DIOCESE OF EVANSVILLE

CATHOLIC COMMITTEE ON SCOUTING

MINUTES OF MEETING

November 16, 2014

Present: Bill Noll, Joe Dickinson, Deacon Charles Koressel, Jim Voelker, Tom Elsner, Emily Thompson, Dan and Michele Donovan, Jack Martin, Ken and Cathy Egler

Excused: Rose Luebbehusen, Tom Dieter, Lori Robinson, Jim Schmitt, Kevin Sergesketter

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Noll at 1:30 PM in a basement meeting room at St. Philip Parish. He opened with a heart prayer.

The minutes of the meeting of September 7, 2014 were approved by proper motion and voice vote.

Financial Report: There was no financial report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities: Ken and Cathy Egler will chair the Cub Scout Faith Day on February 21, 2015 at the Catholic Center. They will follow the same theme as the Boy Scout Retreat and will develop activities to that effect. They said they have an e-mail list of Cub Packs and will send out information to them. Joe Dickinson will see that a notice gets in *The Message*. Cathy will also design a patch to be used by both the Cub Faith Day and the Boy Scout/Venturing Retreat also in keeping with the theme. Jack Martin will be advising as needed.

It was announced that Chad Sergesketter had resigned from the DCCS and consequently as the chair of the Boy Scout/Venturing Retreat and that Troop 393 would not be as active in providing support as they have done in the past. The Retreat Committee will be meeting after this meeting to discuss how to adjust to these major changes.

Emblems: Bill Noll announced that Lori Robinson would be taking over as chair of this committee from Mike Harris who has had it for a number of years. She is working with Mike to learn about the committee and especially doing the training for the emblem counselors.

Membership: Jim Voelker reported nothing new since the last meeting.

Vocations: Jack Martin reported that the next Vocations Day is scheduled for January 10, 2015 at St. John Parish (Daylight). He has sent an announcement to unit leaders and is working on the panel of presenters on vocations. There will be another session on January 31st at Holy Rosary Parish to plan for the retreat. He also announced that two scouts (Cameron Egler & Frank Simutis III) had been named to attend the St. George Trek at Philmont this coming summer. They will be supported by the Diocese.

Training (Catholic Leadership Development): Tom Dieter was not present due to sickness.

Communications: Joe Dickinson said the DCCS website is up-to-date and welcomes any corrections or ideas to improve it. There is now a link from the Diocesan website through the Youth and Young Adult page to our website— [www.evdccs.com](http://www.evdccs.com). He plans to put Retreat registration forms on the website as well as send them out to unit leaders.

Chapel Maintenance: Tom Elsner was happy to report that a $1000 donation had been received from Troop 186 for this cause. He will be looking for projects in the spring. The French drain which had been postponed from this past year will hopefully be done in April.

OLD BUSINESS

Mike Harris has been providing training to Emblem counselors as needed and is now teaching Lori Robinson how to take over that role.

Since Chad Sergesketter has resigned from the DCCS and had been spearheading the idea of a DCCS shoulder patch, that issue will not be pursued further.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill said there was no new information on the new national membership initiative mentioned at the last meeting.

The NCCS has begun a new activity series to earn patches—the Marian Activity Series ([www.nccs-bsa.org/activities/index.php](http://www.nccs-bsa.org/activities/index.php)). The first activity features Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Bill mentioned the new belief in God statement which is going to be included as a requirement in each Boy Scout Rank.

The next meeting will be held at the end of the Boy Scout/Venturing Retreat on March 8, 2015 at the Catholic Center.

CHAPLAIN’S COMMENTS

Deacon Charlie thanked members for their work on the committee and closed the meeting with a prayer and blessing at 2:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe R. Dickinson, Jr.

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