DIOCESE OF EVANSVILLE

CATHOLIC COMMITTEE ON SCOUTING

MINUTES OF MEETING

September 15, 2019

Present: Bill Noll, Joe Dickinson, Deacon Charles Koressel, Tom Elsner, Jim Voelker, Lori Adkins, Emily Thompson, Matthew Kremer, and Jack Martin (visiting former member)

Excused: Dan and Michele Donovan

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Noll at 1:05 PM in a meeting room at St. Philip Parish. He opened with a heart prayer.

The minutes of the meeting of June 9, 2019 were approved by proper motion and voice vote after two corrections were noted. Jim Voelker in his report on COR training said it should read “while the COR training has a supplement on the same webpage, that is supplied by the NCCS and covers Catholic Scouting in detail”. Tom Elsner reported for chapel maintenance that “the matching donor will match up to $4,000 total”.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities: While the Donovans still plan to coordinate the Scout/Venturing Retreat on March 6-8, 2020 and Bill Noll and Lori Adkins the Cub Scout Faith Day on February 29, 2020, a chairman is still needed for this committee. The Retreat will again be at the Catholic Center and the Cub Scout Faith Day at Christ the King campus of Annunciation Parish. The theme for the Retreat is “Young man, I tell you, arise.” (Luke 7:14). Bill and Cathy Egler are working on the patch.

Emblems: Lori Adkins reported two more Light of Christ emblems earned this year since the last meeting. She has also trained two more Ad Altare Dei counselors.

Membership: Jim Voelker said he had nothing new to report on membership. He will be conducting Chaplain and Chaplain Aide training at the Buffalo Trace Council Merit Badge University in February.

Vocations: Matthew Kremer will be taking over the St. Dominic Savio training and coordination and may assume the Vocations Chair. He has reviewed the on-line vocations training for St. Dominic Savio candidates.

Training (Catholic Leadership Development): Joe Dickinson said the next training session will be at the Scout/Venturing Retreat in March 2020. At the suggestion of Lori Adkins, he said he will develop a presentation about the training and Youth Ministry to be given to the leaders and adults who attend the Cub Scout Faith Day.

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. The Buffalo Trace Council now has a link to our website.

Chapel Maintenance: Tom Elsner reported that $2,000 has been raised for the fund to repair the roof. Flyers were sent out. Funds will be matched by an anonymous donor up to $4,000. The skylight will be replaced with a metal roof. John Harding has been working to raise the money but was delayed somewhat by a recent leg injury.

OLD BUSINESS

Bill Noll noted that the new member, Matthew Kremer, was present today.

Several possibilities for future different locations of the Scout/Venturing Retreat were discussed since St. Meinrad is out for the near future. A major factor is the problem of having enough priests for the Reconciliation Service. Sarto is still the most convenient for that.

Joe Dickinson said that the revised version of the Bronze Pelican application is now on the website.

Bill Noll discussed the application form for the Father Kreilein Endowment Fund for Eagle projects. He has added a section where the applicant must show that his project has been approved by the Buffalo Trace Council. Joe Dickinson will put the revised form on the website. For the time being the award will be $50 per project until we get an idea of how many applications to expect. $400 was available this year. So far one project has been approved.

Bill Noll presented the statement he has written to explain Scouting as Youth Ministry detailing how a unit can demonstrate it by doing Catholic activities in addition to the normal BSA program and activities. The paper was generally approved with a few minor suggestions. The paper will be given to Steve Dabrowski for his input. Various ways of passing the ideas to Catholic units were discussed such as at the Scout/Venturing Retreat, visiting unit committee meetings, a presentation the Ideal Year of Scouting meeting, etc.

There was further discussion concerning the relationship between the DCCS and other similar Catholic youth organizations especially with regard to emblems and retreats. It was noted that we have had no direct contact from any organization so far. The possibility of having Girl Scouts at the Scout/Venturing Retreat and Brownies at the Cub Scout Faith Day was discussed and will be continued at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

The next meeting will be held on December 1, 2019 at 1:00 at the Holy Spirit Campus of Annunciation Parish in the meeting room in a building behind the church.

CHAPLAIN’S COMMENTS

Deacon Charlie thanked the committee for their work and encouraged them to recruit new members. He closed the meeting with a prayer and blessing at 2:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe R. Dickinson, Jr

DCCS Secretary.

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