

**Troop 53 Parent Committee Meeting
McFarland Lutheran Church
May 7, 2007**

Present: Tom Hovel, Mark Birrenkott, Janis Lugo, Michael Fay, Robin Roberts, Christine Weidner, Joan Hare

1. Call to order and opening comments.

Meeting called to order by Tom at 6:35 p.m.

2. Treasurer's Report: Balance of \$6,000 in scouts' account; \$10,200 in Bernie Fund; just over \$4,000 in general account. Approval of report—first by Robin, seconded by Janis.

Northern Tier payments: Joan indicated payments and deductions to each participant's account as follows: Make payment, divide it by the number of participants, and deduct that number out of each participant's account.

3. Approval of previous minutes from 9 April 2007:

Christine made motion to approve; Mark seconded.

4. Reports

Senior Patrol Leader: Evan reported that the scouting for food flyers will be back inside the food bags for next year. We will go back to Abraham Lincoln Pilgrimage next year. We will now devote one meeting for church ground improvements starting with the June 4 meeting. Planning activities and games for the Lake Farm Park campout, which will include Pack 53.

Decided to put sparkers in each patrol box for the May 18 Wilderness Survival campout. We have two sparkers now, and Mark indicated that he will look for additional.

Scoutmaster's Report: Brock indicated that we were told we have not handed in our Scouting for Food Report. Tom indicated that the number is probably 2500-3000 collected this year. We will get this in. According to James Listug, participation in reception was good. Numbers for some troops up, others down. However, considering putting Boy Scout Symbol and Scouting on front of flyer instead of Anchor Bank ad.

New patrols seem to be working out. Have not heard complaints; stay as are until further notice.

Abraham Lincoln Pilgrimage campout very successful. Appreciate all of the adult help.

We had three boys attend the Order of Arrow Spring Conference. Tony Lugo-Caruso received his Ordeal. Scott and Evan Chalmers served as Elangomats.

Memorial Day parade coming up on May 28, and flag folding at Legion Hall at 4:45 p.m. that day.

Troop Elections will be at Scout meeting in two weeks. We will have the elections outdoors as the Family Living Center will be in use with another activity. If it rains, we will be in a room in the basement of the church.

Looking for adult volunteers for the Wilderness Survival campout May 18-20. Seven boys have signed up for summer camp. Attendance at summer camp is much reduced due to the High Adventure at Boundary Waters. We need a second leader for summer camp.

District Roundtable Representative: Christine reported on High Adventure. Made last payment to Northern Tier; everything is paid up.

Quetico Park—will have to pay when we get there. They accept Visa or Master Card only, so will need to get a charge card. Better to have card with certain amount of dollars on it—Joan indicated she will take care of this. Robin also indicated he could secure a card. We go to building and pay fees, show all permits, CanPass. Found out that there will be no bus ride.

Swamp the canoe night is on May 9. Shakedown meeting on May 23.

District Roundtable: Any service project that the troop does, you can log on and track your hours.

Activities coming up:

Picnic in June for Roundtable

Annual Rockton-Roscoe Area Scout Fishing Derby, June 9

Boy Scout Days at Six Flags, May 12 & June 2

Yahara & Wisconsin River District Fall Camporee, October 5-7, Columbia County Fairgrounds

Ideal Year of Scouting Training, June 5, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church-Madison

Steve DeWitt, Wood Badge Scoutmaster from Madison is putting together a wilderness program for Philmont end of May or June 2-4. Cost is \$25, and can hold 12-15 people. Definitely worth it.

Advancement Chair: Tom for Rich P. Michael Fay advanced to First Class; Joshua Hare advanced to 2nd Class.

Equipment Coordinator/Quartermaster: Mark indicated trailer jack is broken and will try to get it fixed before next campout. Will try to get another propene hose. Put hold on next canoe purchase. Putting another canoe in garage would be tight.

Thought of a few things with the additional money donated to us: six new canoe paddles—every one we have has something wrong with it. Will try to get those before outing. Get a good price on flotation vests.

Thank you letter out to the Straubs for the canoe.

Request from Drew to borrow equipment for Eagle Project: 1 white elephant, water jug, troop banner, first aid kit, cooler, tarps. Banner will make good advertisement for Boy Scouts. This is fine and was approved.

Fundraising Chair: Michael Fay will be meeting with Steve and Heather. Letter for advertisement on pancake breakfast needs to be rewritten to something promoting pancake breakfast.

5. Old Business

Draft policy on adult leader training: Discussion on the draft policy. Tom passed this by James Listug—he had no problem with it. Draft policy does not make adult leadership training mandatory, but encourages training. Recognizes two-deep adult leadership. Motion made to adopt amended policy—first by Robin, seconded by Joan. Tom will get final copy out to all.

6. New Business

A. Eagle Project Fund: will have discussion at next meeting. Drew Birrenkott is withdrawing his request for funds as he has raised the money.

B. Patrol Food: Future agenda item. After the last campout, two parents wanted to talk about buying food. They were told to plan for certain number of scouts and fewer scouts attended the campout.

Robin reported that the Troop-Pack website is down and trying to get back up.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. Motioned by Christine; Janis seconded.

Respectfully submitted,
Janis Caruso Lugo, Secretary