DIOCESE OF EVANSVILLE

CATHOLIC COMMITTEE ON SCOUTING

MINUTES OF MEETING

August 21, 2016

Present: Bill Noll, Joe Dickinson, Tom Elsner, Deacon Charles Koressel, Emily Thompson, Joe Keith, Jim Voelker, Lori Adkins, Jim Schmitt

Excused: Rose Luebbehusen

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Noll at 2:00 in a meeting room at Resurrection School. He opened with a commentary on Rom 15:5-11 relating to glorifying the Father.

The minutes of the meeting of June 5, 2016 were approved by proper motion and voice vote.

Financial Report: Deacon Charlie mentioned that because of an order for supplies (religious emblems and manuals) we have used half of our budget for 2016 and will be using half for 2017 later. It had been a while since these items had been ordered and our on-hand stock needed to be replenished. Since these items are in the yearly budget, it should cause no problem.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities: In the absence of Dan & Michele Donovan and Cathy Egler there was no report on the Cub Scout Faith Day or the Boy Scout/Venturing Retreat.

Emblems: Lori Adkins said that so far this year the following emblems have been presented: Light of Christ-16, Parvuli Dei-24, and Ad Altare Dei-11.

Membership: Jim Voelker said he had nothing to report, but that is good in one sense that no units are in trouble and thinking of folding.

Vocations: Joe Keith reported that he had sent out information to members of St, Dominic Savio asking for those interested in the St. George Trek next year. So far he has not found anybody who can make the trip due to schedule conflict of interest. He is opening it up to any scout who has earned a religious emblem and will be fifteen years old and not over eighteen. To spread the word about the Trek, Deacon Charlie suggested that those who went last year write an article for the Message to help promote it. Joe will follow-up on this.

Training (Catholic Leadership Development): Joe Dickinson said there was nothing new to report. He is hoping Deacon Tony Schapker will be available to help again next year. Jim Schmitt said if he is able he will be willing to help.

Communications: Joe Dickinson reported that the website ([www.evdccs.com](http://www.evdccs.com)) is generally up-to-date. The website now includes a picture from the last Retreat in March. Lori Adkins suggested having the Buffalo Trace Council provide a link on their website to ours. Joe will follow-up on this suggestion. Joe mentioned that anybody who wants to be placed on the reminder list to observe First Friday with prayers, fasting, and abstinence for the intention of successful youth retreats should contact him. Both Bishop Thompson and Bishop Emeritus Gettelfinger are on the list.

Chapel Maintenance: Tom Elsner said he had met with the Old Buzzards (group of scouters who do volunteer work at Old Ben) at Old Ben. They were quite busy having torn down the old buildings and were in the process of putting in the new ones (trailers donated by Holy Rosary Parish mentioned in previous minutes), so he was not able to discuss the chapel with them. However, he did find out the name of the acting ranger, and more importantly a contact who lives nearby who can let him in the camp when he needs to go. He reported that the rock he had put down had pretty much prevented any more erosion, but the gutters still need to be taken down. Items still on Tom’s agenda for the chapel are: French Ditch, electricity and roof repair.

OLD BUSINESS

Bill Noll said he had revised the DCCS roster to eliminate or move to “Information Only” status members who are no longer active in the committee.

There was a discussion about Adult Religious Emblems. At issue is trying to get more applications and have them turned in early enough to be reviewed and maybe improved. Attending the Spiritual Formation Training is still a requirement. Joe Dickinson will have an announcement placed in the next Compass Points as well as send out an e-mail message to those leaders on his current contact list. Lori Adkins will be the point of contact for questions. Jim Schmitt volunteered to write-up the award citations if his health continues to improve and hold up. Members were encouraged to think of possible candidates. For applications received last year that needed further information and could not be processed, the person who submitted the application will be notified to determine if they will be re-submitted for 2017.

NEW BUSINESS

Deacon Charlie emphasized that the Diocese is still strongly encouraging Youth Mental Health First Aid Training for all adults working with youth especially adolescents. The next training will be on Saturday, October 15, 2016, at the Eykamp Scout Center. Contact Nancy Moore at the Scout Office at (812)-423-5246 for information and application form.

Bill Noll said he still trying to find out the theme for World Youth Day for next year. The website stated that the next World Youth will be in the Philippines in 2019. If this is true we may have to develop our own theme for 2017.

The next meeting will be held on November 20, 2016 at 2:00 PM at St. Philip Parish.

CHAPLAIN’S COMMENTS

At 3:20 Deacon Charlie thanked all present for their continued work. He closed with prayer including remembering the very recent death of Dan Donovan’s mother. Several members joined in praying for others who recently died or who are seriously ill. He gave his blessing to end the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe R. Dickinson, Jr.

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