DIOCESE OF EVANSVILLE

CATHOLIC COMMITTEE ON SCOUTING

MINUTES OF MEETING

September 9, 2018

Present: Bill Noll, Joe Dickinson, Tom Elsner, Jim Voelker, Michele Donovan, Dan Donovan,

Excused: Emily Thompson, Cathy Egler, Lori Adkins, Joe Keith

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Noll at 1:10 PM in a meeting room at St. Philip Parish. He opened with a heart prayer.

The minutes of the meeting of June 10, 2018 were approved by proper motion and voice vote.

Financial Report: There was no report in the absence of Deacon Charlie, but it was generally thought we are currently within budget.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities: Chairman Noll again noted that the Activities chair is vacant, and a new person is needed. Michele Donovan said that the annual Boy Scout/Venturing Retreat is scheduled for the weekend of March 1-3, 2019 at the Catholic Center. The theme is the third Marian theme from the Vatican-- “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word” (Luke 1:38). Location for the 2020 Retreat is not decided (Catholic Center has not been reserved yet).

Bill Noll said Cathy Egler is still planning to try to get the Cub Scout Faith Day going again in November. She hopes to set a firm date soon before the Cub program gets started again when school starts.

Emblems: No report in the absence of Lori Adkins.

Membership: Jim Voelker reminded everyone that the new Child Protection is due for everyone by October 1, 2018 regardless of when the old version was done. There is a new protestant Cub Scout emblem for those in Kindergarden and First Grade developed by the organization PRAY.

Vocations: Bill also indicated that the Vocations chair is still vacant as Joe Keith is phasing out his involvement. This position is especially important to coordinate the St. Dominic Savio program. He mentioned that he had talked with Matthew Kramer who is interested but is currently busy with school and preparing for a licensing exam.

Training (Catholic Leadership Development): Joe Dickinson said the next course will be offered at the next retreat in March 2019.

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 said he had been to Old Ben recently and had taken down the gutters as planned. He prepared the benches and the wood under the removed gutters for staining which he will do soon. He also applied weed killer and rock where needed He said he has been discussing with the Council about having electricity at the Chapel which would allow for evening services.

OLD BUSINESS

No change in membership was noted.

Chairman Noll mentioned that more information is available on the new BSA Family Scouting Program. Girls registered in troops can now earn both the Ad Altare Dei and Pope Pus XII emblems. Likewise, girls in Cub Scouts can earn the Light of Christ and Parvuli Dei emblems. He also mentioned that there is new BSA training for Chaplains and Chaplain Aides, but it was decided that it needed to be reviewed to see if it fits our needs as a DCCS committee for our Diocese. Boy Scouts also has new on-line COR training which needs to be reviewed by the committee.

As mentioned the last meeting the following change in the Bronze Pelican emblem--“Show evidence of personal spiritual development as well as involvement with the spiritual development of youth”—was voted on and approved by voice vote after a proper motion. Chairman Noll noted that the application form will have to be modified and he will look to see if he has the original document that can be modified to include this clarifying statement.

NEW BUSINESS

The next meeting will be held at 1:00 PM on December 2, 2018 at Good Shepherd Parish.

CHAPLAIN’S COMMENTS

In the absence of Deacon Charlie, Chairman Noll thanked those present for their work and encouraged them to look and pray for new members of the committee.

At 2:05 he closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe R. Dickinson, Jr.

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