

Parent's Committee Meeting
January 21, 2007

Parent's Committee Meeting was called to order at 4:41 P.M., 1-21-07. Present were: BP, VG, CG, RC, KC, DC, AA, GD.

Vance made opening comments welcoming Kim as a newly registered member of the committee. She is training to take Claire's spot working with advancements. Vance made the observation that it is best to keep the advancements up to date and organized and that it should all go smoothly.

There were two corrections to the minutes of 10-29-06. Page 2 next to the last paragraph should be Erin instead of Eric. Page 3 next to the last paragraph should delete the word "to".

Next there was some discussion over the new merit badge counselor list on the VHC web site. We have merit badge counselors within the troop that are registered but did not make the posted list. These have been verified when blue cards have been submitted and we will continue as we have been doing with these.

We discussed advancements next. The next court of honor has 7 merit badges so far and several are known to be close to completion. There should be 2 Eagle Palms awarded, 2 rank advancements and a couple advancements that are also close and hope to be completed by the court of honor. Ben Abler is working on his communications merit badge and will help plan the court of honor and be master of ceremonies to fulfill a requirement there.

Bob gave the treasurer's report. We have \$3956.54 in the troop account. That breaks down to \$1155.88 in the general fund; \$1432.19 in the equipment fund; \$1364.80 in the scout accounts and \$3.76 in the contingency fund. The scout funds still need to be reconciled and may be up to \$80 off. Letters need to be sent out to have scouts reminded about the \$48 due towards the equipment fund by the end of February. Also a letter needs to be sent regarding donations toward the Eagle Scout's Court of Honor for Aaron and Daniel. Since the two are close together each family is asked to donate \$35 to help fund the troop gifts (flag, pen & pencil, frame, etc.), court of honor supplies and \$100 towards the food.

We currently have 5 fundraisers available to the boys: Spaghetti Dinner, Pancake Breakfast, Popcorn sales, Duck races and Wreath sales. We feel that these are sufficient since we average one every 2 months. A car wash is sometimes profitable as well to raise money for the contingency fund.

Bob next gave the Scoutmaster's Report. He felt the Rocket outing was successful and hopes that we can do that again. The group that ran it goes once a month and he was

impressed with their strict safety standards. The Venture Crew is still wanting to finish the canoes ... the scheduled work day was too cold for the glue to set so that will have to be rescheduled. The PLC discussed their activities and ways to get better control and focus at the meetings. Next outing is Camp Trask on Jan. 27; permission slips will be available at the next meeting.

The next Court of Honor is the banquet that celebrates the anniversary month of scouting. It was originally scheduled for Feb. 4, which is also Super Bowl Sunday. We decided to change that to the evening of Feb. 3 at 6:30. The troop provided the meat and potatoes and families are being asked to contribute potluck dishes for the rest of the meal.

The calendar for the year is being worked on. For planning purposes the schedule is generally a PLC meeting on the third Sunday of the month. A troop outing is generally the fourth weekend of the month. The outing in February will be a ski trip, possibly at Big Bear. Also looking at a deep sea fishing trip July 8 with the Rod and Reel Club and the last weekend in August for Fiesta Island.

Summer Camp was the next discussion. Lost Valley seemed to be the preferred spot for camp this summer since it has several attractive options for the boys – aviation and archaeology merit badges. Costs generally run \$300-325 for the camps, aviation would be an additional cost. Lost Valley is near San Diego. We can submit 3 date preferences and it was decided to ask for: July 15-21; July 29-August 4; August 5-11.

The troop web site will be worked on this week (hopefully). Brian Beck is donating the server space to the troop and has given Joshua and Vance the passwords so they can do the updates. Most updates need to be done to the calendar and photos. Vance will send an e-mail out when it is updated. Ben needs to write a welcome message. Aaron needs to make a flyer for the upcoming outing in February ... Bob will send him the info.

Youth Protection Training is available on line for any who need it. May try to have a Troop Committee Challenge workshop for the committee members sometime in May, after new members come in from the pack.

Equipment funds were discussed. Boys need to know the process of getting purchases made via the PLC. Equipment funds for the year are due by the end of February.

The Venture Crew now has its own checking account and has paid back the troop for monies borrowed to get them started. Chris and Joshua are working towards advancements by planning an outing. Their canoe trip is being discussed ... possible dates for spring break have a conflict between LA Unified and Glendale Community College. Looking at several rivers for the outing including the American River, Colorado River and Owens River.

Vance is going to update the final copy for the By-laws on the web site.

Next meeting will be on March 18, 4:30, at the Gilles's. Meeting was adjourned at 6:10.

