

These are the minutes for the meeting at Mr. Krenks office tonight. Troop Committee meeting.

April, 13th 2010

Present were: E.J. Krenk, Rick Stein, Jay Buchanan, Bob Griffiths, and Heather Smalley.

Mr. Krenk opened the meeting and minutes from the last meeting were not read.

Treasures report: Heather Smalley stated that we have \$3,183.34 in the bank account and many scouts still have to pay dues for the 2010 year. I just gave Mr. Phillips a check for Camp Cedars, and some of the scouts need to reimburse the Troop.

Outdoor activities: The Spring Camporee is coming up this month at Chalco Hills, on the 23-25 of April, and the next Camp out for May will be the weekend of May 21-23 at Mark Roberts Lake near Lincoln and it will be a fishing camp out.

Service Projects: The Service Project at Jennifer Bennett's church, involving stepping stones has been put on hold until a later announcement. Scouting for Food flyers were handed out this week during the regular meeting, and this Saturday the Food pick-up will take place and Scouts should report to Keiwitt at 10:00 to serve and assist with the food pick-up. The Food will be taken to any Hy-Vee store. Also, Cottonwood Elementary Carnival will be held May 15th and Scouts will be asked to assist as they did last year with running the concession stand and some of the booths at the carnival.

Membership Coordinator: Bob Griffiths discussed Troop 374 and the scouts that crossed over, and the books and neckerchiefs that were provided to them and we haven't seen any of them at a Scout meeting. Follow up should be done to know the status of those scouts.

Webmaster: Mr. Stein commented on doing more with the website and having some of the scouts involved with it. He also discussed having Jewish holidays posted on the website and the Troop calendar so that those Holidays could be observed as well in our Troop and planning for activities that wouldn't conflict with Holiday schedules.

Eagle Coordinator: Mr. Buchanan has been very busy and very instrumental in helping upcoming Eagle candidates to plan and stay on track to finish qualifications. Discussion was held about having some kind of Eagle information packet available to parents and scouts to know what the Troop would be responsible for in an eagle Court of Honor and also information for parents who aren't as familiar of resources and guidelines to assist in an Eagle Court of Honor. And what the Troop responsibility should be for an Eagle Court of Honor. Also, what the parent responsibilities might be. An Eagle Court of Honor scripts book may be made available to the Troop by Mr. Buchanan to help with these activities. Also, a list of past Eagles from the troop or the community that parents could invite to their Eagle ceremony for support of their Scout. This past week's Eagle Ceremony of Ethan Bennett was a very nice ceremony and I would encourage all parents to have their scout attend and recognize the importance and the dedication and great Honor these young men have attained. As a parent of two young scouts, I have a vision for my sons' and want to teach them that goal. It is something that will never be taken away once it is earned. And that is a great accomplishment.

Round Table: Mr. Griffiths discussed several events that are up and coming, of which there is a meeting I believe at the Mid America Council about the new Scuba Merit badge this Thursday evening and Dive ventures is going to be a part of that new wonderful opportunity for Scouts.

Discussion was also made about possibly taking scouts to Florida to live on a boat for five days, in 2011 or 2012, and scuba and snorkel, and learn about boating and sailing and terms pertaining to the sea and life at sea. Mr. Buchanan was going to check more into this opportunity. May 7-8 there will be an OA Western Spring Conclave at Camp Cedars and another coming up at Little Sioux.

Scout Master Report: Mr. Krenk stated that we still need Parent volunteers for Camp Cedars to commit in helping with camp and staying there. We need Summer Camp adults- 1 more full time, or 2-3 part time to give their time to assist at Cedars. Mr. Krenk will be there full time, but is the only adult so far. Please consider this service to our Troop and our scouts.

Some of the scouts still need to pay for dues for 2010. And If you haven't paid your dues, and don't feel your scout may have enough in their scout account to cover it will you please contact me. I've emailed some of you with scout account totals and have heard back from some of you, and I thank you for your response. If I can be of any assistance, please call me at 960-3504, or my correct home address is Heather Smalley, 17241 Woolworth Avenue, Omaha, Ne. 68130. You can drop your check in the mail to me, or you can see me at our next meeting on Monday.

Parents, thank you all for your support, and your guidance to your scouts. For your time, and the time of the leaders of our Troop. We are building great young men, and that makes me very proud and I know you are all too.