

Troop 32 – Committee Meeting – September 7, 2012

Attending: G. Varnerin (recorder/chair), J. Stiles, K. Pennett, A. Hayeck, F. Hayeck, L. Celeste, I. Dicken, N. Monetti, and S. Tucker.

Meeting Minutes

Prior meeting minutes were accepted. The Next Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 2, 2012, 7:30pm at Wilson Memorial Church.

Advancement

TJ Vagell – Tenderfoot
5 Scouts earned the “50 Miler” badge at Sabattis

Treasurer’s Report – Lucina

There is \$8484 in checking and \$16,225 in the T. Rowe account.

A detailed report of 2011-12 expenses was presented, along with a proposed 2012-13 budget. The current Hilltop balance is about \$3600 below the same point (after Summer expenses paid; before dues collected) in 2011.

Approximately \$2500 of that is due to lower than anticipated fundraising, and higher than expected troop-funded camping and donation expenses. The proposed budget anticipates a turnaround in all three areas.

General Business

Fundraising

Wreath Sales – We will need to find another supplier this year. Our previous supplier, Roy, passed away recently. His son does not believe they are in a position to supply our needs this year. The committee will donate \$100 to Roy’s family (wife), in his memory.

The topic of a new supplier was discussed. “Somerset Farms” was brought up. Fred suggested a supplier he is familiar with in Middlesex. Fred will open discussions with this supplier.

Popcorn Sales – This is sponsored by PPC. The troop’s commission starts at 30% (up to ~40%, based on volume). Sales can be made through centralized sales events (Show and Sale; with troop pre-purchased inventory), presales orders from friends/family (later pickup/delivery), and through a website. The official PPC popcorn sales season started over the summer, however online sales are ongoing, and inventory can be purchased at any time.

CO Detector Sales – Sue has done some investigation. Possible suppliers include Costco and Home Depot (return policy advantage), or the manufacturer directly. It is not clear if we can get a volume price that is significantly lower than average retail.

Sales Venues – Local Churches, Harvest Festival, Tree of Lights ??

Spaghetti Dinner – ??

Eagle Status

Drew Desai – Plans to start his project this month.

Matt Celeste – No word received since August. Should contact either Jack (coach) or Scott Berger (PPC)

Walter Pennett – Has received all local signatures. Submitted to Council.

Noah Monetti – Still looking for a project. Several ideas/approaches were discussed.

Tim Carroll – Sue is waiting for a response from Tim.

Calendar

- **Road Cleanup** – The next cleanup is scheduled for **December 8**, at 8:00 AM.
- **Wreath Sales** – Events/milestones for wreath sales need to be added to the Calendar.

Eagle Project Plaques

It was agreed that the plaques presented by Jack at the August 7th meeting shall become the troop standard. A single plaque (\$12) shall be purchased by the troop and displayed at the public location of a significant project artifact. The plaque shall contain the Scout's name, project title, and completion date. All other information and format shall be standardized according to the example found at:

http://watchungtroop32.com/info/minutes/T32_Eagle_Plaque.jpg