

**Boy Scout Troop 33  
Takoma Park Maryland  
Monthly Committee Meeting  
Draft Minutes  
November 19, 2018, TP Church Parlor Room, 8-9:30pm**

**Present:** Howie Schaffer (Committee Chair), Nicole Philips, Lee Howard, Dave Lanar, Jim Vorhies, Johan Hammerstrom (Scoutmaster) , Matt Rees, Maria Wiseman, Sonja Kueppers (Secretary)

**Review/Approval of Minutes of October 15 Meeting - Sonja Kueppers**

Minutes approved unanimously

**Priorities**

*TPPC response to T33 letter re: Scouts BSA troop sponsorship*

The church has opted not to sponsor a Scouts BSA troop for girls at this time. Pastor Reisner's letter is attached.

*Pancake Supper 2018 "thorns and roses" discussion*

The Pancake Supper went very smoothly.

Total net income is \$5262 according to Dave Lanar. There is one more expense upcoming, for pizza for the Scouts.

Howie remarked that profits have ranged between about \$4200 and \$6200 in the years he has been involved, and that while \$5000 is about the amount we need now, as the troop grows we may need to increase our fundraising.

There was discussion of how to improve the ticket sale process.

On the positive side, holding elections at Camp Horseshoe was viewed as allowing the patrols to have more cohesion going into the ticket sale season. Howie also commented on what a positive experience the pancake supper was for Hank Harman, a Troop 33 Eagle from 1942.

Perhaps next year, we might reduce the number of nights of ticket sales, but use a more efficient process, modeled on what we did the night the Scout Room was not available. We could identify a specific corner of the playground for each patrol to gather in.

Another suggestion was to assign one patrol to sell tickets in each ward.

It was also suggested to make sure we had ticket sales at the Farmer's Market and on the day of the Church Bazaar.

Several people complained that we are using paper plates and disposable flatware. In the past we have often used reusable plates and flatware available at the church, but it is unclear if that is still feasible.

Lee moved that the committee explore using reusable plates and silverware in the future. Maria seconded.

The motion passed unanimously

Johan noted that we really need someone to take overall responsibility for the Pancake Supper, and that they would need to start around May.

#### *Review of 2018 expenses and 2019 troop budget*

Please see attached budget proposal.

This year's budget is a little different because closet expenses haven't yet been paid, so we are starting with a bit more money than usual because of that.

Fundraising: The per bag cost of mulch has gone up considerably. Is \$6000 profit still the goal we want?

Do we have equipment needs, such as new tents or troop backpacks?

The budget will be discussed again at the next meeting.

#### **Decisions**

##### *Donations to the church and the district*

The church's 125th anniversary celebration recently took place. They have requested that we make a donation to their capital campaign fund. Every group using the church is being asked.

There was an extensive discussion on this topic. Perspectives expressed included:

Having the troop donate money to the church is a reversal of the intended relationship between a chartered organization and a Boy Scout Troop.

This is a historic occasion for the church. It's appropriate for us to make a contribution, and fosters a good relationship with them.

We've already given a lot to the church - for example, all of the work we are putting into the new storage room.

It would be good to strengthen our relationship to the church through more involvement in church fund-raising activities.

Johan proposed that we ask parents to make a special contribution to the church on this occasion, rather than taking the money from troop funds. There was general agreement that it's not appropriate to take the money from funds the troop has earned for its own activities.

Sonja moved that the troop let parents know that the church is having a fundraising appeal for their 125th anniversary, and that we encourage parents to make a contribution if they'd like to show appreciation for the church's sponsorship of the troop. The fundraising goal will be \$1125. Lee seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Howie will coordinate and send the appeal out to parents via e-mail.

The troop has also been asked to make a financial contribution to the District. This is a typical request, and is to be expected since we do not support the Council or District financially through our fundraising efforts the way we would if we participated in popcorn sales.

This was discussed briefly, and concern was expressed that the District is not very effective, and that money would not solve the problem. We decided to table the

issue and consider at a future meeting whether we could offer to help with an event rather than with a financial contribution.

### **Committee Reports**

- Eagle Scout Committee - Dave Lanar  
Reported on Eagle progress.  
The grandson of the original scoutmaster is interested in coming to speak about troop history.
- Advancement Report - Matt Rees  
We currently have 13 life scouts and 7 star scouts. We need to make sure they are able to earn the merit badges they need.  
Merit Badge Day coming up on February 9.
- Training Report - Lee Howard  
Lee presented a report showing how many people are and are not current on training, including YPT and position specific training.  
Howie and Nicole are working on rechartering, and are working on making sure adults are listed with appropriate roles.
- Equipment Coordinator - Maria Wiseman  
Noted that Tom Rafferty, a carpenter whose son is a Webelo, added shelves to the troop trailer.  
Update on equipment room:  
The original budget was \$8000. Have so far spent \$6750 for waterproofing and other needed renovations. Maria has found a contractor to patch and prime the walls for \$1200. Gary Cardillo found a dutch door in the church that can be used, and supplies for patching, priming, and painting will amount to about \$300. Then we will need some shelving, along with a few other items such as a stepladder and pegboard. A number of shelving options were discussed.

Maria moved that revised budget of \$9550 be approved, Sonja seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Howie asked what is being done for humidity abatement. Maria said that there is currently a dehumidifier in the space, and that will continue to be used.

### **Report from Scoutmaster - Johan Hammerstrom**

Johan reported on the campout this past weekend, and particularly expressed appreciation for Scout leaders Stalin, Conrad, Paul, and Boone -- in the last 6 weekends, they have done 5 weekends of Scouting. He also remarked that when your

feet are cold and wet, it's easy for Scouts to start fighting, etc., but on this campout, we instead saw Scouts helping each other, sharing tents, lending shoes, etc.

Kristin Dill has been collecting proposals for the 100th anniversary patch. She suggested having Patrol Leaders' Council vote. Is that the right decision, or is this a bigger decision than just the PLC? Another open question is whether the logo be produced as a patch? A neckerchief?

Howie felt logo and branding issues are appropriately the purview of the Troop Committee, though of course it is good to get input from the Scouts. This issue can be discussed at the December Troop Committee meeting.

Charlie Hairston is still acting webmaster. Scout webmaster Giovanni has been working with him. A test version of the new web site is available, maybe we can look at it next time. The project goals are a visual refresh and implementation of a content management system so scouts could update the site.

**Adjourn (Next Meeting December 17, 2018, 8pm) - Adjourned at 10:01 pm**

## Troop 33 Committee Officers

CHAIR – Howie Schaffer

CHARTERED ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVE – Liz Hoge

TREASURER – Jim Vorhies & Dave Lanar

SECRETARY – Sonja Kueppers

- **Communications — Vacant**
- Webmaster – Charlie Hairston & Eric Smith

EQUIPMENT COORDINATOR – \*\* Maria Wiseman & Gary Cardillo, Co-Coordinator

**MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR – Vacant**

- September Renewal & Webelos Crossover – Bert Brandenburg
- **Recharter Coordinator – Vacant**
- Clothing Coordinator – Howie Schaffer
- **Training Coordinator – Vacant**

ADVANCEMENT COORDINATOR – Matthew Rees

- Merit Badge Co-Coordinator/Merit Badge Day -- Marian MacDorman & David Goldberg
- Eagle Coordinator --Dave Lanar

OUTDOOR ACTIVITY COORDINATOR – David Droddy

- Summer Trip Coordinators – Kevin Balfe & John Mark Nieman
- Ski Trip Coordinator – Kristen Dill
- Soap Box Derby Coordinator – Rick Swan
- Health Form Coordinator – Rebecca Woodings
- Camp Horseshoe Coordinator – Bryan Frey

**FUNDRAISING/PUBLIC RELATIONS COORDINATOR – \*\*Vacant**

- Pancake Supper – Anna Golovko, Shellie Williams, Minya Zeru
- Mulch Coordinator – Dave Lanar & Eric Smith
- Scouting for Food Coordinator – Wagner Family
- **Service Projects (Church/Community) – Vacant**
- **Centennial Coordinator – vacant**

**Pastor Reisner's letter to Howie Schaffer on the subject of a girls' troop**

Thu, Oct 25, 2018 8:54 pm

Howie,

Thank you for sharing with me the process followed and issues discussed, and in Troop 33's resolution in favor of the creation of a Scouts BSA troop for girls.

I have discussed this matter with the Takoma Park Presbyterian Church session. We have determined that while we affirm our historical relationship with scouting at TPPC, and respect the recommendations of Troop 33, we presently lack the capacity to take on a new troop, especially in the work and needed oversight involved in forming a new charter. We also feel that we are at a capacity for building use committed to scouting.

This in no way reflects our views on the merits of a girls' Scouting BSA troop. We wish them well. My guess is that the awkwardness of the startup of girls in Boy Scouts will be resolved over the next few years as troops around the country figure out how this will work more smoothly and the structure is created to assimilate girls in an easier way.

Sincerely,  
Jim

Troop 33 BUDGET PLAN 2019						rev 11-18	page1	page 1
Fiscal Year (Oct-Sept)	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015			
Annual Balance Forward from prev yr.	29795	18774	27014	21775	13444			
	Planned	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual			
<b>INCOME ITEMS</b>						Narrative: For 2017 we had a negative \$8000 expenses over income. For 2018 we planned a surplus of \$4000 and had a surplus of \$11,181 as follows. Income was \$21,438, expenses for activities \$2900 expenses of \$7559. This leaves the troop with a balance of \$29800. However, the installation of a Scout closet is in progress and it (\$8400) will be a 2019 expense. For 2019 carryover set-asides are Camperships \$1175 and Scoutmaster's Fund \$1000		
Donations <i>note 4</i>	1000	9490	1200	1700	2175			
Pancake Supper net	5200	5887	7360	4850	7755			
Mulch Delivery net	6000	4807	6544	5043	3936			
Troop 33 Scout Dues <i>note 6</i>	1200	1254	93	755	1130			
Total Income	13400	21438	15197	12348	14996			
Total Available for Year incl bal forward	43195	40212	42211	34123	28440			
Activities (net after fees collected)								
Camperships incl dues support for year	-5000	-4575	-5000	-5043	-3500			
Camperships Carry Over Amount <i>note 1</i>		1745						
Scoutmaster's Fund <i>note 1</i>		1000						
Scoutscapes net during year	0	-352	-576	1232	298			
Camp Horseshoe	-1000	-1597	-2512	-453	579			
Soapbox Derby	0	1000	100	765	-158			
Campouts	-500	-534		0	255			
Other activities	-400		-1608	-1246	-1138			
Assateague	-200	-357	100	-170	0			
Ski Trip <i>note 1</i>	0	689	-689		416			
Philmont	0	0	-1028	0	185			
Summer Adventure Trip	0	123		728				
Net total for activities	-7100	-2858	-11213	-4187	-3063			
<b>EXPENSES</b>								
Capital Inv.Camp Schmitt			-5700	0	0			



Patrol Cooking Boxes				706				
Scout supply trailer			1645					
<i>note 1</i> carryover amounts are \$1745 for Camperships and \$1000 for Scoutmasters Fund								
<i>note 3</i> this total includes the Balance Forward at beginning of year and								
equals next years Bal Fwd with when outstanding checks are accounted-for								