DIOCESE OF EVANSVILLE

CATHOLIC COMMITTEE ON SCOUTING

MINUTES OF MEETING

March 8, 2015

Present: Bill Noll, Joe Dickinson, Jim Voelker, Tom Elsner, Dan and Michele Donovan, Jack Martin, Rose Luebbehusen, Lori Robinson, Roger Krebsbach

Excused: Deacon Charles Koressel, Jim Schmitt.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Noll at 12:13 PM in a conference room at the Catholic Center in Evansville. He opened with a prayer of thanksgiving for how well the just completed Boy Scout/Venturing Retreat had gone despite some hurdles.

The minutes of the meeting of November 16, 2014 were approved by proper motion and voice vote.

Financial Report: There was no financial report in the absence of Deacon Charlie.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities: Roger Krebsbach who had handled the logistics for the Retreat commented that everything had gone well because a lot of people helped out especially adult leaders who were present. The Catholic Center worked out well as the facility. The schedule ran smoothly. Deacon Charlie was missed, but the liturgies went well. Joe Dickinson reported that 95 youth and 43 adults were present. $3,688 was collected in fees and for rooms. Early estimate of the food costs was $1,855. The food preparation and the kitchen went extremely well. A special thanks Troop 393 and others who made this work on short notice. Some recommendations for next year included doing something about calling the names of those who had earned the Eagle rank within the year but were not present to receive the certificate. It was felt by most that it added unnecessary length to the awards ceremony and that frames for the certificates were not necessary. Jack Martin who had coordinated the Retreat this year thanked everybody for their cooperation especially Tom Elsner who had been the master of ceremonies. Tentative date next year is March 11-13, 2016 at the Catholic Center.

Jack Martin reported that the Cub Scout Faith Day had to be cancelled on February 21st because of inclement weather. It has been postponed until March 28th at St, John-Daylight. He expressed concern that having it in February runs into a lot of conflicts as only 25 had pre-registered for February 21st. He proposes that it be held in March next year.

Emblems: Lori Robinson said she has officially taken over the chair of this committee, but is pleased that Mike Harris is still available to advise her on issues if necessary. She announced that she had trained four adults as Ad Altare Dei counselors during the recent Retreat. She will be the contact person if anybody needs training. There was some question about the Intent Form which is required to start a class. The form says to send it to the Diocesan Chaplain, but apparently there have been cases where it was sent to the Diocesan Office at the Catholic Center, and no reply was received. A process needs to be established. There was some general concern expressed that there was only one adult emblem given out at the awards ceremony at the Retreat. It was suggested that an early call for applications should be made next year. There is a need to update the Religious Emblems recipient list. Lori will review the files received from Mike Harris to see if an electronic copy exists, and determine what needs to be done.

Membership: Jim Voelker handed out a report showing that as of March 1st there were 48 Catholic units in the Diocese. A pack and a varsity team had recently folded.

Vocations: Jack Martin reported that the next Vocations Day is scheduled for January 9, 2016. There were 19 members of the Order of St. Dominic Savio who helped in the Retreat, and there were three new members inducted.

Training (Catholic Leadership Development): In the absence of Tom Dieter, Joe Dickinson reported that four adults completed the training during the Retreat, and it had gone well. Deacon Tony Schapker and Cris Goldbach helped out.

Communications: Joe Dickinson reported that the DCCS website was working out well and is easy to keep up to date. He will be working with Lori Robinson to try to get all those recognized for adult emblems in the past listed on the website.

Chapel Maintenance: Tom Elsner will be going out to Old Ben in April and will get started on the several projects that have been previously discussed including the French drain.

OLD BUSINESS

Bill Noll said he is still having trouble keeping the COR list up to date. He said there had been no new members to the DCCS.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill reported that a new Retreat Guideline has been written by Deacon Charlie and is available to anyone needing a copy.

The next meeting will be held tentatively on June 7, 2015 at 1:00 PM at St. Theresa Parish

CHAPLAIN’S COMMENTS

In the absence of Deacon Charlie, Bill Noll thanked everybody for their hard work in making the retreat a success and closed the meeting at 1:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe R. Dickinson, Jr.

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