DIOCESE OF EVANSVILLE

CATHOLIC COMMITTEE ON SCOUTING

MINUTES OF MEETING

September 13, 2020

Present (virtually): Bill Noll, Joe Dickinson, Tom Elsner, Jim Voelker, Jack Martin, Francis Brickey,

Excused: Deacon Charles Koressel, Matthew Kremer, Emily Thompson.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Noll at 1:05 PM. It was a virtual meeting on Zoom.com to maintain social distancing due to the COVID-19 pandemic. He opened with a heart prayer.

The minutes of the meeting of June 7, 2020 were approved by proper motion and voice vote.

Financial Report: No formal report was given, but no problems are known or anticipated.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities: Francis Brickey said he had been working on possible ideas for activities for next year’s retreat currently scheduled for March 5-7 at the Catholic Center. The theme will be “Arise! I have appointed you to be a witness of what you have seen” Acts 26:16. He is thinking about using early church history concerning how the church “arose” from the twelve apostles. Bill Noll said he was working on the outlines for the talks. Francis and Bill will work together and coordinate their efforts. Joe Dickinson will get items in the council’s Compass Points about the Retreat and the Cub Scout Faith Day which is scheduled for February 20, at Good Shepherd Parish. It was noted that both events will depend on the state of the pandemic at that time. Francis also indicated that John Payne is willing to lead the music again but is looking for Scouts (especially members of the Order of St. Dominic Savio) to assist in the music ministry for the weekend.

Deacon Charlie needs to contact the Catholic Center to see if it is still available for the March Retreat in light of the Pandemic restrictions. Bill Noll has already contacted Good Shepherd and the facilities are still available for the February Faith Day.

Emblems: Jack Martin had sent a written report which in summary shows currently 19 emblems in progress (10 Cub emblems and 9 Ad Altare Dei). To date in 2020 there have been 78 completed emblems compared to totals of 50 and 55 in 2019 and 2018, respectively, Expenses so far for this fiscal year have been $1062.73 mostly for the cost of emblems. Jack said he has done several virtual Boards of Review because of the pandemic. He is going to reach out to current Cub leaders to encourage the religious emblems.

Membership: Jim Voelker said there was nothing new to report for membership. He has not made any visits because of the pandemic.

Vocations: Matthew Kremer was not present but sent a report that he had contacted all new Ad Altare Dei recipients and invited them to work on the St. Dominic Savio emblem.

Training (Catholic Leadership Development): Joe Dickinson said the next scheduled training will be during the Scout/Venturing Retreat in March 2021.

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. He indicated that in reviewing the current by-laws they need to be updated and included on the website. He will be approaching the council to get an annual update of e-mail addresses of Scouters connected with Catholic Scout units (packs, troops, and crews).

Chapel Maintenance: Tom Elsner reported that he and Jim Voelker had stained the new roofing. The total cost was $6,809; since $8,000 was raised, the surplus funds will be maintained in a designated fund for future use. He has also refurbished the altar, podium, and cruet table to better withstand outdoor conditions.

OLD BUSINESS

Bill Noll said there had been no change in membership.

Bill mentioned that there had been no new applications for the Fr. Kreilein award for Eagle projects. The word needs to be spread to all Scout in the Diocese.

In the absence of Deacon Charlie there was no discussion about inviting similar organizations to our retreats.

The Charter and By-laws have not been updated since 2002. They are now in digital form, and Bill asked that members e-mail him by the next meeting any general comments in addition to needed changes in the sections on the committees they chair. He will send out the current version to those who have not yet received it.

NEW BUSINESS

The next meeting will be held on December 6, 2020 at 1:00 PM at St. Benedict Parish Center which Francis Brickey said has been approved for small meetings practicing social distancing.

Bill thanked the members for their work and closed the meeting with a prayer at 2:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe R. Dickinson, Jr

DCCS Secretary.

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