

## MEETING FOR PHXDCCS

JAN 21, 2015

### 1) OPENING OF MEETING

In attendance Kathleen Polowski, Margaret Spicer, Liane Bowles, Janet Miller, Lynn Coomer, Joe Maresh, Marie Maresh, Tom Koncel, Ann Colvin-Smith, Steve Miller, Dolores Bartlett, Matt Waterman, Tony Madonia

Opening Prayer 6:44 pm

Introductions

### 2) REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Reviewed by Ann Colvin-Smith

Joe Maresh moved to enter into record, motion 2nd and passed

For future meetings, minutes will be available to review online prior to meeting.

### 3) FINANCIAL AND TREASURY REPORT

Mary Madonia

i) Balance \$797.64

ii) Retreat monies are coming in regularly at this time

Move and 2nd for Treasurer's report, motion 2nd and passed

### 4) VICE CHAIR

Steve Miller

i) Reservation for rooms for Religious emblems and Committee meetings

ii) Rooms reserved for BOR's April 22, 6:30 pm at the DPC

### 5) CALENDAR REVIEW

a) February

i) 6th-8th; Walk in the Son retreat @ Heard Scout Pueblo

ii) \*\*New Item, Sign up sheet sent around for Clergy Dinner

iii) Mount Claret, Father Dennis 35th anniversary

iv) 28th, Scoutorama at U. of Phoenix Stadium; Committee needs table coverage for the day

b) March

i) 21st, Leader retreat \$15. Opportunity for leaders to have a day of rest, relaxation and renewal at The Casa, Franciscan Renewal Center, Sr. Luca Rm., approx. 9am-6pm. Can register online through PayPal. Nancy Welton and Kathy Polowski will lead the event

c) April

i) 22nd, Boards of Review for all scouts in ILMF, Marian, Spirit Alive, AAD and PP12

ii) Need counselors to act as reviewers for the boards

iii) \*\*\* reminder that younger scouts have ceremony at parish level

- iv) \*\*\* reminder that awards are ordered through the committee
  - (1) NCCS = Fr. Dennis
  - (2) NCCGSCF = Liane Bowles
- v) Many scouts are still unaware of the emblems; need strategic planning for marketing
- vi) Ad Altare Dei is being tested online for NCCS Emblems committee
  - (1) Two groups testing currently
- d) May
  - i) 3rd
    - (1) Annual Scout Religious Recognition will be held at OLMC
    - (2) 2 pm with check in at 1:30 pm
- e) June
  - i) 6th
    - (1) REC Training at the DPC
- f) July
  - i) 27th
    - (1) Quarterly Meeting will be in Prescott
      - (a) Saturday-lunch and stay for Mass
      - (b) 1:30 pm meeting
  - ii) 19th -25th
    - (1) Scouting in the Catholic Church @ Philmont
    - (2) Kathy has information
    - (3) Great opportunity for leaders and committee members
    - (4) NCCS offers scholarships
- g) August
  - i) 2nd
    - (1) Seminarian Picnic at Mount Claret Retreat Center
  - ii) 29th
    - (1) REC training at the DPC 8:30 am - 1 pm
- h) September
  - i) 8th
    - (1) Annual Bishop's Dinner with Bishop Olmsted, Location TBD
- i) October
  - i) 25th
    - (1) Phoenix Rosary Celebration @ Phx. Convention Center
      - (a) Need Liaison for event. 4-6 meetings during the year
      - (b) Must coordinate scouts during the event
  - ii) 28th
    - (1) Quarterly meeting at DPC 6:30 pm
- j) November

- i) 27th
  - (1) 10 Commandment Hike
    - (a) 8:00 pm - 4 pm
    - (b) Location TBD
- ii) Peace Light
  - (1) Coordinated by Ann Colvin-Smith
  - (2) [www.peacelight.org](http://www.peacelight.org)
- k) December
  - i) Annual Committee Christmas Party, Location TBD
- l) Calendar needs to be developed early so there is adequate time for promotion and people can reserve the dates on their calendars.**

## 6) LIAISON/SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Knights of Columbus (Jim Moore not in attendance)
  - i) Sacred Heart in Prescott will sponsor a new group
- b) Bishop's crew = Steve Miller
  - i) Mass and Meeting in Dec; New President
  - ii) St. Theresa Has a crew that may be joining with the Bishop's Crew
  - iii) Going surfing in June
  - iv) Always in Startup mode...need more participants in the crew
- c) NCCS = Tony Madonia
  - i) More patches added to the Activities section of the website
  - ii) available to every scout
  - iii) some will be earned at the retreat
  - iv) Annual meeting is in Tampa in April
- d) GRAND CANYON COUNCIL (not available)
- e) GSUSA-AZ Cactus Pine Council
  - i) The interfaith committee is not meeting regularly
  - ii) May 2nd is the awards ceremony for girls who earned their religious emblems or the "My faith/My promise pin" in 2014
  - iii) 100 years of Catholic Scouting patch available on the NCCGSCF website
  - iv) \*\*\* reminder that GSUSA AND ACPC DO NOT have a relationship with Planned Parenthood. Please contact Ann if you have questions or need further clarification.
  - v) NFCYM supports Girl Scouting
  - vi) There are many documents in favor of Catholic Scouting
  - vii) Looking to have a "memorandum of understanding" that will provide support for GS leaders/troops at parishes. The MOU would be established between the ACPC, Diocese and various parishes.

- viii) Kathy Polowski presented an example of the MOU to committee and Margaret Spicer
- ix) signature and completion goal set for *April 29, 2015*
- f) American Heritage Girls - *not available*
- g) GCC Interfaith Committee
  - i) 10 Commandment Hike - over 200 + people attended
  - ii) Next year (2016) is the 20th anniversary of the event
  - iii) Hike is held the day after Thanksgiving
  - iv) Annual Recognition ceremony is held on Boy Scout Sunday for those scouts who earned their religious emblems in the previous year

## **7) COMMUNICATION**

- a) Person needed to submit articles and pictures to *The Catholic Sun*
- b) More FB posts are needed
- c) More pictures to post
- d) Website is being updated regularly
- e) Help is needed in maintaining the email list

## **8) MEMBERSHIP INITIATIVE**

- a) New units are being developed
- b) Outreach to existing units is imperative to provide support and create a relationship with unit leaders.
- c) All Catholic scouts and leaders need to know about religious emblems and retreat opportunities
- d) Feb 19th meeting for the Membership Subcommittee

## **9) RETREAT**

- a) Gina (not present)
  - i) People are registering
  - ii) Fees discussed
  - iii) Will most likely need to reduce the number of the campsites reserved and estimated attendance for EMA fees

## **10) RELIGIOUS EMBLEMS**

- a) "Intent to Begin" forms *must* be turned in to Kathy or Ann
- b) Certificates for new REC counselors will be completed and mailed
  - i) Liane Bowles volunteered to assist
- c) Usually a DVD of the training sessions is made and burned for the new counselors
- d) Trainers-Dolores Bartlett and Janet Miller volunteered to assist with training.
- e) Kathleen Polowski proposed that the REC renewal be every 3 years instead of 5 years.

- f) Steve proposed an annual update renewal once a year but keep certification every 5 years.
- g) Renewal, can we have an online component?
- h) Table discussion on the update and the consensus was to implement the annual renewal every 3 years with a look at an online version.
- i) If a trained REC facilitates the training, it counts as a renewal for that counselor.
- j) Teaching a course with the youth does not count as a renewal.

**11)VOCATIONS CHAIR**

- a) Need more priests! Need more seminarians!

**12)ST. GEORGE TREK**

- a) Proposal for the committee to pay the last \$100 of the \$400 previously allocated to the candidate for use in purchasing equipment or other expenses.
- b) Motion by Steve Miller to provide the funding discussion, 2nd, Motion passed.

**13)PRESCOTT UPDATE**

- a) Venturing Crew on hold for now
- b) 2 Religious awards given out last year

**14)OUTSTANDING DIOCESAN COMMITTEE AWARD**

- a) Committee has met all the criteria, pending a report to the Regional Chair and letter to Bishop Olmsted by Kathy.
- b) A signup sheet for committee members to order the new patch is available. Payment in advance is appreciated; \$3.50 each.

**15)OLD BUSINESS**

- a) Brochure completion goal Feb. 19th
- b) Steve Miller Crosses
  - i) Large version offered for \$10 at last retreat
  - ii) Steve is now making smaller crosses as well, will evaluate pricing
  - iii) Create an award for the cross to represent?
    - (1) Name of award
    - (2) Put on hold for next meeting

**16)NEW BUSINESS**

- a) International Catholic Awareness patch activity
  - i) need to plan a date and location
  - ii) St. James in Glendale was the venue for the event several years ago

**17)CLOSING PRAYER 9:10 pm**

- a) Kathy Polowski offered a closing prayer and thanked everyone for coming

*Minutes submitted by Ann Colvin-Smith, Secretary*