DIOCESE OF EVANSVILLE

CATHOLIC COMMITTEE ON SCOUTING

MINUTES OF MEETING

June 5, 2016

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

Excused: Lori Adkins, Rose Luebbehusen

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Noll at 1:15 in a meeting room at St. Philip Parish. He opened with a heart prayer.

The minutes of the meeting of March 6, 2016 were approved by proper motion and voice vote.

Financial Report: Deacon Charlie said that there was no formal report but that we are doing OK. We broke even with the Retreat. There was a brief discussion about a check from Troop 368 that was never cashed by the Diocese. Deacon Charlie will see what he can find out about it.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities: Michele Donovan said she had reserved the Catholic Center for the Retreat next year on March 3-5, 2017 and for the following year on March 2-4, 2018. Deacon Charlie will check and see if this coordinates with the Bishop’s schedule. She also read comments from the evaluations from the Retreat in March. Comments were generally favorable. One in particular was discussed in which it was recommended that the youth (St. Dominic Savio members) be given more participation in the leadership during the Retreat. This will be taken into account next year. Bill Noll mentioned that Joe Holtz would like to phase out as the music director at the Retreat, but is going to encourage John Payne to take it over. Joe will work with him in the transition. Garret Braun, a seminarian, has agreed to make one of the presentations during the 2017 Retreat. The theme for the 2017 World Youth Day has not been established yet; as in the past, this will be the theme for the 2017 Retreat.

No news on the Cub Scout Faith Day for this coming year. The Eglers are still in charge of this event. Bill will contact them to see if a date has been established.

Emblems: There was no formal report in the absence of the chair, Lori Adkins. Jim Voelker who keeps statistics on emblems said there had been a slight increase over last year primarily due to one unit. Bill Noll encouraged that applications for adult recognitions be submitted by the end of December as it takes time to process them.

Membership: Jim Voelker said there was not a lot to report other than he had a presentation at the council’s Ideal Year of Scouting night. Deacon Charlie showed a banner that had been made using the Quality Diocese patches from over the years. It was suggested another one be made using all the Scout Retreat patches hopefully including the ones from the early years of the Retreat. Emily Thompson said she may have the early patches.

Vocations: Joe Keith reported that he was working to have members of St. Dominic Savio present at the priest and deacon ordinations on June 11th at St. Benedict Cathedral to help in whatever capacity they may be needed. He will do the same for other ordinations for the coming year. Deacon Charlie suggested that St. Dominic Savio might also participate and help in the All Diocese Mass next year. The first one was recently held at the Ford Center and was well-attended. Joe said he was still thinking about moving the Vocations Day to November (normally held in January) but has set no firm date. He is also accepting applications from St. Dominic   
Savio members for the St. George Trek at Philmont in 2017. Members who went last year will speak at the Boy Scout/Venturing Retreat in March. Deacon Charlie announced that Bishop Gettelfinger is at Philmont again this year but is looking for some help as sacristan from either a youth or adult who could come to Philmont and stay for the summer session.

Training (Catholic Leadership Development): Joe Dickinson said there was nothing new to report. He is hoping Deacon Tony Schapker will be available to help again next year, but anybody else who is interested would be welcome.

Communications: Joe Dickinson reported that the website ([www.evdccs.com](http://www.evdccs.com)) is generally up-to-date. He hopes to update the pictures from more recent events. As discussed at the last meeting, Michele Donovan has contacted Steve Dabrowski about the possibility of members of St. Dominic Savio keeping up communications through social media. He had sent Michele and Joe the diocesan policy on social media and said he was willing to meet and discuss the possibility. Joe reported from reading the policy it might be possible with youth, but it would have to be supervised by adults. Michele and Joe will arrange a meeting with Steve. Joe Keith said he would be willing to be one of the responsible adults since he is the one who works with St. Dominic Savio members

Chapel Maintenance: Tom Elsner said nothing had been done since the last meeting as the ranger at camp has retired, and he didn’t have access to Old Ben. He has been given the name of a new person to contact for access and will be doing that soon. Thus the work of removing the gutters and putting gravel below the edge of the roof has not been done, as well as what to do with the skylights and roof in general. Michele Donovan said she was there for the Camporee in April and cleaned the altar and ambo the best she could, but they were not in good shape and need better protection from the weather. Some possibilities were discussed. Deacon Charlie suggested that a rod needs to be placed so that the priests can hang their vestments. It was announced that the trailers donated by Holy Rosary Parish, mentioned last time, were being moved to Old Ben with help of a company that moves trailers with axles.

OLD BUSINESS

Bill Noll went through the list of active members and information only members to see if any could be culled as no longer active. Several revisions will be made.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill Noll announced that the Diocese of Evansville DCCS has been recognizes as one of only eight DCCS committees to have received the Quality Committee Recognition every year since its inception in 2002. A special patch was presented to the committee Chairman and Chaplain.

Deacon Charlie mentioned again the importance of Youth Mental Health First Aid Training. Anyone who works with youth in the diocese is strongly encouraged to attend. The next session will be on June 25th at Holy Trinity East Campus in Jasper. The training will be from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time. You must pre-register. For forms and questions about the training, contact Mary Kaye Falcony at [mkfalcony@evdio.org](mailto:mkfalcony@evdio.org).

The next meeting will be held on August 21, 2016 at 2:00 PM at Resurrection Parish.

CHAPLAIN’S COMMENTS

Deacon Charlie said he was thankful that things are going well. He especially recognized the importance of the work of members of St. Dominic Savio. He closed the meeting at 2:40 with a prayer and blessing.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe R. Dickinson, Jr.

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