

## PHXDCCS QUARTERLY MEETING NOTES APRIL 29, 2015

Those in attendance included Ann Colvin-Smith, Dolores Bartlett, Liane Bowles, Lynn Coomer, Steve Miller, Lowell Schwartz, Matt Waterman, Tom Skinner, James Moore and Kathy Polowski.

**Secretary Report**—minutes were sent out and with the agenda to give members a chance to review them. They were approved.

**Treasurer Report**—Mary submitted the quarterly financial report. The adjusted balance was \$2987.17. Kathy commented that a budget will be created to assist with planning.

**Chair Report**—Kathy made an appeal for people to step up and fill various committee positions.

**Knights of Columbus Report**---State Scouting Chairman Jim Moore asked for volunteers to come to the **K of C Convention** and man the table to promote Catholic Scouting. The convention is May 15-16 in Scottsdale. Tom Skinner, Matt Waterman, Kathy Polowski and Ann Colvin-Smith signed up.

**Bishop's Crew Report**--- Steve Miller, Advisor

- There is going to be a crew meeting soon with Crew 2147 at St. Theresa about the Surfing Super Activity.
- Steve hopes to have the crew plan some upcoming events and get more youth involved.
- We are still pursuing the "dual registration" with Crew 2147 members.
- Steve will contact Macreena to have a crew committee meeting soon.

**NCCS Annual Meeting Report**—Kathy reported that Fr. Dennis, Fr. Arthur and herself were present from our committee at the meetings in Tampa, FL. Kathy is involved in the **Religious Activities Subcommittee** which produces the patch programs and there will be many new brochures related to saints and our faith coming out in the next two years.

For the Biennial Meeting next April in Atlanta, there are mini courses offered during the day when members can gain information and take it back to their own dioceses. We were selected to present a class on our "**Geocaching for Saints**" activity that we conducted at our February 2015 Walk in the Son retreat! Please consider assisting in planning this presentation and letting me know!!! It needs to be informative and fun!

Also, Kathy made a presentation at the **Religious Emblems Subcommittee** meeting about the online Ad Altare Dei workbook that Mark Healy and Kathy have been working on. The demonstration and discussion were well received. This past year, two local AAD groups tested the online workbook and were able to provide helpful feedback. This next year they will move into the "beta test" and expand the online workbook to several other dioceses around the country. If REC's from our diocese want to utilize the online workbook, they need to contact Kathy by July 31.

**GSUSA-AZ Cactus Pine Council Liaison Report**---Ann reported that the GS team was going to plan a pilgrimage to the St. Joseph Shrine in Yarnell, possibly during Advent or Lent.

Kathy reported that she is going to meet with Angela Gaetano from the Office of Parish Leadership Support (technically our committee is under that office) in May and one of the discussion topics will be the Memorandum of Understanding between the GSUSA-ACPC and the Diocese.

**COMMUNICATION Subcommittee—**

- Lynn Coomer will upload pictures from events on our website. Please send pictures to her.
- Ann recommended that the use of social media be increased in an effort to get the word out about our activities. She will post fliers and updates on our FB page. Ann also would like to create a private FB page just for members.
- Kathy will check into diocesan Safe Environment policies concerning texting to groups. There are rules when youth are involved.

**MEMBERSHIP Subcommittee** ---The *Bishop's Dinner* will be held **Thursday, September 10, 2015** at Mt. Claret. The first planning meeting will be May 20 at the DPC. The subsequent date will be Wednesday, June 10 at the DPC. Both meetings are scheduled to start at 6:30 pm.

In conjunction with the Membership Initiative, the promotional video created by NCCS was shown. Thanks to Tom Skinner for making copies to be used when contacting parishes about new unit development!

**ACTIVITIES Subcommittee**—A lengthy discussion was held concerning when and where the next youth retreat should be held. Considerations included trying to set a date that wouldn't conflict with Cub Scout events in February, Scout Sunday, GS cookies sales etc---thus a fall date was considered. We also spoke of rotating the retreats between Phoenix, Flagstaff and Payson. It was decided to hold the next retreat in the spring on 2016 and Kathy would check availability at Heard Scout Pueblo and R-C.

**EMBLEMS Subcommittee—**

- Boards of Review were completed last week and went very smoothly. 19 ILMF, 11 AAD, 4 Mary the First Disciple.
- The annual recognition ceremony will be held **May 3** at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish at 2:00.
- REC training is set for **Saturday, May 30** at the DPC from 8:30-1:00 pm.
- If trained counselors help to facilitate the training that counts as their renewal. Dolores and Lowell volunteered to assist.
- There was a proposal to present binders to REC trainees at the training...that would have the .ppt slides and other handouts in the binder. The motion was approved. Kathy will purchase the binders and prepare them for the training.

**Training Subcommittee**—The annual adult leader retreat—“*Renewing the Flame*” was held at the Franciscan Renewal Center on March 21. Participants reported that they had a wonderful, inspirational and relaxing day!

Kathy invited everyone to think of a venue for the adult leader retreat for 2016. Many retreat locations book up months in advance.

**VOCATIONS Subcommittee---**

Kathy is in the process of obtaining priests to celebrate mass at Camp Geronimo for 7 weeks during the summer.

**BUSINESS—Unfinished**

The draft of the committee brochure was distributed and comments were requested and will be forwarded to Tony Madonia for the final draft.

The new committee logo was discussed. Kathy passed around several samples and the committee voted to use the dove/flame symbol. Kathy will send this to the graphic designer at Stowebridge to have a sample made for final approval.

The special recognition was discussed. Steve Miller is in the process of creating a new design and would like to incorporate the dove/flame symbol. He showed a sample of this design.

The next Committee meeting is **Saturday, July 11 at 1:30 pm** at Sacred Heart Parish in Prescott.