DIOCESE OF EVANSVILLE

CATHOLIC COMMITTEE ON SCOUTING

MINUTES OF MEETING

June 9, 2019

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

Excused: Matthew Kremer

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Noll at 1:00 PM in a meeting room at Good Shepherd Parish. He opened with a heart prayer.

The minutes of the meeting of March 3, 2019 were approved by proper motion and voice vote.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities: Michelle Donovan gave a report on the Retreat evaluations done by both Scout and Leaders. They were generally positive. She was glad we had an section on the Rosary as there seems to be a lack of knowledge in that area. Joe Dickinson handed out a report on the number attending from each troop. In total there were 77 participants down from 82 the previous year.

The Retreat next year will again be at the Catholic Center; the date is March 6-8, 2020. We are still waiting for the theme to be released by the Vatican usually in the late fall. Deacon Charlie emphasized again that it is easier to obtain priests for Reconciliation in the Evansville area. However, in the future Vincennes might be a possibility again if we could provide transportation to retired priests to be the confessors.

Lori Adkins, Cathy Egler and Bill Noll have agreed to work on the Cub Scout Faith Day for next year. A tentative date was set for February 29, 2020. Lora and Bill will work on trying to obtain a location so an announcement can go out to the packs as soon as possible hopefully before they plan their calendars.

Emblems: Lori Adkins reported 10 Light of Christ and 20 Parvuli Dei emblems so far this year. She has also trained 9 Ad Altare Dei counselors.

Membership: Jim Voelker said he had nothing new to report on membership.

Vocations: Bill Noll indicated that Matthew Kremer had agreed to be in charge of the St. Dominic Savio Order. Bill will contact him about accepting the chair for the vocations committee. Joe Dickinson will send him the key to handling the on-line vocation training for scouts working on the St. Dominic Savio as well as other material he had received from Joe Keith.

Training (Catholic Leadership Development): Joe Dickinson reported there were positive evaluations from the two leaders who made the spiritual development training at the Retreat. One said it was “the best kept secret of the retreat”. It will be offered at the next retreat.

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. One suggestion was that there should be a link on the Buffalo Trace website to our website. Joe will talk to the Buffalo Trace Council about it.

Chapel Maintenance: Tom Elsner reported that he had cleaned up around the Chapel and had stained the benches. He also indicated there was a bid of $5000 to replace the current roof with a metal one. John Harding is preparing a flyer to promote a fundraiser. There is a donor who will match any funds obtained. This possibly might be completed by late fall. Deacon Charlie said he would have preferred an extension of the current roof but realizes the additional cost.

OLD BUSINESS

Bill Noll reported that Matthew Kremer is a new member. He was not able to attend today’s meeting.

Jim Voelker said he had taken both the new BSA on-line Chaplain’s Aide and COR trainings. The COR training includes a section on Catholic Scouting. The Chaplain and Chaplain Aide training while good, is not specifically geared to Catholic needs. Some additional training may need to be added by the DCCS to emphasize Catholic aspects. (See following paragraph.)

With regard to recommendations for Units to be chartered by a Catholic Organization, several things were discussed. Bill Noll said he will write a draft on what might be sent to Units and submit it to committee members by the next meeting. We also discussed the possibility of DCCS members visiting Troop Committee Meetings to emphasize these recommendations and promote emblems might help in this regard.

Joe Dickinson said he will complete the revision of the Bronze Pelican application and place it on the website.

Bill Noll discussed the application form for the Father Kreilein Endowment Fund for Eagle projects that he had sent out before the meeting. It was generally approved and will be placed on the website.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill Noll indicated that our DCCS had again been recognized as a Quality Diocese for 2018

There as a brief discussion concerning the financial status of Buffalo Trace Council. A letter from John Harding was shared indicating that the financials were sound with no issues.

The issue of how the DCCS should relate to new Youth Organizations similar to Scouting such as Trail Life and Heritage Girls was discussed. It was not clear whether they would or should fall under the spiritual charter of the DCCS. This needs further discussion. It was agreed that Youth and Leaders from these organizations would be welcome at our retreats.

The next meeting will be held on September 15, 2019 at 1:00 at St. Philip Parish.

CHAPLAIN’S COMMENTS

Deacon Charlie thanked the committee for their work and was grateful for the promise of new active membership. He closed the meeting with a prayer and blessing at 2:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe R. Dickinson, Jr.

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