

## Notes for Parent Committee Meeting

**Troop 393- Committee meeting 27 Oct 2015 7:00pm**

**Troop web site: troop393pa.com**

**Next meeting is 1 Dec 2015**

### **Attendance**

Tina Keeler (notes), Jenn Wiley, Karen Blevins, Mike Prouse, Wayne Beiler, Liza Kuhn, Kathleen Massar, Steve Becker, Jeff Frego, Tiffany Kreider

### **I. Treasury Report**

- Budget update

Checkbook balance	\$6,345.52
Scout accounts	2,232.61
Campership fund	1,066.15
Veteran's memorial fund	287.23
 Total Troop Fund	 \$2,759.53

### **II. Old Business**

- Nice camping trip over the past weekend – rain held out for overnight. Older boys were helping the younger boys and teaching them how the equipment works.
- Road clean up went well - good turnout. Thanks to Gail for organizing.

### **III. New Business**

- Poinsettia orders are due next week (Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>). If we sell more than \$3000 of poinsettias we can get free shipping. We were close last year (around \$2800). Karen will need some help on the afternoon of December 8<sup>th</sup> to organize them. There will be no meeting that night, just poinsettia pick up.
- Would like to use some money to purchase some new tents for the troop. Probably will need to rotate some new ones in each year.
- Cookies and Carols Lock in is coming up – scouts sleep over at church, make cookies and care packages, deliver them to nursing home and sing carols
- Still discussion about where food will be donated for Scouting for Food. If Ascension Lutheran is collecting food, it can be donated here. Troop Leaders will contact Kent. If not, it could be donated to Lampeter United Methodist.
- Sign up Genius will go out to get some donations for paper products to keep in the trailer for when needed. The normal process will be to use mess kits, but there may be occasions for convenience or with guests when it is needed.
- Tiffany Kreider suggested that they have a 15 passenger van and also a cabin (about 4 hours away) that sleeps 30 people that can be utilized. There is running water, bathrooms, kitchen. It will be brought up at the next PLC for planning future activities.

#### **IV. Upcoming Events**

- November 3 – Poinsettia Order Forms Due
- November 13-15 – Navy Football Game and Camping Trip
- November 14 – Scouting for Food –Bag Distribution (any scouts not attending Navy trip)
- November 21 – Scouting for Food – Food Pick Up
- December 1 – Parent Committee Meeting
- December 8 – Poinsettia Pick up – NO SCOUT MEETING
- December 11-12 – Cookies and Carols Lock in at Church
- February 5-7 – Ski Trip

#### **V. Scoutmaster's Report (Neal Kuhn)**

- Discussion of 'what is an active scout'? Leaders expectation is that it is coming to the meetings and participating in the meetings, but also participating in camp outs and service projects when they are able to, understanding that they are also involved in other activities and jobs, etc. Expectation is that older boys are helping younger boys with advancements. Committee acknowledged that usually the boys who are working to become an Eagle scout are also the ones who are very active in other school activities/sports and they will have to balance their time to be able to remain 'active'. Committee discussed what is the appropriate % of attendance that makes an 'active scout'. This will be discussed further at the next parent committee meeting.
- Also discussed that if there is a group working on a merit badge at the meeting and a scout already has it, there are other activities planned that the scout can do that night or they may be asked to help with the merit badge.