

## Troop Committee Meeting Minutes – June 8, 2004

**Attendees:** Dave Wisniewski, Barbara Counts, Jody Williford, Dean Hulse, The Beiserts, John MacLain, The Johnsons, Dan Drew, The Nixes, Rebecca Musso, Mike Berno, Tab Lloyd

As the best attended committee meeting in the history of the troop, the meeting began with introductions. Dave then briefly gave a status of Warren's condition (recuperating back home) and stated the coolers had already been purchased. The status of the missing frying pan and tents wasn't mentioned. Chris got the lantern fixed last month.

The burrito buffet (previously known as the spaghetti fundraiser) will be Wed. June 16<sup>th</sup>. Only \$10 in tickets have been sold. Lori will e-mail the details, but rumor has it the ticket price varies from \$3 to \$6 depending on how what is purchased. The boys will bake the brownies Tuesday night at the troop meeting. Serving should be from 6pm to 8pm Wednesday with cleanup to follow. Drive through status is unknown. Please e-mail Lori a) if you can help out in any way and b) with the number and type of tickets you want. This is not a door-to-door sale, but if anyone is associated with CLCoC and wants to ask their fellow parishioners after the Sunday service, that would probably be appreciated. The last fundraiser was held in conjunction with Scout Sunday and thus seems to have been better publicized.

The Memorial Day weekend campout was GREAT! Boys were exhausted and the budget was busted (roughly \$1300 taken in for April/May vs. \$1800 spent), but all had a good time. As a side topic we talked the boys lack of understanding of rank and merit badge req'ts tracking.

The troop has \$3730.57 left after clearing the campout expenses. We expect to spend about \$400 in required canoe safety equipment prior to the August campout. The boys owe about \$160 in back dues, and there are still a few outstanding campout/summer camp payments due. Dave continues to hope for his 2003 and 2004 volunteer grant checks for \$650. If any one else has a similar program with their employer, please look into it. It is free money for the troop (which translates to less popcorn that needs to be sold to pay for everything the boys want to do). Current troop debt is \$4800. I am holding back until after the two summer camps, but should be able to drop that to well under \$3000 as long as there are no other unanticipated expenses. Popcorn sales will help refill the coffers in Nov. Dave passed out a strawman budget I had prepared for him a while back. Call/e-mail me if you have any questions on it.

At last month's Committee Challenge, we found out about the capability of using the board of review process for scouts who have not advanced in some time. Although the troop does have 6 scouts who have not advanced in rank in the past 12 months, the Scoutmaster has requested that this process not be used. The important thing is that the boys are having fun. If they participate in the troop events such as campouts, the advancements will follow.

Since John MacLain so graciously volunteered to handle Advancements, Dave's hit list is down to Fundraising support, Membership Coordinator and Troop Secretary. I am including desk instructions for that last position in case the uncertainty factor has been holding any eager volunteers back. J

See the calendar on the website at [www.troop957.com](http://www.troop957.com) for upcoming events.

Barbara  
Troop 957 Treasurer, Secretary and NOT Advancements Chair