

Troop 626 Committee Meeting

March 10, 2008

7:00 Call To Order - Molitor

7:00 Invocation - Haffely

7:05 Treasurer's Report – Miller

- Review Financial Status
- Troop is in good shape.
- Need to arrange a Finance Committee meeting.

7:10 Eagle Coach Report – Smith

- James M.; Scott M. at District Boards next week
- Stephen O. working on project
- Quentin T. – back burner

7:15 BOR Chair Report – Podvin/Shearon

- 1 BOR happening tonight; not much on horizon
- Trying to encourage 6 first year dads to join the BOR committee, Advancement committee, or become Merit Badge counselors

7:20 Eagle Project Plan Overview – Tom F

- Making Fleece tie blankets for Bush Children's home in St. Paul.
- 1 crew to cut the fleece; second crew to tie the blankets
- Fleece to be funded by sending letters to family and campus ministry at school
- Volunteers from 626 to do the work
- Safety issues – working with scissors
- Planning to make 36 blankets

7:25 Unit Commissioner's Report – Hudson

- Merit Badge Saturday – 43 scouts in plumbing merit badge; 22 completed

7:30 Fundraising Chair Report – Haugland

- Linder's Gift Cards kickoff first meeting in April
 - 15% of cards, about \$3.20 for each scout per card
 - Announcement in the church bulleting
 - Linder's weekend is May 15 and 16 (support Troop 626)
- Applebee's Breakfast; first available opening is June 2009

7:35 PLC Report – David K / Teddy T

- Discussed Troop meeting format:
 - Pre-opening activity hasn't really happened; better and easier to plan once the warmer weather arrives
- Camping – no changes in current plan
 - 4/18 at Armory; Mountain Biking

- 5/10 – Rice Creek Canoeing trip; work on Merit Badge
- June – Whitewater rafting trip; age requirement to participate in rafting; those not eligible will be able to work on other activities
- OA Election coming up; requirements – 15 nights camping; first class in rank ; election to be held 3/31
- Troop Elections also coming up
- ½ day on 4/26 for leader training from 12 to 4
- JOLT training for Den chiefs coming up;
- Grew Wolf – 9 applying; hoping for 2 to 3 get in
- Patrol Guides - helping new scouts with the oath, law, and camping training
- Merit Badge books: many out of date; encourage scouts to donate old/used books that they no longer need
- Daniel H presented Eagle project
- Start/Stop/Continue
 - Continue good ideas, communication, agenda, staying on task
 - Stop – tardiness, side talking
 - Start – ASPL arrive if PL not to be there; come more prepared

7:40 Eagle Project Plan Overview – Daniel H

- Purple Loosestrife
- Assist the DNR with 3 to 5 person teams
- Carlos Avery Wildlife Management Area
- Find stands of Purple Loosestrife and mark the area
- Collect beetles from existing stands and move to new locations
- The beetles eat the purple loosestrife helping to control the spread; larvae eat the plants as well
- Done in the spring over a two week period sometime in May
- Use GPS; training on GPS usage
- Possible to find the stands before the two week period
- Spring turkey hunting is a possibility – scouts may need to wear Blaze orange

7:45 Scoutmaster's Report – Glander

- Ms. Andrews is the new Good Turn Coordinator
- New key for the Scout Locker
- University of Scouting is coming up

7:50 Camping Coordinator's Report - Evenson

- Camping Calendar
 - March Trip – Mountain Man Campout 3/28-3/30
 - Ms. Andrews is tour leader along with Mr. Terry
 - Registration required by the 24th
 - April Trip – Mountain Bike Challenge 4/18-4/20
 - Gate times
 - Expect several scouts
 - May Trip – OA Spring Campout / JOLT Training 5/2-5/4

- May Float Trip – 5/10
- Webelos Woods (Fred C Anderson) 5/16-18
 - Troop cover the cost of the troop attendees
 - Webelos pay their own way
- Whitewater Rafting 6/6-6/8
- June Trip – Southern MN Adventure Campout (Forestville St. Park) 6/27-29
 - site is booked for camping
- Philmont – July 22 – Aug 7, 2008
 - Scheduling several pre-trip practices
 - 2009 High Adventure
- Philmont Trip – **Haugland**
 - Starting the Hiking process
 - Using troop campouts as prep for cooking, hiking, etc.
- Tomahawk
 - Cabins on Family Island are available
 - Need to know which adult leaders will be going
 - Run the swim test after July 4th

8:00 Religious Awards – Podvin

- International Awareness Recognition – one scout signed up

8:05 New Items

- Gear Acquisition - Dutch Oven table and 2 Dutch Ovens – **Molitor** – 2 min
- Updating email records – **Chervenak** – 3 min

8:10 Old Items

- 2008 Ministry Fair – St. Odilia- 4/6/2008 – **Haffely** – 3 min
- Review 2008 Camporee Volunteer Position Needs – **Glander** – 5 min

8:30 Secretary Clarification - Chervenak

8:30 Adjournment

Next Committee Meeting:
 April 14, 2008
 St. Odilia Cafeteria