

Troop 457 Committee Meeting Minutes July 25, 2024

At 7:08 Jose Ortiz began the meeting with a prayer. Fabiola did a review of the previous meeting minutes.

Meeting minutes from April were reviewed and approved by David & Martha.

Present today *Jose Ortiz, David & Martha Finkelstein, Kurt Meister, Ana & Kelly Devine, Ashley Lugar, Robert Stewart, and Fabiola Rodriguez*

Absent today *Ana Krog, Wavelynn Prince, John Finkelstein*

Scoutmaster

Code of conduct adjustments were made, expectations for all aspects of scouting. Will send to committee before presenting to scouts.

Camping this weekend for the canoe trip will be postponed. There is not enough adult swimmers. Should we move canoe trip to August. Aug 24 is a good date for Robert & Geordan.

Advancement the Wizard Lizards are going to be having advancement for the next court of honor. The new scouts should be progressing as well. Next meeting the new scouts should be given their neckerchiefs. If we want to get custom neckerchiefs they are \$18 each. More 457 patches to be ordered since 6-8 new scouts are crossing over in January and should have a plan for the new requirements for new scouts. Webelos to join the troop on one of our outings in the fall before crossover to possibly help with service projects and to learn the Patrol Method.

John is going to meet with Andy and schedule campouts at least until Christmas. He wants to talk to the troop next meeting. John wants to have some refresher courses themed at campouts, such as first aid, orienteering. Shiloh worked well but new orienteering course being built in Germantown, it will include first class requirement of 5 miles.

Anna Devine will make reservations for USS Alabama & Dauphin Island for January.

Philmont:

Have space for 9 scouts. 7 in troop are expressing interest and 2 out of troop. If we can get second crew, we need adults to have wilderness first aid training by Jan 2025. The adults that are currently attending are Geordan, David & Robert. Registration is done, waiting on packet from Philmont regarding treks. We have paid the deposit fee and the next payment is due Oct 21, 2024. The total cost is about \$1700.00. There will be 2 fall and 2 spring prep hikes apart from troop outings with their gear. Instead of driving multiple days we could drive to Kansas City then take a train overnight to Philmont. Couriers are available to pick the troop from the train station. If we don't have anymore adults to volunteer for more scouts then Robert's brother has a crew going for 12day Trek which is a 14 day trip.

Outdoor Coordinator

Joe said that the go ape will be on hold to add the canoe trip instead. Joe will talk to Geordan about moving the reservation. Robert will share Cub Scout camping dates to work around them and have help. SFA & SBA breaks are posted. Fabiola will provide the MCSK Schools calendar but it is also available in their website.

Treasurer

Bank Account balance amount: \$10,979.

Advancement Coordinator

Ethan Jarigue board of review is scheduled for August 13, 2024. Wavelynn missed a couple meetings but everything should be getting synced up. COH is scheduled for August 12, 2024

Equipment Coordinator

Kurt Meister announced his retirement from committee member. Willing to consult for merit badge college and assist in transferal.

Webmaster

Suggested to give updates of anything that needs to be put on the website and to remind the scouts to look there for any important dates & information. Permission forms can be on the website as well.

MBC

Martha requested February 2, 2025 with SBA. March 1, 2025 is an alternative date. We will not find out until September since Cecilia Bryant is no longer at SBA. Martha is waiting on response from her replacement. Fabiola to request the Blue & Gold for the weekend of February 8, in order for webelos crossing over to attend MBC.

Old Business

Nothing to report

New Business

Popcorn sales kick off in August. We do not have to do show and sell but we still required to sell popcorn.

Upcoming events:

8/1 E.D. Roundtable meeting at St. George Episcopal church

8/17 Popcorn Kickoff

8/24 OA Ceremonies at Camp Currier

8/26 Popcorn show & sell orders due

9/12 Popcorn show & sell pick up

Pilot program for co-ed troops. It would be optional and up to the charter organization to approve.

August 6, 2024 is registration day at St. Francis. Robert & Geordan will go recruit for pack and troop.

August 17, 2024 Troop will assist to go to the Raingutter Regatta to cook for the pack.

Adjourn 7:54