DIOCESE OF EVANSVILLE

CATHOLIC COMMITTEE ON SCOUTING

MINUTES OF MEET1NG

December 5, 2021

Present: Deacon Charlie Koressel, Bill Noll, Joe Dickinson, Matthew Kremer, Tom Elsner, Francis Brickey, Emily Thompson, and by Zoom—Jack Martin and Jim Voelker

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 August 29, 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 with the theme “Mary arose and went with haste” (Luke 1:39). Because of the ongoing and uncertain pandemic, a lengthy discussion ensued regarding possible options to make an in-person Retreat as safe as possible as well as considering a Zoom meeting as we did last year. Of main concern were the sleeping arrangements. It was decided to send out a questionnaire to the units that usually attend and obtain their opinion on options which would increase their chances of participating. Joe Dickinson will prepare a draft for approval by Deacon Charlie, Chair Bill Noll, and Activities Chair Francis Brickey. It will be sent to the units as soon as possible with a return date of December 20th. The DCCS will meet again on January 16, 2022 at St. Benedict to discuss further plans.

The Cub Scout Faith Day is scheduled for February19, 2022.at Good Shepherd Parish. Bill Noll is going to send out an invitation to Cub pack leaders to see who is planning to participate.

Emblems: Jack Martin said that for the year 2021 for Cubs 14 had completed the Light of Christ and 10 the Parvuli Dei. There were no Scout emblems completed. However, in progress are 32 Cub emblems and 23 Scout (Ad Altare Dei) emblems. He requested a meeting of the emblem sub-committee for January 16, one half hour before the DCCS meeting, to finalize any adult awards. He is planning to do counselor training at the Scout/Venturing in March.

Membership: Jim Voelker reported that there was nothing new to report regarding membership.

Vocations: Matthew Kremer indicated that with no Ad Altare Dei emblems the past year there were no new Scouts to possibly pursue the St. Dominic Savio. He is continuing to reach out to the 2020 emblem recipients and has one who may be interested. He will contact current members. Deacon Charlie and Francis Brickey said they knew of some possibilities.

Training (Catholic Leadership Development): Joe Dickinson said that if the in-person Retreat is held, there will be Spiritual Formation Training.

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 reported that all the benches are now stained. He said that Old Ben will be up for sale to raise money to help pay the council’s share of the settlement of the sexual abuse lawsuit.

OLD BUSINESS

Bill Noll reported that there were no new changes in the Committee membership.

There were no new applications for the Father Kreilein Endowment Award, but Bill said he had a recent request for information from a father whose daughter is working on the Eagle rank.

Bill mentioned again that there had been no applications for the 2022 St. George Trek. The deadline is now past.

With regard to the Pastor Guidelines discussed last meeting, it was suggested to postpone any further discussion until the issue of sponsoring Units by the Catholic Church and Diocese is resolved.

Bill reported that there had been some concern about whether pastors should sign the annual BSA agreement to charter a unit, but it is now resolved and the agreement can be signed.

No documents concerning the law suit settlement should be signed by any Catholic Chartered Unit, as this will be handled officially by the Diocese.

NEW BUSINESS

The next meeting will be held on January 16, 2022 at 2:00 PM at St. Benedict Cathedral Parish to finalize plans for the Scout/Venturing Retreat. A meeting of the Adult Recognition Sub-Committee will occur at 1:30 PM, one half hour ahead of the DCCS meeting.

CHAPLAIN’S COMMENTS

Deacon Charlie thanked the committee for their continued efforts despite the difficult times. He

closed the meeting with a prayer and blessing at approximately 2:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Dickinson