DIOCESE OF EVANSVILLE

CATHOLIC COMMITTEE ON SCOUTING

MINUTES OF MEETING

March 4, 2018

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Noll at 11:50 in a meeting room at the Catholic Center following the conclusion of the Boy Scout/Venturing Retreat. He opened with a heart prayer.

The minutes of the meeting of December 3, 2017 were approved by proper motion and voice vote.

Financial Report: Deacon Charlie said there was nothing new to report about the finances.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities: The recently concluded Retreat was discussed and seen as running smoothly even though attendance was down. Preliminary count was 49 youth and 33 adults. The music was seen as energetic and engaging. Again, the Order of St. Dominic Savio had helped make the Retreat a success. Concern was expressed about inappropriate tee-shirts (what is proper attire and what is inappropriate) and use of cell phones which will be discussed at a later date. The wearing of hats did not seem to be as much of a problem this year as that was encouraged several times in communications sent to leaders before the retreat. Other possible locations were discussed for next year. However, Michele Donovan said she would go ahead and reserve a date at the Catholic Center. The possibility of doing an outside Stations of the Cross there was also discussed.

Bill Noll said he had talked with Cathy Egler, and she is still interested in coordinating the Cub Scout Faith Day. It was decided to set dates for the Faith Day in November for this year and in 2019 and then publicize them as much as possible.

Emblems: Lori Adkins reported she has set a date of training of counselors for the Ad Altare Dei and Pope Pius XII prompted by the request of one unit. This was announced at the recent retreat. Two adults were honored with the Bronze Pelican—one at the Retreat and one later in his parish.

Membership: Jim Voelker reported that the number of Catholic emblems was down slightly. He will be participating in the Council Ideal Year of Scouting in May to promote the DCCS and religious emblems.

Vocations: Joe Keith said that four new members were inducted into the Order of St. Dominic Savior and were presented their sashes by the Bishop at the Retreat. The two members of St. Dominic Savio who had gone on the St. George Trek last summer gave their report after the Bishop’s Mass. Joe also announced that he would be resigning as chair of the Vocations Committee because of family obligations. He has talked to John Payne, Jr. (who headed the Music Ministry at the Retreat) about possibly assuming the position. In the meantime, he will work to make a smooth transition.

Training (Catholic Leadership Development): Joe Dickinson reported that four adults took the Spiritual Formation course at the Retreat. He was assisted by Deacon Tony Schapker, and they thought it had gone well.

Communications: Joe Dickinson reported 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. He will add some pictures from the Retreat to the website.

Chapel Maintenance: Tom Elsner said he had not yet gotten to Old Ben to do the basic spring cleaning and preparation for summer activities but plans to before the Wilderness Survival Camporee there at the end of April.

OLD BUSINESS

Bill sent in the paperwork to apply for the Diocesan Quality Unit Award but so far has not heard anything.

The CR list is up-to-date for now. He sends them information from the DCCS.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill Noll handed out copies of the current requirements for the Bronze Pelican. The spiritual formation requirement has been questioned in terms of what kind of formation (Cursillo, CRHP, etc.) other than the Scouter Spiritual Formation might be acceptable. Also the possibility of a special recognition or honorary award for individuals not meeting all the requirements, e.g. for clergy who have helped the DCCS, needs to be discussed at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held at 1:00 PM on June 3, 2018 at St. John the Baptist Parish (Newburgh).

CHAPLAIN’S COMMENTS

Deacon Charlie thanked those in attendance for their work in putting on the Retreat.

At 12:35 he closed the meeting with a prayer and blessing.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe R. Dickinson, Jr.

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