

Troop 119 Committee Meeting Minutes

October 6, 2008

Attended by: Sue Ellen, Jan, Bernie, Suzanne R, Donna D, Craig W, Manuel N, Jim W and Peter S

Scoutmaster Report – Bernie

See Bernie's report. One note: This year there are 39 Webeles II and 40 Webelos I in Lexington.

Service Opportunities – Sue Ellen

Hancock Work Day Sat. Oct. 18 9-1pm

Temple Isaiah Rummage Sale Oct. 26 9-2pm

Gini will attend.

Veteran's Day Parade is Tuesday November 11. Meet at the White House at 9:45 am. Parade steps off at 10 am, will be at the Green at 10:30 and finished around 11 am.

Cary Library Book Sale Thur. November 13, 2008 5-7pm

Hancock Church – Sue Ellen

Rosie's Meals -The Christian Service Committee at Hancock Church has asked if the Boy Scouts would cook casseroles for Rosie's place. Once per month the church provides 10 casseroles to Rosie's place. Cooking for Rosie's place could be a patrol activity and they could make one or it could be a troop event in which case they would make all 10 casseroles. This could be presented to the PLC for their review.

Display case- Suzie B. of Pack 137 has asked if they could share our display case in front of Clarke Hall. It has been decided that Troop 119 will continue to use the whole case especially since Bernie has been updating it. There has been good publicity in the Minuteman to post.

Wreath Sale Coordinator for Sundays at Hancock – David K. said he would monitor wreath sales at Hancock Church's coffee hour on Sundays during the sale.

Activities Fair October- Every October Hancock Church invites all the church groups to show the church community what they do. Each group is given a small table space at coffee hour. Next year it may be a good idea for Troop 119 to be present at that fair.

Budget discussion – David presented a budget for this year. The Eagle fund was reviewed. It is basically a wash fund or revolving fund. As scouts receive financial support for their project it can be parked here and then drawn on to pay for necessary supplies. The committee discourages funding an Eagle project.

Jan recommended that the advancement portion of the budget be increased by \$500. There are many boys expected to reach Eagle rank and those awards are expensive (\$100). Sue Ellen will contact Dana McQ to see if his organization will support an Eagle kit or two for our Troop.

There was a discussion of the Troop policy on how trip costs are structured. Many questions were discussed such as do adult pay the full cost of all trips. In the past adult food or camping costs were picked up by the troop but the adults volunteered their time and drove, picking up the cost of driving. As the cost of driving has become higher the troop tested paying for gas used in camping trips. Paying for gas is too big an expense for this year's budget. If the troop paid for adult food on camping trips the cost would be \$800/year, camping fees for adults cost about \$1400/year and gas to transport scouts to trips is about \$2400/year. These numbers were based on last year's trips. There was general agreement from those in attendance (and a couple of emailed comments) that adults are willing to pay for their food. Also the adults on camping trips get the experience of camping so they are paying for what they use when they pay for camping. What the troop really needs are drivers of big cars or vans. On most trips there is one adult for 4 or 5 scouts because of carrying capacity of vehicles. The troop cannot afford to cover the cost of gas for all trips. Spreading the cost of gas across all scouts would greatly increase the cost of trips.

A motion was made that Troop 119 would reimburse for gas at \$0.20/mile for regular Troop camping trips for the 2008-2009 season.

In planning future camping trips adults should be charged for food and camping. Also mileage should be calculated for each trip. Ideally the mileage would be on the permission form stating the reimbursement amount if desired. It was noted that \$0.20/mile is less than half of what the government allows as a charitable contribution to Troop 119 if you itemize on your taxes.

Wreath Sale- Donna

Folders and suppliers lined up: Donna D

Parent meeting date: Already done by Donnah N-R at the September COH

Kick off date: 10/23/08

Delivery is Sat. Dec. 6 at:

Reward Trip is scheduled tentatively as Sun Jan. 11

Registration – Susan reported about half of the Troop has registered.

(Troop 160 charges \$60 per scout and \$40 for sibling.)

Advancement - Jan

Excellent Court of Honor in September

Training- Mike

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Committee Member Training