

Troop 957 Committee Meeting--August 31, 2004

Attendees: Dave Wisniewski, Barbara Counts, Jody Williford, Dean Hulse, Tab Lloyd, John MacLain, The Johnsons, Rebecca Musso, Mike Berno, Al Richards, Lori Jacob, Missy Adams, Warren Hall, Dan Burbank, Eric DeVries, Danny Wright

The meeting started off by listening to the PLC reps talk the proposed troop schedule for the next 15 months. See the calendar at www.troop957.com for this plan, as there is too much information to include here. Some standards are that the parents'™ meetings will always occur the week following the PLC and boards of review will always occur the week following a campout. Also no more August campouts, due to low attendance at this past one, and there will intentionally not be anything scheduled for Palm Sunday next year. Campout commitment forms will be passed out next week. The troop needs about 5 more adults on the trip.

Next topic was fundraising. The dates were talked during the schedules portion. Items of note were that the boys chose to go with the gift cards instead of the prizes, and there will be some creative incentive plans to encourage sales. Let's just say the words "Stu" and "drop down and give 'em 10" appeared in the same sentence, as did "leader" and "pie in the eye". As always, the boys get to keep half of the 30% profit the troop earns from their sales. This money can be applied towards the cost of any troop activity, but cannot be withdrawn directly out of the account. From past years, it takes about an hour going door-to-door to get every \$100 in sales. A booth sale at the church was also mentioned. Also under consideration are car washes and greenery sales. The point was raised that having more than two fundraisers per year might mean reporting to the IRS. The church lawyers will look into that.

The troop has \$2009.66 in the account. If any parents are holding onto campout receipts, please get them to me. Current troop debt is down to \$2261.51 and is going to remain there until we see where we stand after popcorn sales and planned future expenses. These include the \$235 or so for the PE shorts (app'd), \$165 for replacement tarp poles (the steel rusted, bent and/or broke so we are going with Aluminum this go-round also app'd), between \$400 and \$800 for light weight hiking stoves, fuel bottles and maintenance kits and between \$250 and \$1000 for water filters. Total expected troop size next fiscal year (post Webelos infusion) will be 36 or so. The current boys owe about \$170 in back dues, and there are still a couple of miscellaneous payments due from the parents. I am (slowly, I admit) sending out the e-mails listing what the boys have left in their accounts, or what is owed the troop. We received the 2003 volunteer grant check for \$650, which means Dave can now submit the 2004 paperwork. Similarly I will submit the UTC \$250 grant paperwork later this year. If any one else has a similar program with their employer, please look into it. It is free money for the troop.

Warren briefly talked the results of the trailer work day. Out of the 20 small tents, 11 large tents and 6 tarps the troop has purchased over the years, they found and seam-sealed 12 tents. So if anyone has a troop tent in their trunk or garage, please return it. If we can't find them, we will have to go buy more and they are expensive. Also the

stove is missing its brass fittings that hold it together and some of the Coleman lanterns need warranty work done on them. The trailer lights installation project will need to be scheduled soon.

Dave did his call for volunteers. Missy agreed to handle troop publicity while Mike will handle membership.

Barbara
Troop 957 Treasurer and Secretary