DIOCESE OF EVANSVILLE

CATHOLIC COMMITTEE ON SCOUTING

MINUTES OF MEETING

December 3, 2017

Present: Bill Noll, Joe Dickinson, Tom Elsner, Deacon Charles Koressel, Emily Thompson, Jim Voelker, Dan and Michele Donovan, Joe Keith

Guests: Jerett Herr and Ben Janney and their mothers Kristy Herr and Maria Janney

Excused: Lori Adkins, John Harding, Jim Voelker

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Noll at 1:15 in the Church conference room at Good Shepherd Parish. He opened with a heart prayer.

The minutes of the meeting of Sept 10, 2017 were approved by proper motion and voice vote after a correction was noted that there were six Pope Pius XII emblems awarded (not Pope Paul VI as written).

Financial Report: Deacon Charlie said there was nothing new to report about the finances.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities: The Boy Scout/Venturing Retreat to be held March 2-4, 2018 was not discussed in detail as Michele Donovan had a separate retreat planning meeting scheduled following this meeting. There have been no further developments in the attempt to have the retreat again at St. Meinrad sometime in the future.

Bill Noll said he had talked with Cathy Egler, and she was still interested in coordinating the Cub Scout Faith Day. Although no firm date was set, the possibility of November 2018 was still being considered.

Emblems: There was no report as Lori Adkins was not present.

Membership: There was no report as Jim Voelker was not present.

Vocations: The committee heard from Jerett Herr and Ben Janney, the two scouts who made the St. George Trek this past summer. They reported a great experience and will also be talking to the Serra Club and to the Boy Scout/Venturing Retreat.

Joe Keith said St. Dominic Savio members would not be helping at the installation of the new bishop. He has set the date for Vocations Day as January 27, 2018 at St. John, Daylight at 8:00 am. He will be contacting those receiving the Ad Altare Dei emblem since last year as well as the current St. Dominic Savio members. Those who are 18 years of age (e.g. Venturing Crew members) can still work on the St. Dominic Savio as long as they are not registered as an adult leader. The facilitator training will be tentatively held on February 17.

Training (Catholic Leadership Development): Joe Dickinson reported there was nothing new with the next training scheduled during the Retreat as usual. He will be contacting Deacon Tony Schapker to see if he can help again this year.

Communications: Joe Dickinson reported that the website ([www.evdccs.com](http://www.evdccs.com)) is generally up-to-date. He is open to any suggestions for improvements or corrections.

Chapel Maintenance: Tom Elsner said he planned to go to Old Ben soon to clean the general area and blow the leaves away. He will make sure the altar is properly stored. He still plans to remove the gutters.

OLD BUSINESS

Bill has talked with Matthew Kremer who is interested in helping with the Vocations Committee at the Retreat.

The membership was reviewed and the roster updated as necessary to reflect the changes.

Bill requested information on the emblems presented in 2017 and the 2017 Committee summary report so that he can send in the paperwork to apply for the Diocesan Committee Quality Award.

NEW BUSINESS

Deacon Charlie said he had received a request for Scouters to help with the parking at the Bishop Installation on December 15th.

The next meeting will be held on March 4, 2018 right after the conclusion of the Boy Scout/Venturing Retreat at the Catholic Center.

CHAPLAIN’S COMMENTS

Deacon Charlie thanked those in attendance for their work and encouraged them to continue to look for new members for the committee.

At 2:25 he closed the meeting with and prayer and blessing.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe R. Dickinson, Jr.

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