

PhxDCCS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

March 25, 2015

1. CALL TO ORDER

- a. 6:34 pm Kathleen Polowski

2. OPENING PRAYER

- a. Steve Miller

3. INTRODUCTIONS

- a. Tom Koncel
 - i. Unit Commissioner
- b. James Moore
 - i. Knights of Columbus Liaison
- c. Ann Colvin-Smith
 - i. GS Liaison//GS Troop Leader
- d. Thomas Skinner
 - i. Cubmaster, Pack 555//Membership Team
- e. Robert Kosmal
 - i. Committee member//Membership Team/Troop 400
- f. Steve Miller
 - i. Vice Chair//Crew 2009 Advisor
- g. Matt Waterman
 - i. Committee Member//Crew 2009 Associate Advisor
- h. Lowell Schwartz
 - i. Committee Member//Troop 818
- i. Kathy Polowski
 - i. Committee Chair

4. SECRETARY

- a. Motion to enter minutes from previous minutes to record (Ann Colvin-Smith)
- b. Second (Tom Skinner)
- c. Passed and entered

5. TREASURER

- a. Mary will have a report for the quarterly meeting next month.

6. VICE CHAIR

- a. Steve Miller
 - i. Bishop's Crew
 - 1. Crew President changing
 - 2. Surfing Trip to San Diego in June with Crew 2147
 - 3. Many attributes of Venturing recently changed
 - 4. Crew helps the Serra Club put on the annual Seminarian picnic
 - 5. Need a membership drive to recruit new members

7. CHAIR--Calendar changes

- a. **Religious Emblems Counselor Training moved to May 30th, 8:30 am-1:00 pm**, at the DPC

b. Bishop's Dinner moved to Thursday, September 10, 2015

c. Dates added

- i. Sept 23, 2015 DPC Committee meeting

d. Reminders

- i. July 11, 2015 Prescott Committee Meeting (Saturday), Sacred Heart Parish, 1:30 pm.
- ii. Oct 28, 2015 DPC Committee Meeting

8. GOALS AND METHODS for PHXDCCS

a. Kathy reviewed the handout. Will be posted on the website.

i. What are our goals?

- 1. Increase the awareness & visibility of Catholic scouting in diocese

a. increase the publicity

i. other news like EWTN or Immaculate Heart

- 1. Add a list of Catholic units to the webpage
- 2. Each Parish should have a list of surrounding parishes that have Catholic units
- 3. Do we have a Catholic scout week? No
- 4. Priesthood Sunday in October; Catholic units should honor their Parish Priests

ii. Increase our social media presence

- 1. Twitter; tumbler; instagram
- 2. Kathy will check the NCCS and diocesan guideline for communications

- 2. Increase the chartering of new Catholic units

- 3. Improve outreach and support for existing units

- 4. Increase the number of participants in our retreats and emblems programs

a. BSA revising some requirements in their hand books

b. Revisions will reflect the new Duty to God portion of the Scout Spirit requirements for every rank

c. Eastern Rite Catholic Church Scouts can earn the Cub Scout level Roman Catholic emblems and Pope Pius XII. Instead of Ad Altare Dei they earn Light is Life

- 5. Increase membership in the Bishop's Venturing Crew 2009

- 6. Provide support for our Catholic scouts leaders

- 7. Create a financial plan for both the current year and longer term--

- 8. Increase the number of active committee members

a. Increase the GS and AHG programs

b. Acquire subcommittee chairpersons

- 9. Increase the number of participants in national NCCS events--

10. Earn Quality Diocesan Committee Award

- a. Kathy announced that we did earn it for 2014.

9. STRENGTH AND WEAKNESSES of PHXDCCS

- a. Kathy reviewed the handout. Will be posted on the website.
- b. Strengths-
 - i. strong core committee of devoted, experienced leaders
 - ii. great REC training program with a good number of new leaders trained annually
 - iii. excellent youth retreats are created and offered every year
 - iv. established good connections with BSA leaders in Prescott and Flagstaff and their programs are flourishing.
 - v. sound fiscal management.
- c. Weaknesses and solutions were reviewed.
 - i. Poor communication network within diocese
 - ii. Struggle to get leaders to take on key responsibilities within the committee
 - iii. Have lost a number of Catholic chartered units over the years.Additional solutions offered include:
 1. Ask the Catholic Daughters to help promote scouting
 2. Contact the Parish Youth Ministry office and enlist their help

10. SCOUTING IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

- a. **July 19th -- 25th, 2015**
- b. There are programs for the family members that accompany you.
- c. Cost is \$530.00 to attend Scouting in the Catholic Church at the Philmont Training Center. Cost includes room and board for a week and the conference.
 - i. There are scholarships but must pay up front and then there are reimbursements available through NCCS.
- d. Course covers many aspects of scouting in the Catholic Church. National Catholic Leadership Development (NCLD) is completed during the course. Other modules include catechism, NCCS mission and structure and scouting as youth ministry. This is a great way to meet other Catholic leaders from around the country.

11. RELIGIOUS ACTIVITY COMMITTEE REPORT

- a. Retreat
 - i. 201 participants, nearly double last year
 1. Kathy gave the breakdown of the participants
 2. 138 camped over night, used 11 campsites
 - ii. Finances are still being finalized
- b. Future retreat discussion----What month/year will the next retreat happen?
 - i. Scout Sunday weekend is usually the only weekend available at Heard Scout Pueblo between mid-January and mid-April
 - ii. February is not a good month for Cub Scouts due to Pinewood Derby and Blue & Gold banquets
 - iii. GS have cookie sales from January to mid-March during the spring
 - iv. If we stay in the spring should we do late March?

- v. Should we move to fall?
- vi. Flagstaff would like to host a retreat
- vii. Troops and Units that are doing the older Catholic religious emblems could do a mini retreat or pilgrimage instead of retreat if necessary
- viii. GS would like to plan a pilgrimage (can be done during the Advent or Lent seasons)
- ix. Committee will look at retreat in Flagstaff and Payson. Discussed but NOT final:
 1. Look at Flagstaff for late September/early October 2016
 2. Look at R-C October 2017
 3. Look at Phoenix October 2018
 4. Jim Moore mentioned that the commute for the retreat in Flagstaff will be a long drive for Phoenix families so we will need to accommodate late arrivals. He also recommended R-C as a compromise between Flagstaff and Phoenix.
 5. **Vote for retreat will be put on ice until the April meeting**
 6. We will need to have an event in the Fall of 2015
 7. We will need an event in the Spring of 2016
 8. Brainstorm about events that can be done during these times and discuss at the next meeting.
 9. *Need to get counselors to begin their RE programs in August/September so the groups can take advantage of fall events*

12. RELIGIOUS EMBLEMS COMMITTEE REPORT:

- a. Boards of Review for Emblems
 - i. April 22nd
 1. Mary Madonia will collect the fees for boy emblems (NCCS)
 2. Liane Bowles will collect fees for girl emblems (NCCGSCF)
- b. Ceremony for Emblems
 - i. **May 3rd at OLMC; check-in at 1:30, start at 2:00 pm.**
- c. Religious Emblems Counselor Training
 - i. Please promote
 - ii. May 30 and August 29 at the DPC

13. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT:

- a. Met and brainstormed on plans for outreach. Next meeting will be scheduled soon.
- b. Bishop's Dinner
 - i. Bishop Olmsted will attend this year
 1. **Thurs. September 10, 2015**
 2. Eagle, Gold and Stars and Stripes award recipients from past year should attend (September 2014-August 2015)
 3. Proposed venue-Mt. Claret Retreat Center

- a. After discussion, moved and 2nd by Ann and Jim Moore and passed.
- b. Committee forming now and need a Chairperson
- c. Need to have the information out soon
 - i. would require publicity for all scouting entities
 - ii. will need programs- would like to have them professionally done.
- c. Knight's of Columbus Outreach
 - i. Request from Jim Moore. The annual State Convention for the Knights will be in the valley from **May 17-19, 2015**. He needs uniformed scout leaders or older scouts to help man tables and give information about scouting. Contact Jim.

12. FUNDRAISING

- a. Steve Miller's Hand-Forged Crosses--
 - i. Recognition vs. sales
 - 1. suggested to only sell the smaller cross and larger be the award
 - 2. Matt suggested changing the color of the Larger cross or put a backing on it
 - 3. Maybe weld a flame on the middle of the large cross
 - 4. **Further discussion and a decision at the April meeting**
- b. Committee Logo
 - i. Each committee member invited to come to the April meeting with new ideas for logo. **Vote at the April meeting.**
 - ii. Need a committee brochure completed that will include the new logo

13. CLOSING

- a. We will have the Officer and Liaison Reports at the next meeting, **Wednesday, April 29 at the DPC, 6:30 pm.**
- b. Prayer at 8:50 pm- Ann