DIOCESE OF EVANSVILLE

CATHOLIC COMMITTEE ON SCOUTING

MINUTES OF MEETING

June 29, 2014

Present: Bill Noll, Joe Dickinson, Deacon Charles Koressel, Chad Sergesketter, Kevin Sergesketter, Jack Martin, Jim Schmitt, Jim Voelker, Lori Robinson

Excused: Tom Dieter, Emily Thompson, Tom Elsner, Rose Luebbehusen

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Noll at 2:00 PM in the Elizabeth Room of St. John the Baptist Church in Newburgh. He opened with a reflection on the Gospel reading for June 23rd (from 2 Kings 17) from *The Word Among Us* which pointed out that King Hosea had failed because he relied totally on human help without asking for and depending on God’s help.

There were no new members to report.

The minutes of the meeting of March 30, 2014 were approved by proper motion and voice vote.

Financial Report: Deacon Charlie reported no news on the budget but said that we were doing OK in staying within the budget.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Emblems: Mike Harris was not present. He is continuing to do training as needed. Bill has given him several names of people requesting emblem counselor training. Jim Schmitt was present and asked and found out from others present that the Adult Emblems announced at the time of the Boy Scout/Venturing Retreat had finally reached their recipients.

Membership: Jim Voelker handed out a written report indicating a number of places (various Boy Scout and Cub camps) where he had promoted the earning of religious emblems. He had been in contact with 18 Catholic Cub packs at Cub Scout Day Camps. There was no news about the starting or closing of any Catholic units. The question was raised on what will happen now that several parishes are combining with both parishes having units. This is the situation with St. Theresa and Good Shepherd which both have troops. No change is being made now especially since both churches have schools.

Vocations: Jack Martin reported that three members of St. Dominic Savio participated in the Ideal Year of Scouting. Since he is also on the sub-committee to select the scout(s) who will go on the St. George Trek at Philmont in July 2015, some of those details were discussed. The candidates must be 15 years old by July 1, 2015 and be in high school. Bill Noll volunteered to help him in selecting an appropriate candidate(s). The next Vocations Day is scheduled for January 10, 2015.

Activities: The Activities chair is still vacant. Jack Martin said that Cathy and Ken Egler will still chair the next Cub Scout Faith Day on February 28, 2015 at the Catholic Center.

Chad Sergesketter said he will be calling a Boy Scout/Venturing Retreat committee meeting sometime in September. The next retreat will be at the Catholic Center the weekend of March 6 -8, 2015. The theme will be: Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God” (Mt 5:8).

Training (Spiritual Formation): Tom Dieter was not present to give a report.

Communications: Joe Dickinson read an e-mail from Steve Dabrowski that informed the DCCS that after July 1, 2014 the DCCS web-pages will no longer be part of the diocesan web-pages. The diocese will not maintain the web-pages but will provide a link to those that we create and maintain elsewhere. Joe reported that Steve had provided some suggestions and encouragement about how to create our own web-pages. Joe said he would follow up on this and hopefully have some web-pages going by the next meeting. The committee felt that any costs could become part of our budget.

Chapel Maintenance: Tom Elsner was not present but sent a written report that the French drain work had to be postponed. He did put wheels on the lectern and returned it to camp. Jim Voelker reported that the chapel was used at the recent Resource Camp.

OLD BUSINESS

Bill Noll announced that he had received a letter from the NCCS Regional Chair congratulating our committee on achieving the Quality Diocese honor every year since 2002, the year the award was started. Only 7 out of 190 dioceses have achieved such distinction. Lori Robinson suggested that this information should be put in *The Message,* and Joe Dickinson said he would follow up on this.

Chad Sergesketter presented a design he is proposing for the Council Shoulder Patch especially for retreat attendees. His design features St. George, the patron saint of Scouting. He will follow-up with approval from the Buffalo Trace Council and get an estimate on price for the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill Noll gave out information about a religious scouting event in the Archdiocese of Louisville. It is the annual Bishop Flaget Trail which will be held on August 15-17, 2014 at the Abbey of Gethsemane south of Bardstown, KY. He has more information if anyone is interested.

There is a World Jamboree in Japan in 2015.

The next meeting will be held at Holy Spirit Church Campus (Annunciation Parish) on September 7, 2014 at 2:00 PM.

CHAPLAIN’S COMMENTS

Deacon Charlie encouraged members to continue to try to recruit others for the committee.

He closed the meeting with a prayer and blessing about 3:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe R. Dickinson, Jr.

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