

Troop 324 Parent Meeting March 6, 2005

Parents in attendance: Frank Colletti, Sun Hwa Colletti, Glen Carney, Jerry Weinstock, Ron Dado, Randy Lutz, Mike Wehmeyer, Bill Kelm, Doug Freidrichsen, Hal Weintrub, Mark Lloyd, Doug Butcher, Kelly Rotert, Paul Drown, Debbie Siler, Phil Winegardner

Sponsor Minute - Paul Drown: The church has three opportunities for community service if any scout is interested in participating. The annual spring clean up of the church is scheduled for Saturday, March 19th 8:00 am – 2:00 pm. There will be a blood drive on April 18th. Christ Lutheran and Lord of Life are coordinating a servant day to help clean up and repair a section of the inner city on Saturday, April 30th.

Scoutmaster – Frank Colletti: Frank reported that he was extremely happy with the campout this weekend. He had asked the eagle scouts to plan and execute stations along the hiking trail for the troop. Five eagles were involved and Frank was very proud of how the event turned out. He would like to see more of these scout run activities planned in the future. Ben Weintrub did an outstanding job of being SPL for the campout on the spur of the moment.

Frank explained the leadership roles and the document that the troop has now in place regarding the guidelines for each position. The scout will apply for their leadership position, take responsibility for it and do a self -appraisal at the end of his 6-month term. Credit for leadership positions will not be automatic at the end of time served.

Any scout who takes on a leadership position for the next term will be required to attend a leader training session on Saturday, April 2nd at 9:00 am. More details to follow. Paul Drown suggested that the troop consider sending one or two scouts to the Brown Sea Junior leader training session this summer at Naish. He proposed that the troop subsidize the cost of it, as what the scouts learn there will benefit the troop as a whole. Frank will look over the materials that he has received about the program.

Frank is concerned about the general conduct of our scouts. There are repeated incidents of scouts being disrespectful to other scouts. Please discuss this with your son and emphasize that the troop does not approve of this behavior and it is eroding what we are trying to instill in our troop. The adults are aware of the problem and are attempting to stop it as soon as it starts. Emphasis will be placed on getting the older scouts to intervene as well. This is especially important with new scouts crossing over.

Advancement – Debbie Siler: The next Court of Honor is scheduled for Monday, March 28th. All merit badges should be given to Debbie by March 21st. She will not be at the next two meetings so please mail them to her by the deadline.

Round Table – Mark Lloyd: RTH is requesting that for all leaders obtain training. Camporee will be the 3rd weekend in October. It will be patrol competitions. Mark is looking to have the High School scouts participate in running the stations during the day.

High Adventure – Phil Winegardner: We lost out on the draw for Sea Base. In the open calling we are able to have June space for the out island adventure (the trip no one seemed interested in) and August time for the Coral Reef trip (the one most scouts wanted). Sea base is sending Phil contracts and we will see if there is any interest in what is available to our troop. We are not committed until we send in the \$100.00 deposit per person.

Bartle – Randy & Ron: Health forms are on the web site. Adults should make their physical appointments now. Will be sending out a questionnaire as to which ranger programs the troop should participate in.

Camping – Jerry Weinstock: April campout is caving at Jacob's Cave in Missouri, April 15-17. Ken Mason is coordinating. At the meeting on Monday, April 11 there will be a speaker at the troop meeting who will discuss caving.

May 13 – 15th is the canoe trip. There has been a location change and we will be going back to the place we previously used.

Recruitment- Jon Appleby: We should have 12 – 13 new scouts crossing over to our troop in April.

Training – Mike Wehmeyer: Assistant scoutmaster training will be April 22-23. Outdoor leader training will be May 6-7.

Open positions: The troop is in need of an OA coordinator, Fund Raising Chairman, Community Service Coordinator and Advancement Chairman. If interested in any of these positions please see Jeff Siler.

Quartermaster – Doug Butcher: Doug will be creating a leadership opportunity for those who need a leadership project for rank advancement. There will be a scout led overhaul of the trailer and gear within the next month.

Treasurer – Bill Kelm: We have some scouts who have turned 18 but want to remain registered with the troop. They will be charged \$10.00, which is what it

costs the troop to register them. If they go on campouts they will be charged the scout fee if they use troop equipment; the adult fee if they bring their own.

Bill proposed that whoever pulls the trailer for campouts be reimbursed for their gas. It was brought up for a vote and passed. If you pull the trailer, turn in your gas receipt to Bill after the campout (within 30 days) for reimbursement. This policy is effective as of 3/4/05.

Invoices will be sent for the last Bartle payment. It will be due mid-April.

T-shirts- Lisa Fredrichsen: Doug reported for Lisa that tomorrow night will be the last night to place t-shirt and sweatshirt orders. Payment is due when they arrive. Donna Fye will add extra t-shirts to the order to accommodate the new scouts crossing over in April.

The next parent meeting will be Monday, April 18th.