DIOCESE OF EVANSVILLE

CATHOLIC COMMITTEE ON SCOUTING

MINUTES OF MEET1NG

August 29, 2021

Present: Tom Elsner, Jack Martin, Bill Noll, Joe Dickinson, Matthew Kremer

Excused: Deacon Charlie Koressel

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Noll at 1:00 PM at Good Shepherd Parish. He opened with a heart prayer.

The minutes of the meeting of June 6, 2021 were approved by proper motion and voice vote.

Financial Report: There was no formal report, but there are no known problems with the budget.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities: The 2022 Scout/Venturing Retreat is scheduled for March 4-6 at the Catholic Center. Joe Dickinson will contact Fr. Garrett Braun about the possibility of being the priest for the Saturday morning Mass. We will continue to plan an in-person Retreat, but with the pandemic still present we may have to revert to another virtual Retreat.

The Cub Scout Faith Day is scheduled for February19, 2022.at Good Shepherd Parish.

Emblems: Jack Martin reported on emblems in progress as: Light of Christ - 9, Parvuli Dei - 3, and Ad Altare Dei - 17. He plans to contact Cubmasters to encourage Cub emblems. He also plans to follow-up on the suggestion by John Harding at the last meeting to supply the names of the Scouts receiving emblems in 2020 so they can be publicized in the Council’s Compass Points. He suggested that an announcement be sent to leaders about submitting applications for the Adult Religious Emblems. Jack announced that he will be moving to Florida in October but will continue as the chair of the Emblems Committee with the help of the internet as he has done a lot of that work using the internet because of the pandemic.

Membership: Jim Voelker was not present for a report.

Vocations: Matthew Kremer reported that after contacting 20 eligible scouts about being a member of the Order of St. Dominic Savio, three scouts are interested. He set a date of February 12, 2022 for the meeting to help plan the Retreat.

Training (Catholic Leadership Development): Joe Dickinson reported that he sent out an e-mail to see if any adults were interested in receiving virtual Spiritual Formation training before the next scheduled one at the Scout/Venturing Retreat in March 2022. There were no replies.

Communications: Joe Dickinson said the DCCS website is currently up-to-date but encouraged any members who saw any errors or had suggestions for improvement to contact him.

Chapel Maintenance: Tom Elsner said he had replaced two back benches on the left side and will be replacing several others soon. He said the refurbished ambo and the new roof look good.

OLD BUSINESS

Bill Noll reported that there were no new changes in the Committee membership except that he has moved several members from “active” to “informational” status

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

Bill indicated that since the last meeting an announcement was sent out to all Scout and Venturing leaders about the upcoming St. George Trek in 2022. He received no inquiries or interest. The deadline for making an application has now passed.

NEW BUSINESS

As discussed in the last meeting, Bill sent out copies of “A Guideline for Pastors” from the Archdiocese of Newark and the Diocese of Charlestown from the NCCS as a possibility for our diocese. Committee members in general thought a similar document for our diocese would be useful. Bill has the template which can be altered to reflect our diocesan program.

The next meeting will be held on December 5, 2021 at 1:00 PM at Good Shepherd Parish.

CHAPLAIN’S COMMENTS

Deacon Charlie was not present.

The meeting was closed with a prayer by Bill at approximately 2:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Dickinson