

## Parent's Committee Meeting – October 30, 2005

There were 15 people in attendance at the annual parent's meeting, Oct. 30, 2005, that was held in the Fireside Room of the TUMC campus. Initials of those present: BP, VG, CG, RG, DP, EM, DB, CC, DC, GD, DA, AA, BB, EF, BF.

Meeting was called to order at 4:40.

Opening comments by Vance appreciating all present. We're seeing more and more participation from the parents and encourage parental input on the scouting program. The program is all about the boys and we have good attendance because the program is geared to them. EM expressed appreciation for the leadership involvement.

Claire will e-mail the minutes of the last committee meeting to those on the e-mail list.

Treasurer's report: We have \$4091.64 in the bank with an additional deposit of \$78 for shirts and from a parent. Of that we have to pay \$892 to the council for popcorn sales (due in Nov.) and they will pay the portion earned to the troop and boy's funds in Jan. Bob explained the way the funds of the troop are divided into 4 categories: General Fund (used for operating expenses), Scout Accounts, Equipment Funds, and Contingency Fund (used for troop expenses such as adult leader camp fees).

Vance read the policy for having boy's photos or information on the Internet. "Pictures of youth may appear on the web as long as no name or other personal information is associated with the picture".

Scoutmaster's Comments: Recent camping trip to Malibu Creek had 9 boys and 5 adults. Originally looking for a rock climbing venture but ended in a nature adventure due to the rock climbing areas being filled to capacity. The boys were able to take a 5-mile hike.

We do have a need to start scheduling events in advance and having a commitment from the boys ahead of time. Suggested deadline is to have a commitment two weeks prior to an outing. Will help the adult leadership get the right amount of space for camping and carpooling as well as help the boys be able to plan their meals, tent assignments, etc.

Recruitment was discussed and it seems to work best for our troop to have boys come in via word of mouth rather than trying to do an active recruitment within the community. There is a patch that can be earned for recruiting another scout to the troop – will show that at a future meeting.

Calendar: The lists of activities come from the patrols. There are different needs for the younger scouts than for the older scouts such as physical needs, interests, etc. Each activity is the same theme but taught at different levels to keep everyone interested. Parents were asked to look over the proposed calendar and submit any changes or conflicts so the calendar can be finalized.

There is a need for help in the troop and Bob will ask as need be. Some have expertise in various hobbies/crafts and it would be great to have the extra help in teaching the boys.

There was a discussion about where to find camping lists – in the boy’s scout book, on the troop web site and the patrol sheets (which also include tent assignments and duty rosters).

This Sunday morning several volunteers from the troop (adults and scouts) went to Santa Clarita to help unfold, fold and repack tents that were used in fundraiser walks. Tents were not the best quality but we were able to take 20 or so for the troop. Other tents were to be sent for the Pakistan earthquake relief.

Outdoor Activities: Everyone agreed that it was beneficial to have monthly updates from the PLC meetings to keep up with any changes on the calendar.

There is a need for an Outdoor Activity Coordinator within the troop. Mainly would help with phone calls, reservations, directions, tour permits, and work with the trek leaders (who would be interfacing with the scouts on the activity). Bob will be updating the driving rosters at the next meeting or so. Cricket will still be coordinating the summer camp program.

Changes in the Bi-Laws (all approved)

Page 5 – “Troop Meeting Rules of Conduct” “Rules may be changed upon recommendation of the Senior Patrol Leader and voted for by a majority of the Troop Committee”. Majority was changed to Quorum.

Page 6 – “Neckerchiefs are presented at Tenderfoot Rank and may be omitted during summer months as decided by the troop” “or after one year of membership” is to be inserted after Tenderfoot Rank.

Page 10 – Change date to reflect 2005. Also change on all pages with revision date.

Page 10 – Section 3, last sentence about Scoutmaster’s term to read “There shall be no limit to the number of terms for any of these positions, except Scoutmaster, which will be a three year term with two year extensions as approved by the Committee”.

Vance read a list of the committee members within a troop and mentioned that we have a need for secretary, membership coordinator, outdoor/activities coordinator, service projects coordinator and chaplain.

Rechartering: Vance’s first year to do this. Registration packets will be distributed this Tuesday. Fees are the same as last year: \$60 per scout, \$48 towards equipment fund, \$15 for adult registration. If there are two scouts the second one pays half the equipment

fund fee. The \$60 fee goes toward the national registration, Boys Life magazine and the remainder goes into the general fund and helps pay for awards.

The council has provided insurance. Scouts have \$15,000 coverage for illness or accident when on a scout outing. There is also a \$1,000,000 liability policy.

Fundraising: Currently the boys can participate in wreath sales. Money is due by Nov. 8 and the boys earn \$5 per wreath sold. Previous fundraisers break down as follows:

Duck sales	\$695 collected	\$268 in scout funds	\$69.50 to the troop
Pancake Br.	536 collected	358 in scout funds	130.00 to the troop
Popcorn	892 collected	25%	

Next fundraiser is the Spaghetti dinner with sales beginning in March.

We collected \$95.00 from scouts and their families for the hurricane Katrina relief drive. The troop will add \$55 to that to make the donation \$150.00. The troop donation is coming from the money earned on the duck sales.

Summer Camp: This year in Oregon on July 15-23 (not registered yet to be sure of the date). Round trip train and camp fees would run about \$350.00. Some discounts for making all payments on time and filling in FDA forms. Train trip is 23 hours, which sounds long, but by car it is 18 hours. Two adult leaders have their camp fees paid but we would have to do a few fundraisers to help with their transportation.

Training: Upcoming dates:

Scoutmaster and Leader Specific Training in May

Outdoor Leader Skills – Nov. 11-13 at Verdugo Oaks, \$25 cost.

New Leader Essentials – Feb 25

Fast Start, Youth Protection can be done on-line or on Feb. 25

Troop Committee Challenge – Feb. 25 or could do at the troop since we have two leaders who are qualified to instruct.

Advancements:

Since last court of honor have 2 merit badges completed. Need to remind new scouts of procedures as well as encourage older scouts to continue making progress. Recommended that scouts have things signed off when it's still fresh in their minds and to review before coming to have things signed off. The advancement chart is helpful since kids tend to be visual and like to see where they are – usually brought when we meet inside unless weather doesn't permit.

Equipment: Tents were acquired today for free (see above) but we may still want to look into purchasing better quality tents for the future. This year the camp will probably provide camp tents.

Comment: Question was raised about parental input on the costs of some of the outings. Many outings sound fun but then the cost rises to make it hard on the budgets. The boys

want to do it all but don't consider the financial end of things. Concluded that each monthly activity has opportunities to learn and no one has to feel obligated to do every expensive activity.

Meeting adjourned at 6:39.