

DIOCESE OF PHOENIX CATHOLIC COMMITTEE ON SCOUTING

QUARTERLY MEETING – JANUARY 23, 2013

Attendees

Kathleen Polowski (Chair), Steve Miller (Vice-Chair), Nancy Welton, Tom Koncel, Gina Keating, James Moore, Teresa Easley, Ralph Sheldon, David Gironda, Tony Madonia, Mary Madonia, Macreena Cress, Yolanda Edwards-Guerra and Loretta Winn

I. Formalities

1. Opening Prayer (Gina Keating)
2. Welcome - Meeting opened at 7:05 p.m.
3. Previous Minutes
 - Nancy Welton made a motion to approve previous minutes with corrected date for heading.
 - Motion made and passed to accept minutes with corrected date.
4. Loretta Winn agreed to take meeting minutes for committee.
5. Treasurer's Report – Mary Madonia reported the following and submitted treasurer's balance sheet
 - Mary Madonia new treasurer upon death of former treasurer, RoseMary Kloft
 - Balance Forward – \$496.18 balance per April 2012 report from RoseMary
 - Current Balance – \$1,724.66 (January 22, 2013)
 - Motion made and accepted to reimburse Lee Kloft for \$20 charge for copy of death certificate – needed to remove RoseMary's name from bank account and replace with Mary's
 - Motion made and passed to accept treasurer's report

II. New Business

1. St. George Trek
 - Fr. Dennis O'Rourke relayed information to meeting that he would like to have the committee pay for the transportation for a Boy Scout from St. Gabriel parish to attend the 2013 St. George Trek
 - Committee used to receive money for this from diocesan Charity and Development Appeal (CDA) – now receive monies from Knights of Columbus (KofC)
 - Discussion ensued with Kathy to contact Fr. Dennis directly to obtain more information regarding extent of Fr. Dennis's wishes
 - Due to ensuing discussion topics, Nancy is to find out more information on structure of reporting to National Catholic Committee on Scouting (NCCS) for the Diocese of Phoenix
2. Committee Positions
 - Kathy Polowski – Chair
 - Steve Miller – Vice Chair
 - Mary Madonia – Treasurer
 - Dave Gironda – Vocations
 - Nancy Welton – Religious Emblems/Training
 - Macreena Cress – Venturing Crew
 - Lynn Coomer – Communications/Website
 - Gina Keating – Communications

- Fr. Paul Sullivan– Vocations
- Scouter Development/Training – OPEN
- Tom Koncel – Membership
- Loretta Winn – Recording Secretary
- Members present encouraged to sign up for a committee

3. Website

- All pertinent committee links now available on website
- Pictures on website for religious emblems and awards
- Committee links, Venturing Crew, meeting minutes to be posted
- Calendar shows address/time/etc. links
- mlcoomer@aol.com – email address for additions for website
- Fee for host sponsor and URL – cost is currently about \$13 per month, and need to pay for 12 months – total cost is about \$156 per year
- Motion made and passed to have committee pay for website (Host Monster)
- Motion made and passed to provide for reimbursement for website fees as part of the annual budget

4. Communications

- Deadline coming up for submission to *Catholic Sun* for upcoming retreat, and could possibly provide information for parish bulletin blurbs
- Think about ideas for communication outreach

5. Facebook Page for Committee

- Run by Nancy Welton
- Committee members encouraged to sign up

6. Membership and Communications

- Dave Gironda stepping down from both positions
- Dave will continue to remain active with Serra Club and with vocations related to Venturing crew

7. Interfaith Committee

- About 270 participants on last 10 Commandment Hike in November 2012
- Approximately 12 routes already exist for hike, plans may be to revisit same routes in the future
- Interfaith Award Ceremony February 10, 2013 – thirtieth year of event - patch design passed around

8. Friends of Scouting Breakfast

- Could possibly have Catholic Committee on Scouting (CCS) table or Venturing Crew table

9. Men's Retreat

- Upcoming diocesan activity for Catholic men in diocese

10. Reflections on Faith and Forgiveness 2013 Retreat

- Kathy will type up and e-mail most recent meeting minutes
- Next planning meeting will be January 30, 2013 at diocesan center beginning at 6:30 p.m.

11. Retreat 2014

- “Walk in the Son” theme
- Gina Keating provided proposed flyer/proposed patch

- Could build permanent labyrinth at Heard-Pueblo Scout Camp – could be a rock path by amphitheater toward Girl Scout camp side – ground level in that area
- Want to include folks from Tucson
- Date issues for retreat – avoid Lent, have first and second choices for dates, avoid Scout-o-Rama, avoid Scout Sunday in February, avoid Digalus Webelos recruiting weekend (Tom Koncel to verify this date)
- Proposal to think about having a recurring retreat idea/theme
- Proposal to open the retreat meeting to others for ideas – will be after March 2013
- Motion made and passed to approve 2014 retreat and to build a labyrinth as a service project

12. Religious Emblems/Training

- Nancy Welton to head with a two-year commitment
- Wants to make parents and youth more aware of existence of emblems
- Nancy will be point of contact for current religious emblems counselors
- Will take over all facets of religious emblems training
- Training to be held two times a year – will continue to hand out discs for training information
- Will continue to include female religious emblems as part of training
- Nancy may join table with interfaith representatives at Scout-o-Rama
- Wants to create a shadowbox with Catholic emblems available for male and female scouts, and for adult scouts – shadowbox may already exist, so Nancy to contact Fr. Dennis about whereabouts
- Ten people attended religious emblem counselor training in December 2012 at St. Theresa.
- June 1, 2013 – priests' ordination
- June 8, 2013 proposed date for next religious emblem counselor training – Nancy will try to have a location and an alternative date at next quarterly meeting

13. Boards of Review

- April 17, 2013 at diocesan center
- 6:00 p.m. registration begins
- 6:30 p.m. opening prayer and then boards begin
- Herb Pierpan has reserved rooms and confirmed room reservations

14. Annual Religious Awards Ceremony

- May 5, 2013
- Per Gina, will be held at St. Theresa parish in the church hall
- No priest available yet
- 2:00 p.m. check-in begins
- 2:30 p.m. ceremony begins
- Guest speaker recommendation from Fr. Dennis

15. Venturing Crew 2009

- Filling committee positions
- Crew has nine members – crew members can be ages 14-20 – can be age 13 if youth has completed 8th grade
- Plan to reach out to Girl Scouts USA for more members
- Members active – eat out at restaurants, rock climbing, kart racing, horseback riding
- “Feed My Starving Children” service project scheduled for February 15
- Crew members helping out with March 9 retreat

16. National Catholic Committee on Scouting

- Region 13 annual meeting April 11-14 in St. Louis

- Region 13 looking for a new regional chaplain – former chaplain had a stroke
- St. George Trek July 10-25, 2013 at Philmont Scout Ranch
- Scouting in the Catholic Church training week July 21-27, 2013 at Philmont Scout Ranch
- Marian patch program in process beginning with Our Lady of Guadalupe

17. Knights of Columbus

- Annual contribution to Phoenix CCS to continue
- Need honor scout certificates for May award ceremony – need to get in touch with Fr. Dennis to finalize for signatures – e-mail to include Kathy and Nancy
- Yearly convention to be held in Phoenix in July – want number of Catholic scout units for information presentation at meeting – KofC wants to try to help scouts more

18. Girls Scouts U.S.A.

- Local Arizona Cactus-Pine council liaison, Karen Cunha, resigned
- Discussion ensued regarding having emblems on hand for girl recipients of religious emblems
- Motion made and passed to spend up to \$600 for obtaining emblems
- Motion made that amount be reduced to about \$300, but motion did not pass

19. Pow Wow

- Scouting in the Catholic Church presentation – discussion about how to get more Catholic units registered with Boy Scouts of America (BSA)
- Kathy on BSA membership committee

IV. Closing

1. Closing Prayer (Nancy Welton)

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Loretta Winn