DIOCESE OF EVANSVILLE

CATHOLIC COMMITTEE ON SCOUTING

MINUTES OF MEETING

March 21, 2021

Present: Bill Noll, Francis Brickey, Deacon Charles Koressel, Matthew Kremer, Joe Dickinson, Jack Martin, Tom Elsner

Excused: None

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Noll at 1:00 PM in the Parish Center of St. Ben’s Cathedral. He opened with a heart prayer.

The minutes of the meeting of December 6, 2020 were approved by proper motion and voice vote.

Financial Report: Bill Noll reported that $311.91 had been spent on the Retreat patches, but otherwise Deacon Charlie said that there was nothing else to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities: Francis Brickey gave a brief report on the recently completed virtual Scout/Venturer Retreat held on March 6, 2021 from the point of view of comments from his troop. He indicated that the talks were pretty well received but there was too much free time (deadtime) between the talks of the seminarians and that there was less interaction. There were also some technical problems on his end. Joe Dickinson reported that twelve troops registered, including three girl troops, with six troops participating on line, one additional by recording, and five indicating they were going to use the recording at a later date. Joe will follow-up on those troops. Overall, those DCCS members who participated thought the Retreat went well with thanks to Abigail Roberts of the Buffalo Trace Council who was the technical director.

Bill Noll reported that the 2021 Cub Scout Faith Day was cancelled because of the pandemic.

Next year’s Retreat is tentatively scheduled for March 4-6, 2022 at the Catholic Center depending on the pandemic. Cub Scout Faith Day will be February19, 2022. The theme for next year is “Mary arose and went with haste” (Luke 1:39).

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING: At this point in the Business Meeting, the Executive Board met to have the bi-annual election for the Diocesan Chair. Secretary Joe Dickinson reported he had received three nominations for Bill Noll to be the Diocesan Chair. There were no other nominations. A motion was made to close the nominations and passed by voice vote. Those present then voted by voice vote to elect Bill Noll to be the Diocesan Chair for the next two years.

A discussion was held about the updated revision to the DCCS Constitution. Committee chairs had reviewed their sections and found only a few minor changes. The revised Constitution was then approved

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Emblems: Jack Martin said the final total for religious emblems for 2020 was 87 compared to 50 the year before. Last year $848.56 was spent on postage, manuals, and emblems. He has taken in $272 for manuals sold.

Membership: Jim Voelker was not present. Bill Noll announced that the Troop and Pack at Good Shepherd has not rechartered because of insufficient membership.

Vocations: Matthew Kremer said he is still trying to recruit scouts to work on joining the Order of St. Dominic Savio. He is sending out letters to recent Ad Altare Dei/ Pope Pius XII recipients with a brief on-line survey to evaluate their interest in this program and for any suggestions. He is also going to contact Unit Leaders to get them to encourage their youth.

Training (Catholic Leadership Development): Joe Dickinson said with no in-person Retreat there was no spiritual formation course. He will be sending out another follow-up on the Retreat and will ask leaders to let him know of interested scouters. He is willing to do a virtual substitute for the course.

Communications: Joe Dickinson mentioned that the website ([www.evdccs.com](http://www.evdccs.com)) needs to be updated with the new dates of next year’s events. He has sent information to the Message about the recent Retreat.

Chapel Maintenance: Tom Elsner said he will be going to Old Ben next month to do the Spring cleaning of the chapel. The new roof is in place. He will have new covers for the altar and ambo.

OLD BUSINESS

Bill Noll discussed several members who had not been at meetings in a year and was considering moving them to informational member status.

Bill mentioned that there had been two new applications for the Fr. Kreilein award for Eagle projects. They were approved for $100 each. This left $100 in the fund with more money coming soon. There was a discussion about how much should be given to each applicant. It was noted that it is hard to predict how many applicants there will be as the word is spreading about the availability of the fund. The amount from the endowment also varies each year depending on the stock market. Currently the maximum award is set at $100 per application.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Noll reported that the NCCS had again recognized our diocese as a Quality Diocesan Committee.

He 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. This issue has been resolved by the NCCS.

The next meeting will be held on June 6, 2021 at 1:00 PM at St. Philip Parish.

CHAPLAIN’S COMMENTS

Deacon Charlie expressed his appreciation that members were still actively working to achieve the objectives of the committee despite the Pandemic. He stressed the need to look for new members. He closed the meeting with a prayer and blessing at approximately 2:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe R. Dickinson, Jr

DCCS Secretary.