list NOW.

TRAINING

Scout Leader Basic Training will be held on March 25, April 1, April 8, and April 15 at Redeemer Lutheran Church (42nd and highway 100) in Robbinsdale and April 22 and 23 at Rum River Scout Camp. The training begins at 6:30 but it is suggested that you arrive by 6:00 to get registered and have opportunity to meet other participants. The cost is \$20.00. **You can miss up to two weeks of the training and still complete the course. Make up sessions will be held on the weekend of April 22.**

This training is required for anyone working with Scouts and is recommended for all parents. This will explain how the program works and will have you assume the role of a new Scout working through all requirements for First class (except swimming).

SCHEDULED TIME FOR PARENT'S MEETING

The time for holding parent's meetings was discussed. Having the meeting on Monday night means the SPL and Scoutmaster cannot attend. After much discussion it was decided to leave the meeting date on the third Monday of the month and have someone review all items with the Scoutmaster and SPL within a day or two of the meeting.

SCOUTMASTER REPORT

Corey reported that everything seems to be going well with the new Scouts and with the Troop in general. The Troop attended the Webelos Crossing event for the District on March 9. They also went to the Minneapolis Auto Show on March 15.

The next outside event is Vertical Endeavors where Scouts will be working on the Climbing merit badge. Vertical Endeavors is a private facility that has several climbing walls. The thrust of the next two meetings will be working on the requirements for Climbing merit badge. **Meet at St. Gerard's at 1:00 on Saturday March 29. Return about 6:00. Cost is \$20.00. Each Scout MUST bring a waiver signed by his parents. Go to www.verticalendeavors.com to get a copy. A blank one is being sent with this report also.**

SPL REPORT

Michael Wegner introduced himself and asked anyone with questions to give him a call. Troop elections will be held on April 7.

OTHER BUSINESS

The committee voted to purchase books for the "new" Scouts. Gene Stobbs has already done this and this will keep him from footing the bill.

The committee voted to make the JLT/TLT outing a free outing for those attending. The Troop will cover all costs associated with this outing.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:25