DIOCESE OF EVANSVILLE

CATHOLIC COMMITTEE ON SCOUTING

MINUTES OF MEETING

September 10, 2017

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

Excused: Lori Adkins, Cathy Egler

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Noll at 1:20 in a meeting room at St. Philip Parish. He opened with a heart prayer.

The minutes of the meeting of June 11, 2017 were approved by proper motion and voice vote.

Financial Report: Deacon Charlie said there was nothing new to report except to point out that anybody needing reimbursement should present the receipts to him rather than Steve Dabrowski.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities: The next Boy Scout/Venturing Retreat is scheduled for March 2-4, 2018. The theme for 2018 is: "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God." (Lk 1:30). Michelle Donovan reported that the first planning meeting will be held on October 22, 2017 at 1:00 PM at St. Philip Parish. The discussion that began at the last meeting was continued on the idea of rotating the location of the Retreat. In addition to the Catholic Center other locations mentioned were Vincennes Rivet, Jasper, Ondesonk, and Old Ben, but returning to St. Meinrad occasionally would be the most preferred. John Harding had mentioned in the last meeting he would be willing to help in this regard. He will be approached again to lead this endeavor.

Bill Noll noted that he had contacted Cathy Egler, and she is still willing to be involved with the Cub Scout Faith Day. A discussion ensued about the best date as the March dates in the last few years appear to be have a lot of conflicts. The possibility of a Saturday or Sunday in November was thought to be the best to try, but with the short time remaining to sufficiently promote it, 2018 might be the best time to start. Bill will get back with Cathy and continue the discussion with her.

Emblems: Lori Adkins was not present but sent in her report by e-mail. In the first half of this year there have been 34 Light of Christ, 45 Parvuli Dei, 11 Ad Altare Dei, and 6 Pope Paul VI. Overall this is an increase over the previous year.

Membership: Jim Voelker reported nothing new about membership, but pointed out that, as the Council religious emblem coordinator, the Council is promoting a retreat in May 2018 for those wanting to work on and earn religious emblems of other faiths. Those interested should contact Jim especially for prerequisites.

Vocations: The two scouts, Jerett Herr and Ben Janney, sent to Philmont for the St. George Trek have returned. Joe Keith said they will be giving reports to the DCCS, Scout Retreat, and the Serra Club. He also mentioned that he has not yet set a date for the Vocations Day as the first step for those working on the St. Dominic Savio.

Training (Catholic Leadership Development): Joe Dickinson reported there was nothing new with the next training scheduled during the Retreat as usual.

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.

Chapel Maintenance: Tom Elsner reported that the chapel benches were power washed and treated with a water seal by members of the Order of the Arrow. Weeds were also pulled. In the fall he plans to remove the gutters and close it down for the season.

OLD BUSINESS

Bill reported that Matthew Kremer who was a DCCS member briefly before going away to Graduate school, has now returned to this area. He has expressed interest in becoming involve with the DCCS and the Retreat. Bill will continue to contact him to make this happen.

Bill followed up on an item from the last meeting in which it was pointed that no religious emblem knot for the uniform comes with the Bronze Pelican because it is not a national emblem like the St. George.

It was also mentioned from the last meeting that in information announcing the next Boy Scout/Venturing Retreat there will be a brief statement about removing hats inside at the Retreat and wearing appropriate tee-shirts.

NEW BUSINESS

The next meeting will be held on December 3, 2017 at Good Shepherd Parish at 1:00 o’clock.

CHAPLAIN’S COMMENTS

Deacon Charlie thanked those in attendance for their work and encouraged them to continue to look for new members for the DCCS.

At 2:20 he closed the meeting with and prayer and blessing.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe R. Dickinson, Jr.

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