

Troop 393 Parent Committee Meeting Notes

Troop Web Site: Troop393pa.com

April 28th, 2014

Attendance: Mike Prouse, Karen Blevins, Kathleen Massar, Ken Wirtz, Jean Garrett, Jenn Wiley, Faith Hollern, Liza Kuhn

Treasury Report: Karen Blevins

• Checkbook Balance	\$9,565.85
• Scout Accounts	\$5,046.77
• Campership Fund	\$1,066.15
• <u>Veteran's Memorial Fund</u>	<u>\$ 677.29</u>
• Total Troop Fund	\$2,775.64

Old Business:

- **Chicken BBQ**

1. Sold 800 chicken BBQ, similar to last year – Sold 325 halves and 475 dinners – total profit was \$2,581
2. Many Scouts and Leaders turned out to help with this event and enjoyed prepping and working this Scout activity. Many life lessons and skills were learned through teamwork and dealing with the public, while enjoying each others comradery and having fun at the same time.
3. Thanks to all the Scouts and Leaders for their time and effort in making the Chicken BBQ a success. A special thanks goes out to Jean Garrett for organizing and Ryan Fahnestock for collecting the money.

New Business:

- **T-Shirts**

1. Looking to get New Class B T-Shirts for Troop
2. Troop would like to buy **one** T-Shirt for each Scout and Scout Leader out of Troop funds

3. Will propose a plan to have an option to purchase an additional T-Shirt and/or sweatshirt
 4. Liza Kuhn made a motion to purchase T-Shirts for Troop Scouts and Leaders. Jean Garrett seconded the motion. All in favor of the motion. None opposed.
- **Yearly Lesson Plans**
 1. Adult leaders are meeting once a month to try and plan lessons up to a year ahead. (Idea is to help scouts catch up with rank advancements, to provide more coaching/guidance for patrol leaders, and to get Scouts excited and engaged about Scouting)
 2. Will have a new lesson plan for each weekly meeting
 3. Meeting will start with an outdoor or indoor activity, and then proceed with opening ceremony, patrol meetings, skills instruction, interpatrol activity and then closing, each with an allotted amount of time.* See attached for example of programs features
 4. Would like to see one meeting a month dedicated to a fun activity with low or no cost. Considering activities such as Frisbee golf and hiking. Any ideas are welcome. Please email Mike Prouse with ideas.

Upcoming Events:

- C.O.P.E – Friday, May 1st – Sunday, May 3rd -Meet at church 6:00pm Friday and return around 10:30am Sunday.
- Potential day trip to Black Rock Retreat - Saturday, May 30th – High and low ropes course challenge. Look for emailed signup sheet soon and please reply ASAP so we can secure the date if you are interested!
- Hershey Park – Wednesday, June 10th – Friday, June 12th
- Resica Falls summer camp – July 12th – July 18th
- Caving in Shippensburg, PA – August 15th. Group will be lead by a guide. This event is for scouts 14 and older
- August - may do another trip such as a bike rail trail to include an activity for younger scouts in August

Brett's Minute:

- Order of the Arrow candidate's election was held last week and is taken care of for summer camp.
- C.O.P.E at Camp Bayshore – may stay in tents instead of Adirondacks due to cost. Dress for cold weather at night, wear sneakers, bring water bottle and mess kits
- Canceled white water rafting due to low interest this year. May try and make this trip every other year instead
- Hershey Park trip is June 10th – 12th – Liza Kuhn organizing
- Trip to Hershey Bears – great turnout (35-38 people, maybe more)
- Getting ready for summer camp at Resica Falls July 12th – 18th
- Frank Saul organized caving for August 15th near Shippensburg. Group lead for scouts 14 and older
- Will try and schedule another August outing to include younger scouts such as a rail trail
- Tonight is the transitioning of Neal Kuhn taking over as Scout Master
- Merit Badges currently being worked on are: Citizenship, First Aid, and Personal Management
- Eagle Scout Projects coming up: Steven Hollern, Colin Anderson, and Jack Drummond, Corey's will be soon – Scouts should be dedicating their time helping and earning service hours
- Brett will be focusing on merit badges and Eagle Scout coaching

Neal Kuhn:

- Neal Kuhn introduced himself and is transitioning to be the new Scout Master
- Core group of leaders will be himself, Mike Prouse, Lee Landis, and John Wiley
- Things seem to be in good shape so no drastic changes
- Some lesson plans are in place and future lesson plans are being worked on

- Key for Scouts – Scouts need to make a choice to have fun. Scouts should have a positive attitude towards scouting. If Scouts are here to have fun then we will all have fun!

Next parent meeting is Tuesday, May 26th