DIOCESE OF EVANSVILLE

CATHOLIC COMMITTEE ON SCOUTING

MINUTES OF MEETING

June 7, 2015

Present: Bill Noll, Joe Dickinson, Tom Elsner, Michele Donovan, Jack Martin, Lori Robinson, Deacon Charles Koressel, Jim Schmitt, Emily Thompson

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Noll at 1:06 PM in a conference room at St Theresa School. He opened with a heart prayer.

The minutes of the meeting of March 8, 2015 were approved by proper motion and voice vote.

Financial Report: Deacon Charlie reported that in general we are covering our costs with the $4,000 allotted. This is less than we have had in previous years.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities: Jack Martin reported that there was a problem with the Cub Scout Faith Day this year. It had been moved from its original date of February 21st to March 28th, but that didn’t work out as only one pack pre-registered to come and only two packs (25 Cubs) had pre-registered for February 21st. He is working with the aforementioned Packs to see if they are interested in organizing an individual Faith Day sometime this summer. He proposes that next year it be held in early March, but no exact date has been set. St. John’s (Daylight) would be a good central place to have it.

He handed in a report of the Boy Scout/Venturing Retreat held March 6-8, 2015. Overall there was a deficit of $218. Even though there were two new Troops, total attendance was down to 138 from 154 last year. Next year’s retreat is scheduled for March 4-6, 2016 (this date is different from that announced at the last meeting) at the Catholic Center.

Jack announced that he was stepping down as temporary chair of the Activities Committee for next year. He will have one more meeting of the Retreat Committee to get it started for next year scheduled for July 13, at 6:30 PM at St. Theresa.

Emblems: Lori Robinson as new chair of the Emblems Committee asked for clarification on what was needed in the reports to the DCCS meeting. She did report that she had done no Board of Reviews for Ad Altare Dei herself, but one had been completed in Ferdinand but she didn’t have the exact number. One pack had completed the Parvuli Dei. She mentioned she is willing to schedule emblem counselor training as needed and also at the Boy Scout/Venturing Retreat.

Membership: Jim Voelker was not present to give a formal report, but others indicated he had a display at the Ideal Year of Scouting event put on by the Council. Lori Robinson reported that Pack 349 was in need of a Cubmaster, and Bill Noll mentioned that the Troops at St. Theresa (368) and Good Shepherd (362) would be combining.

Vocations: Jack Martin said five members of the Order of St. Dominic Savio had helped at the recent deacon ordination. There will be another ordination in December. Two scouts from the diocese, Cameron Egler and Frank Simutis, will be doing the St. George Trek at Philmont this summer and should see Bishop Emeritus Gettelfinger while there. The next Vocations Day will be January 9, 2016 at St. John’s (Daylight).

Training (Catholic Leadership Development): Tom Dieter was not present, but Jack Martin mentioned that Tom had told him he was resigning as Chair of this committee. The possibility of getting Cris Goldbach to take this over was discussed as he has assisted in a number of the formations in recent years.

Communications: Joe Dickinson mentioned with the new realignment of deaneries in the diocese to take place on July 1, 2015 the map on our website will be out-of-date. The new one was recently published in *The Message.* He will contact the editor and try to get a digital version with which to update our website. He also mentioned Lori Robinson had given him data from Mike Harris to hopefully make an accurate list of all the recipients of adult emblems over the years to update the DCCS record and to put on the website. Jim Schmitt had compiled a thorough list through 2008. Jim said he might have some additional information. Joe hopes to complete the lists and have it on the website soon.

Chapel Maintenance: Tom Elsner reported that an anonymous donor had given $1,000 to the Ferdinand Troop for chapel maintenance. The money has been turned over to the Council, but Tom will use it to complete the French drain project hopefully this summer. Deacon Charlie mentioned that at the recent Order of the Arrow Mass there during the rain the skylight leaked. Tom will also look into how that can be repaired.

OLD BUSINESS

Bill Noll said that there were no new members but three new informational members. Several names were mentioned as possible new members, and some current members volunteered to approach them about this.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill Noll brought up a problem that had been reported to him that when a unit filled out an “Intent to Begin Work on a Religious Emblem” form, they never receive a formal approval to begin. The form is supposed to go to Deacon Charlie who will get back to the unit. Lori Robinson will forward any forms she gets to Deacon Charlie. Joe Dickinson said he will see if anything can be done on the website to clarify and facilitate this process.

Bill Noll announced he had received the patches for our Quality Diocese Award for 2014. We are one of seven dioceses (out of 190 dioceses) to achieve the award every year since the award began in 2002.

The next meeting will be held on August 30, 2015 at 1:00 PM at St. Philip Parish.

CHAPLAIN’S COMMENTS

Deacon Charlie thanked all for their help and pointed out there will be possibly be more challenges to religious liberty in working with some policy changes regarding unit leaders proposed by the National Council of the Boy Scouts. He closed with a prayer and blessing at 2:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe R. Dickinson, Jr.

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