

## Notes for Parent Committee Meeting

**Troop 393- Committee meeting 01 Dec 2015 7:00pm**

**Troop web site: troop393pa.com**

**Next meeting is 26 Jan 2016**

### **Attendance**

Tina Keeler (notes), Jenn Wiley, Karen Blevins, Mike Prouse, Wayne Beiler, Liza Kuhn, Kathleen Massar, Steve Becker, Jeff Frego, Tiffany Kreider, Darrell Kreider, Ken Wirtz, Faith Hollern, Gail Lanas, Brett Anderson

### **I. Treasury Report**

- Budget update (note that poinsettias are not paid for yet, so this will change)

Checkbook balance	\$9,878.54
Scout accounts	2,571.61
Campership fund	1,066.15
Veteran's memorial fund	287.23
 Total Troop Fund	 \$5,953.55

### **II. Old Business**

- Fantastic weekend at the Navy football game. Elks campground did a nice job accommodating all of the scouts.
- Great turn out for scouting for food. Special thanks to Kathleen Massar for organizing and thanks also to those who picked up the slack for bag drop off. 860 pounds of food were collected and delivered to Lampeter United Methodist. We will need to see if Navy trip coincides with scouting for food next year to see if we have enough scouts to keep current routes or give up/pick up additional routes. A few parents noted that houses that usually get bags from cubscouts/boyscouts did not this year.

### **III. New Business**

- Discussion of what is an 'active scout' continued from last meeting. 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 sports, 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'. The committee came up with a target of 60% of meetings and 30% of outings (2 out of every 6) in a 6 month period. Scouts should be communicating if they are not able to come and why (can call or email Mr. Kuhn or let

another scout know). This is important for rank advancement (required to be an active participant in troop for 6 months). This does not mean that boys must choose between a sport or scouts. Not every boy will become an Eagle scout, but this rank demands extra effort and commitment. Ultimately the chair and Scout Master will be the ones who make the decision to sign off on advancement.

- Karen will need some help on the afternoon of December 8<sup>th</sup> to organize poinsettias from 2:15 – 3:30 (Karen, Kim Prouse, Jenn Wiley, Tiffany Kreider). There will be no meeting that night, just poinsettia pick up from 4-6pm. Contact Karen if you can't make it by 6pm and you can pick up at her house later.
- Klondike winter camp is coming up in January at Camp Mack (camping outside in tents). Scouts will decorate sleds and participate in competitions at different stations.
- Tiffany Kreider has volunteered to take on Chicken BBQ. She will contact Jean Garrett to get her information. More details to come.
- Brendan Massar presented his Eagle project to committee. Working with Brethren Village retirement home for a Music and Memory program. Brendan will do an iPod drive to collect used iPods and speakers. He will be getting donations of headphones (new), speakers, iTunes gift cards. Hoping for donations drive in January (YMCA, churches, LS). Scouts can help with drive, collection, and distribution at Brethren Village. Hoping to distribute in March.

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

- December 8 – Poinsettia Pick up – NO SCOUT MEETING
- December 11-12 – Cookies and Carols Lock in at Church
- December 22 – NO MEETING
- December 29 – NO MEETING
- January 15-16 – Klondike at Camp Mack
- January 26 – Parent Committee Meeting
- February 5-7 – Ski Trip at Blue Knob
- February 7 – Scout Sunday (any scouts not on ski trip)
- February 27 – Pack 286 Blue and Gold Banquet (new scouts crossing over)

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

- Lashings meeting tonight is going well.
- Please have scouts sign up for cookies and carols – there is a sign up for donations for making cookies and making gift bags to deliver to the nursing home. Great night for parents to come sleep over in church.
- Have been going over rank advancements to try to get ones signed off before end of year (only one more meeting on December 15).
- Boys will sign a card to give to church with poinsettias