DIOCESE OF EVANSVILLE

CATHOLIC COMMITTEE ON SCOUTING

MINUTES OF MEET1NG

August 28, 2022

Present: Deacon Charlie Koressel, Bill Noll, Joe Dickinson, Tom Elsner, Deacon Tony Schapker, John Harding, and by Zoom—Jack Martin and Matthew Kremer. Jeremy Goebel, the new diocesan Director of the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, was also present

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Noll at 1:00 PM at St. John the Baptist Parish (Newburgh). He opened with a heart prayer.

The minutes of the meeting of June 12, 2022 were approved by proper motion and voice vote.

Financial Report: Deacon Charlie reported no known problems with the budget, but we have not been getting reports from the diocese. Jeremy Goebel said he will check on the budget allocation for the DCCS and the financial status of the Bishop Gettelfinger and Father Kreilein endowments.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities: There was no formal report in the absence of Francis Brickey. It was noted that the Scout/Venturer Retreat is currently scheduled for March 3-5, 2023 at the Catholic Center and the Cub Scout Faith Day on February 18, 2023 at Good Shepherd Parish. The possibility of having the Retreat in the future at St. Mary’s of the Woods or at St. Joseph Parish in Jasper was discussed.

Emblems: Jack Martin gave his report which indicated that so far in 2022 there have been 38 Cub emblems and 23 Ad Altare Dei emblems earned with 52 Cub emblems and 2 Ad Altare Dei emblems in progress. He said he would try to find out more about a new manual for the Pope Pius XII emblem which is supposed to be coming out soon. He reported that there is an online program for the Ad Altare Dei. Jack said he plans to retire from his position as Emblems Chair in January or February. He will continue to provide training for new counselors and says he has two individuals who need the training,

Membership: Jim Voelker was not present to give a report.

Vocations: Matthew Kremer reported that he has followed up on all recent AAD recipients and encouraged the St. Dominic Savio emblem. He has found three scouts who are interested and has sent them applications as well as the link to the video training. He has not yet set a date for the other training in preparation for the Retreat.

Training (Scouter Spiritual Development): Joe Dickinson said the next session is scheduled during the Scout/Venturer Retreat in March. He still plans to mention it in the first email he sends to the units in September announcing the Retreat.

Communications: Joe Dickinson said he would be updating the website after this meeting but encouraged any members who saw any errors or had suggestions for improvement to contact him

Chapel Maintenance: Tom Elsner said the sale of Old Ben Scout Reservation has been completed. Since the chapel is in private hands, although it may possibly be used by Scouts from time to time, it was decided there is no need to continue this committee. Deacon Charlie asked Tom to consider taking over the Emblems Committee when Jack leaves.

OLD BUSINESS

Bill formally introduced Jeremy Goebel as a new ex-officio member of the DCCS.

There were no new applications for the Father Kreilein Endowment Award,

Bill indicated that the Scout who has planned to attend the St. George Trek decided not to attend. There were some problems initially obtaining the funds from the diocese, but it was eventually worked out.

With regard to the Pastor Guidelines discussed previously, Bill and John Harding suggested waiting further until the BSA lawsuit is settled.

With regard to the needed changes to the Bronze Pelican Application, the committee approved the recommendations of Chairman Bill. The wording “Scouter Spiritual Formation” was seen as the best name for the training for adults to foster Youth Ministry.

NEW BUSINESS

With regard to supporting the Eucharistic Renewal Initiative, it was suggested that units be contacted by phone about earning for NCCS Eucharistic Adoration Patch. The link will also be put on the DCCS website.

Chairman Noll mentioned presented some possibilities for a retreat theme reflecting the emphasis on Eucharistic Renewal. After some discussion it was decided to use “I am the Bread of Life” (John 6:48).

The next meeting will be held on December 4, 2022 at 1:00 PM at Good Shepherd Parish.

CHAPLAIN’S COMMENTS

Deacon Charlie thanked the committee for their continued efforts and encouraged them to try to recruit new members. He closed the meeting with a prayer and blessing.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Dickinson