

Notes for Parent Committee Meeting

Troop 393- Committee meeting 27Jul2021 7:00pm

Troop web site: troop393pa.com

Next meeting date: 31Aug2021

Attendance

Amanda Kneisley, Tina Keeler (notes), Ken Neumann, Lee Landis, Cindy Trussell, Tina Daley, Beth Mitchell, Eli Zweizig,

I.Treasury Report

- Budget update

Checkbook balance	\$12,555.15
Scout accounts	2,129.74
Campership fund	1,508.06
Veteran's memorial fund	301.68
 Total Troop Fund	 \$8,615.67

- No update this month.

II.Old Business

- The Barnstormers game in June was fun, and they won. The weather was great, and there were fireworks during the game from Celebrate Lancaster. Sleeping over went well, except for a fire alarm going off nearby. Leaders did not notice scouts up late and unattended as on a previous overnight campout. Scouts were done by 8am.
- 3 Adults and 8 Scouts went to Hawk Mountain for Scout Camp. Scouts really bonded during the trip. Ken entered all of the rank advancements and merit badges – everything should be up to date in Scout Book. There were some staffing issues at the camp, but adults said that they would go back. Communication outside of camp is not the best. Negative: no electricity at any of the sites. There is a new dining hall, but all scouts ate at camp sites this year. Scouts all finished their merit badges while at camp with the exception of a partial for Camping which is due to additional nights of camping needed.

New Business

- Owen Keeler presented his proposal for his Eagle Scout Project. West Lampeter Township requested a project at the baseball field by West Lampeter Township Park off Main Street / Peach Bottom Road in Willow Street. The benches are old/bowing and need to be replaced. The township agreed to leave in the posts that are cemented in the ground as they are still in good condition and just replace the tops of the 3 existing benches. There is also an old utility box to store bases that is in bad condition. Owen proposed to replace it with a resin storage box that would hold up better with weather, and put the box on top of gravel for draining/aesthetics. Committee suggested that this

would require digging down a few inches and then putting down the gravel. Old box will need to be dismantled and removed. Owen passed around pictures of current benches/box and the proposed resin box. Funding would be donations from family/friends and is not being done with a fundraiser. Owen is hoping to get the project completed by the end of summer. Committee suggested checking with the township for when the field is being used to avoid timing conflicts. Ken suggested that the project could be done as a scout meeting on a different night of the week if needed. Committee agreed with project proposal and Owen will move forward with getting approvals.

- Amanda and Tina Daley discussed a Scout Service Project for Pequea Elementary – 30 signs are needed for the rooms – cut them, paint them and drill holes to hang them. All supplies would be provided. Tina will follow up. Scouts can get community service hours. This could be completed during a Tuesday scout meeting prior to school starting, but will need to determine a location to do the painting and allow time for the signs to dry.
- Troop will need to decide soon on Scout Camp for next year (by mid-September to get dates). Ken will discuss with the scouts to get ideas for what merit badges they need or what older scouts might like to do to determine the best location for next year. Leaders would consider going back to Hawk Mountain. Other options could be Camp Rodney, Camp Resica or a new location.
- Ken discussed purchasing a Troop banner for camping and scout functions – can order one with Troop logo for less than \$40. Parent committee was in favor.
- Backpacking hike to Peavine Island is Aug 14-15. Beth will send out a doodle sign up once the times are determined. Ken will double check with Rebecca about the cooking merit badge requirements for the trip.
- Possible canoeing / kayaking trip at Muddy Run in August. Amanda will contact and find out fees to rent. Could also possibly do tubing - Cindy can also check to see if Sickman's Mill would let us get out there if we don't rent their tubes. Lee and Eli have a couple dozen tubes that could be used.
- Gettysburg Weekend Trip – Cindy had a very thorough handout which presented different options. Ken said this would satisfy a requirement for Citizenship in the Nation, which some of the scouts need. Ken suggested that it should be an opportunity for camping. Leaders/committee decided on option of Sep 17-19 weekend which includes camping through the Gettysburg Battlefield Preservation Association and a Living History event to celebrate the Battle of Antietam/Sharpsburg with battle reenactments, Artillery and Calvary demonstrations and Living History programs. More information to come.

III.Upcoming Events

- Aug 14-15 – Peavine Island
- Aug 31 – Next Parent Meeting
- Sep 17-19 – Gettysburg Camping Trip

IV.Scoutmaster's Report (Ken Neumann)

- Ken reported that things are going really well with the Troop. His goal is to have everything planned out 6 months ahead. Would like scouts to start wearing Class A uniforms again for meetings once school starts.