DIOCESE OF EVANSVILLE

CATHOLIC COMMITTEE ON SCOUTING

MINUTES OF MEET1NG

December 4, 2022

Present: Deacon Charles Koressel, Bill Noll, Joe Dickinson, Tom Elsner, Deacon Tony Schapker, John Harding, Matthew Kremer, Jim Voelker, and by Zoom—Jack Martin and Jeremy Goebel.

Excused: Francis Brickey

The meeting was called to order and opened with a prayer by Chairman Bill Noll at 1:08 PM at Good Shepherd Parish.

The minutes of the meeting of August 28, 2022 were approved by proper motion and voice vote.

Financial Report: Jeremy Goebel said he will check on the budget as well as for the endowments we have. He later sent the report by email which showed we were within the budget so far for 2022. The Fr Kreilein Endowment has available $806.14 and the Bishop Gettelfinger Endowment $1595.50 available.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities: Planning was begun for the Scout/Venturer Retreat. It was decided to begin the Retreat on Saturday, March 4, 2023 and end with the Bishop’s Mass on Sunday, March 5, 2023 A number of items were discussed: the schedule, seminarians to give the talks, music, food arrangements, etc., and several volunteered to work further on various parts. Bill Noll says he designed a patch. There will be another Retreat planning meeting on January 8, 2023 at Good Shepherd Parish. The Cub Scout Faith Day is scheduled for February 18, 2023 at Good Shepherd Parish. Deacon Charlie reported on several possible locations for consideration for future Retreats including St. Mary of the Woods and St. Joseph Parish (Jasper)

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 87 Cub emblems and 5 Ad Altare Dei emblems in progress. Jack indicated that this was his last meeting as he is retiring from the DCCS. He has sent the emblem material to Bill Noll. As of yet there is no replacement. Jack was thanked for his service.

Membership: Jim Voelker said there was nothting to report.

Vocations: Matthew Kremer reported that he has followed up on all recent AAD recipients and encouraged the St. Dominic Savio emblem. He has two who appear to be interested in working on the emblem. He has not decided on the Retreat Planning Day.

Training (Scouter Spiritual Development): Joe Dickinson said the next session is scheduled during the Scout/Venturer Retreat in March. He said he mentioned it in a September email that went out to the units reminding them of the Retreat. He will follow through in the formal letter with Retreat details that goes out to the units in January.

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.

OLD BUSINESS

Bill Noll indicated there are no new members. John Harding mentioned that he would like to see more diversity on the DCCS Committee

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

The next St. George Trek will be in 2024. We will need to promote it including at the Scout/Venturer Retreat.

The Pastor Guidelines, discussed previously, will be discussed in a future meeting.

Joe Dickinson will check and see if the revised Bronze Pelican form is the one on the DCCS website.

The diocesan emphasis on Eucharistic Renewal will be supported in the activities of the Scout/Venturer Retreat. There is a link on the DCCS website to the NCCS where the Eucharistic Adoration Patch is explained.

NEW BUSINESS

John Harding reported on the NCCS updated statement regarding chartering of Catholic Units in the Boy Scouts of America. Working with the USCCB, the NCCS presented three options that could be taken: Current Agreement, Facilities Usage Agreement or Affiliated Agreement. The decision would be made by each diocese. John expressed his desire to talk to Bishop Siegel to encourage continued Catholic Scouting in the Buffalo Trace Council.

The next DCCS regular meeting will be held on March 5, 2023 at the Catholic Center after the Retreat.

CHAPLAIN’S COMMENTS

Deacon Charlie indicated this was his last meeting as Diocesan Scout Chaplain, an office he has held for the past 18 years. He plans to stay involved with the DCCS. The new Chaplain will be Deacon Tony Schapker.

After a prayer and blessing by Deacon Charlie, Bill Noll closed the meeting at 3:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Dickinson