DIOCESE OF EVANSVILLE

CATHOLIC COMMITTEE ON SCOUTING

MINUTES OF MEETING

March 3, 2019

Present: Bill Noll, Joe Dickinson, Deacon Charles Koressel, Tom Elsner, Jim Voelker, Michele Donovan, Lori Adkins, Roger Krebsbach

Excused: None

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Noll at 11:25 in the Council’s Room at the Catholic Center. He opened with a prayer of thanksgiving for the just completed Scout/Venturing Retreat.

The minutes of the meeting of December 2, 2018 were approved by proper motion and voice vote.

Financial Report: Money has recently been spent ordering more emblems, but Deacon Charlie said we are still within budget.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities: The Retreat was briefly discussed. Michele in glancing through the evaluation comments that were turned in saw no major criticisms. A more complete report will follow. There was some indication that the following activities were viewed more favorably: adoration, dodge ball, and talks about Our Lady of Lourdes. Bill Noll expressed his appreciation that retreat committee members had worked extra hard this year to make it successful.

For next year, since St. Meinrad is not available, we will plan on having the Retreat again at the Catholic Center. Deacon Charlie said it is difficult to obtain sufficient confessors at Vincennes. We will need to establish next year’s theme. This will follow the World Youth Day theme that hasn’t been released yet. Usually it is announced in the Fall.

Bill said that Cathy Egler had helped with the design of the Retreat patch, but because of her health and that of her husband, no plans have been made for the Cub Scout Faith Day. Lori Adkins said she would be willing to help Cathy and Bill with the Faith Day. A date needs to be determined for next year.

Emblems: Lori Adkins reported that more Parvuli Dei emblems had to be ordered recently. Bill said we need to encourage more adult recognitions, especially the St. George since we haven’t had one in two years. This year no applications were received from outside the committee. The Bronze Pelican application form is being updated. Joe Dickinson will put it in final form and place it on the website.

Membership: Jim Voelker expressed concern that he had been informed by the Council that a number of Catholic packs have been slow in re-chartering, and he thinks some of them may be folding. Jim also said he had the handouts and display for the Ideal Year of Scouting on May 2nd but would not be able to attend. Bill and Lori volunteered to help.

Vocations: Bill also indicated that the Vocations chair is still vacant. Several names were mentioned as possibilities.

Training (Catholic Leadership Development): Joe Dickinson reported that two Scouters attended the training at the Retreat this year. The session went well.

Communications: Joe Dickinson mentioned that the website ([www.evdccs.com](http://www.evdccs.com)) is generally up-to-date. He is open to any suggestions for improvements or corrections.

Chapel Maintenance: Tom Elsner reported bids to repair the roof are being sought. John Harding is helping to find some possible donors for the project. When the weather improves, Tom plans to do some cleaning at the chapel.

OLD BUSINESS

No change in membership was noted.

The new BSA on-line Chaplain’s Aide and COR trainings should be looked at to see if anything needs to be added to make them more suitable for Catholic units.

Catholic Unit Chartering Requirements: The Diocese still has interest in making sure that units chartered by the Catholic church show evidence of Catholic activities, but no requirements have been specified. Other dioceses will be looked at by Steve Dabrowski to see what they are doing. We decided to develop and submit a proposal to Steve Dabrowski for consideration.

NEW BUSINESS

The St. George Trek in 2020 needs to be promoted after information comes out.

Fr. Phil Kreilein has left an endowment to support Eagle projects directed toward benefiting Catholic Organizations. Guidelines for awarding the grants need to be established by the DCCS

A brief discussion was held about the responsibility of the DCCS for the spiritual needs of the Trail of Life and Heritage Girls and the possibility of inviting them to the to the DCCS sponsored retreats.

The next meeting will be held on June 9, 2019 at St. John the Baptist Parish (Newburgh).

CHAPLAIN’S COMMENTS

Deacon Charlie thanked the committee for their work, especially on the Retreat, and encouraged them to help recruit for the vacant slots on the committee.

He closed the meeting with a prayer and blessing at 12:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe R. Dickinson, Jr.

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