DIOCESE OF EVANSVILLE

CATHOLIC COMMITTEE ON SCOUTING

MINUTES OF MEET1NG

June 6, 2021

Present: Tom Elsner, John Harding, Deacon Charles Koressel, Jack Martin, Bill Noll, Jim Voelker

Excused: Francis Brickey, Joe Dickinson, Matthew Kremer,

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Noll at 1:00 PM at St. Philip Parish. He opened with a heart prayer.

The minutes of the meeting of March 21, 2021 were approved by proper motion and voice vote.

Financial Report: Deacon Charlie reported that there were no issues with the Budget.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities: To date, 52 Scouts and Leaders have attended or watched the 2021 virtual Retreat. (34 Scouts; 18 Leaders)

The 2022 Retreat is scheduled for March 4-6, 2022 at the Catholic Center. The Cub Scout Faith Day will be February19, 2022.at Good Shepherd Parish. The theme for the 2022 Retreat is: “Mary arose and went with haste” (Luke 1:39).

It was suggested that we ask Fr. Garrett Braun to celebrate the Saturday morning’s Mass with us at the 2022 Retreat because of his connection with Scouting and the Retreat in the past years.

Emblems: Jack Martin said the final total for religious emblems for 2020 was 87 compared to 55 the year before. Last year $1,712.58 was spent on postage, manuals, and emblems. He received $392.00 for manuals sold. John Harding suggested that we compile a list of Religious Emblems recipients to put in the “Compass Points” to publicize their achievement and encourage other Scouts to work on their Emblems.

Membership: Jim Voelker reportrd that he is assemblying a list of all Cathooic Troops and contacts for DCCS use.

Vocations: Matthew Kremer reported by e-mail, that he continues to recruit eligible Scouts to join the Order of St. Dominic Savio. He sent out letters to all recent Ad Altare Dei/ Pope Pius XII Emblem recipients with a brief on-line survey to evaluate their interest in this program and for any suggestions. All additional Scouts will receive this information when they receive their Emblems. He is also going to contact Unit Leaders to get them to encourage their youth.

Training (Catholic Leadership Development): Joe sent a follow-up e-mail to the Unit Leaders concerning the availability of the Retreat for their participation. He also asked them if there were any Scouters interested in attending Catholic Leadership Development Training. He is willing to consider doing a course before the next Retreat if there is interest.

Communications: No report.

Chapel Maintenance: Tom Elsner said he went to Old Ben to rake leaves and do general clean-up. The new roof is in place. Some of the back benches may need replacement. Deacon Charlie suggested that we look at solar power or other energy sources to light the Chapel for evening use,

OLD BUSINESS

Bill Noll reported that there were no changes in the Committee membership. He also said that a few “Active Members” had not attended a meetings or event in the past year and they will be moved to “Informational Member” status.

Bill reported that the two applicants for the Fr. Kreilein Endowment Award had received their $100 grants. There have not been any additional applications.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill reported that there had been some discussion between the Buffalo Trace Council and the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry about the recently revised rechartering agreement between BSA and Chartering Organizations. John reported that this issue has been resolved by using the old agreement

Bill has received copies of “A Guideline for Pastors” from the Archdiocese of Newark and the Diocese of Charlestown from the NCCS for our information and for us to consider composing one for the Diocese of Evansville. Bill will send out these two documents to the Committee members for their review and input.

A question was asked concerning the next St. George Trek. Bill will research this and report back to the membership of the Committee.

The next meeting will be held on August 29, 2021 at 1:00 PM at Good Shepherd Parish.

CHAPLAIN’S COMMENTS

Deacon Charlie expressed his appreciation to the members for their work on the Committee.

The meeting was closed with a prayer and blessing from Deacon Charlie at approximately 2:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Noll