

Troop 194 Committee Meeting Minutes

Mason United Methodist Church

November 28, 2007

Meeting Attendees	Al Lang, Gary Moore, John Reynolds, Bill Kunze, James May, Brandon Powell, Terri Sauer, Keith Tracy, Mark Kuenzig, Larry Meyer, Jim Hendrickson, Rick Branch
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Troop 194 Committee Chairman, Al Lang, called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM.

Secretary's Report	<p>The Secretary's Report for October, 2007 was presented by Rick Branch.</p> <p>A motion to approve the Secretary's Report was proposed by Brandon Powell, seconded by James May, and passed with one date change.</p>
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Treasurer's Report	<p>The Treasurer's Report for November, 2007 was presented by Gary Moore.</p> <p>Total receipts for the previous month were \$3,692.00</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Major receipts included Popcorn (\$3,250), Camping (\$325), and Aluminum Cans (\$117) <p>Total expenses for the previous month were \$5,982.26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Major expenses included Popcorn (\$3,216), Camping (\$1,566), Advancement and Recognition (\$651), Aluminum Cans (\$472), and Administration (\$58) <p>Total assets are \$8,811.49. This includes \$3,141.51 in the Restricted Fund, and \$5,669.98 in the General Fund.</p> <p>General comments regarding the November Treasurer's Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Camping fund includes payment for the December YMCA Lock-In. • The Bus Fund is negative due to the radiator problem/replacement costs • All other funds have positive balances. <p>The food sale activity at the Mason Autumn Festival was OK. We had a lot of food left over because we overbought. It was hard to predict how much business we would have since we have not done this fundraiser before. Some of the food and supplies will be used for the Klondike Derby. There is some confusion if we needed to pay for the booth since Mason asked us to participate. Jim Hendrickson was told by a friend/employee of the Mason Park Department that we should not have had to pay. Terri Sauer will check back with the Mason Park Department.</p> <p>A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was proposed by Keith Tracy, seconded by Brandon Powell, and passed without change.</p>
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<p>Scoutmaster's Report</p>	<p>Mr. Reynolds presented the Scoutmaster's Report.</p> <p>The November Turkey Campout went very well.</p> <p>The Troop has held two Open Houses during our last two regular Troop Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Al Lang helped out with food donations during the first Open House • Mr. Tremblay helped out with food donations during the second Open House • Four Cub Scout Packs were invited. Scouts and parents from Packs 230, 323, 500, and 875 attended. • We had excellent involvement from Troop 194 scouts and parents. • The SPL, Jack S., did a great job organizing both Open Houses. <p>December 15 is the YMCA Lock-In. About 100 Scouts/Webelos are planning to attend.</p> <p>An Adult Leader Planning Meeting will be held November 29th at Mason United Methodist Church. These planning meetings will be scheduled on the last Wednesday of the month from now on.</p> <p>Mr. Reynolds and the SPL will be working on accountability of the scout advancement/requirements sign-off process. They will be working on setting expectations with scouts for the quality of the sign-offs. This is being done to insure that our scouts are learning what they need to know, and to insure that they are ready for advancement. This will be the primary focus of the December PLC.</p> <p>We will be starting to sign up scouts for the Klondike Derby at the next Troop Meeting. Mr. Reynolds has asked the older scouts to at least attend the campout, even if they do not wish to participate in the Derby event. We need to make sure we have enough sleds for the event if a lot of scouts sign up.</p> <p>The Troop will be re-chartering on Saturday, December 1.</p>
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<p>Crew Report</p>	<p>Mr. Kunze presented the Crew Report.</p> <p>The Camp Kern/Turkey Campout went very well. Troops 43 and 500 did not participate in the Double X Tango Tower activity. Troop 194 scouts that participated had a good time.</p> <p>Al Lang promised a "Rib Campout" sometime in the spring.</p> <p>We should consider opening up the Turkey Campout to other Mason Troops. Troops 43 and 500 may participate, but 750 may not participate since they host their own November campout. Al Lang has been hosting the Turkey Campout for about 20 years.</p> <p>The next scuba class will be held this Saturday, December 1.</p>
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Advancement Chairman's Report	<p>The Troop Advancement Report was presented by Mark Keunzig.</p> <p>Mr. Keunzig presented information regarding the Board of Review (BOR) process. This material came from the BSA and the Dan Beard Council. A lively discussion on this topic continued from our last Committee Meeting. We will continue to use the list of questions that Mr. Keunzig has been providing as a starting point for our Board of Reviews.</p> <p>One interesting point/idea that Mr. Keunzig saw in the BOR material was to hold a Board of Review for scouts that are not advancing. The purpose of this BOR would be to talk to the scout and understand the reasons why they are not advancing. Mr. Keunzig will provide a list of scouts that are not advancing at the next Committee Meeting.</p>
Troop Administration Report	<p>No Report.</p>
Fundraising Committee Report	<p>No Report.</p>
Recycling and Training Report	<p>Keith Tracy presented the Training Report.</p> <p>New leaders need to tell him what training classes that have attended, and the dates of those sessions.</p>
Webmaster Report	<p>The Webmaster Report was presented by Rick Branch.</p> <p>The website has been operating normally. TroopMaster and the DotNet subscription are up-to-date.</p> <p>After the Troop Re-charter, the webmaster would like a list of current scouts and adult leaders so the website Roster can be updated.</p>
Popcorn Kernel Report	<p>The Troop has about \$13,000 in popcorn sales this year compared to \$10,000 last year.</p>
Old Business	<p>No Old Business</p>
New Business	<p>Mr. Meyer and Mr. Hendrickson presented information/requests regarding necessary bus maintenance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We put 2,200 miles on the bus this year. • We replaced the radiator this year • We replaced the belts this year • We should get the brakes checked (We have spare brake shoes) • The exhaust system needs work. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The manifold is loud ○ There is an exhaust leak ○ We may need to have both exhaust manifolds replaced. Estimated cost for that repair is \$800.

- Mr. Lang knows a person that works on exhaust systems. He will check with him to see if he can help us get the exhaust system back in proper shape.

We need to hold two Eagle Board of Reviews in the December 3 – 15 time frame. There is a time crunch for one of these scouts. Any nights except Tuesday are acceptable. Mr. Kuenzig is looking for volunteers to sit in on these Eagle Board of Reviews.

Mr. Moore presented his proposed 2008 Troop Budget.

- The 2008 budget is based on 90 scouts in the Troop. We currently have about 55 scouts, and are expecting 33 new scouts in February. (There could be more than this joining the Troop.) The income portion of the budget is a conservative estimate, while the expenses portion of the budget is aggressive. Proposing the budget in this manner provides a safe estimate.

**Troop 194
Fiscal Year 2008 Budget**

Income

Dues	\$	13,500.00
Popcorn	\$	750.00
Other Fund Raisers	\$	350.00
		\$ 14,600.00

Expenses

Administration	\$	1,500.00
Bus/Trailer	\$	5,000.00
Advancement & Recognition	\$	2,000.00
Camping Supplies	\$	400.00
Registration	\$	2,200.00
Training	\$	1,000.00
Other	\$	500.00
Camping Equipment	\$	2,000.00
		\$ 14,600.00

- The 2007 cost per scout to run the Troop was \$154.10. Based on the proposed 2008 budget, the cost per scout to run the Troop will be \$162.22. This is a deficit of \$12.22 per scout, for a total deficit of \$1,100. Because of the conservative estimate for income and the aggressive estimate for expenses, it is proposed that the 2008 dues remain at \$150 per scout.

- Discussion of the proposed budget included the following topics:
 - Training – Increase the training budget to \$1,100 to provide for sending 3 scouts to NYLT training.
 - Camping Equipment – The \$2,000 expense for camping equipment is based on a Troop size of 90 scouts. We anticipate that we will need 2 additional patrol boxes. Additional shirts and First Class Pocket Knives may need to be ordered.
 - Bus/Trailer – With an additional 30+ scouts, the size of the trailer may be inadequate for moving all of the equipment. It was proposed that we look for a larger trailer. Mr. Lang asked Mr. Meyer to find out how much the current trailer is worth in trade-in, and how much the cost of a replacement trailer may be. Requirements for this trailer include:
 - 16’ to 18’
 - Tandem axle
 - Wheels located outside the trailer box, not inside like the current trailer.
 - Electric braking
 - Additional storage space for equipment – We do not believe that an outside storage space is required. We have adequate storage space in the church shelter.

A motion to accept the proposed budget, with the change to the Training account was proposed by Brandon Powell, seconded by Keith Tracy, and passed by the Committee.

The next Troop 194 Committee Meeting will be held on December 19th at the Mason United Methodist Church.

Al Lang adjourned the meeting at 8:05 PM.