

On 10-8-24 there was a scheduled Troop 243 Committee meeting.

Attendees: Eric Berendsen, Cathy Berendsen, Frank Hulsman, Bruce Bohn, Tom Kennedy, Jessica Ott, John Hamilton, Laurie Warren, Bruce Warren, Gerald Shively

Gerald opened with a prayer.

These were the issues discussed.

Tuesday Meeting Proposal – There is a plan to send out feelers to our members with Thomas asking the scouts for their thought related to changing our troop meeting nights to Tuesdays. This will allow us to meet on the same nights as Pack 243 which could be a synergistic thing to do. Eric thinks it will be a go and he thinks they will start the first week of January.

Pancake Breakfast – Tom began the discussion. He's acquired the ability to use the griddle we used in the past. The meat has been acquired and he will have the eggs tomorrow and get them thawed. Frank is acquiring the bananas. Frank reminded us that we need to do a better job of directing the scouts and parents so they will know what to do. Eric indicated he can do that. Frank asked if someone would follow up with the families to see if they will sign up for the breakfast. Frank will advise the craft fair folks to leave the tables with a plan us to go in Sunday morning at 7:00 to clean up after the fair and rearrange the tables. The set-up requirements were discussed requiring 20 tables and 8 chairs per table.

Use of Bus to Help Scouting - There was a discussion related to our bus and driver being used to help scout o Parrish functions for a donation. It is proposed that we are going to use the bus for the Cub Fishing weekend, and we used it for Shoot-s-Palooza. Frank has also been asked if they can use the bus for Powder horn on March 14, 2025. The bus is currently, on a fairly regular basis, used in support of JP II Academy for a price that covers the cost of each use.

Parking Fundraiser – There is some concern that Whip Mix may stop allowing scouts to park cars during U of L football games. This time we earned approximately \$10,000 so we do not want to lose the opportunity. We are in good standing with the owners so Frank will continue discussions for keeping us involved.

Upcoming Camp Out – Cathy asked if we have enough registered adults able to support this coming camp out. Eric advised that he should have the answer to that this week.

T-shirts and Possible Hoodies – John indicated that we have not yet bought scout t-shirts so Jessica suggested that we should move forward with it and possibly do hoodies. Tom and Jessica discussed a vender that we have previously used. Frank moved that we get each scout a new short and long sleeve t-shirt. He also suggested that any adult who helped with parking should get one also. Frank suggested that Eric discuss with the PLC what the design should be for the new t-shirts. It was then proposed that Eric should pursue the design then the purchase can be discussed. Subsequently, Jessica and Tom agreed to discuss the design this week then move on from there after the breakfast. Lastly, it was suggested by Frank that we allow Jessica and Tom to go forward with the purchase with no involvement of the committee unless the price grows significantly beyond the \$375 budget. If the price goes over the budget of \$375, they will advise the committee via email.

Scout and Adult Renewals – Frank advised that we need to do a better job of renewing scouts and leaders when they expire. Notification is sent to Eric and Gerald. We need to pay with a check so the Parish will re-imburse us. On an ongoing basis, Gerald will advise Jessica when a scout or adult is due to be renewed, and Jessica will send a check to scouting. We will then request an amount to cover the cost from St. John Paul II.

Bus Financial Support – There was a discussion about having more funds made available for the bus reserve. Currently the bus fund sits at \$803.00, and it was suggested that we renew our efforts to get member to register at Kroger. It was also suggested that funding can come from the Venture Crew reserve since we do not have a Venture Crew, but we should leave a small amount in the Venture Crew reserve. Next year we will establish a bus budget.

Our next virtual committee meeting will be held on Tuesday November 12, 2024, starting at 8:00P and ending at 9:00P.

This is the Zoom information. <https://zoom.us/j/91980239572?pwd=MjU0VDJkdIU0SXVSdm9DdXlaekc4Zz09>

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Respectfully Submitted,
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