



Catholic Committee on Scouting

October 20, 2022 Meeting Minutes

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Gary Rangnow

RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

Rey Rosas

COMMUNICATION/ PUBLICITY

Gilbert Ramon

OPENING PRAYER:

Present at Meeting: Rey Rosas, Ben Huante, Monica Flores, Dolores Ruiz, Gary Rangnow, Don Sudheimer, Gilbert Ramon

- **Next Meeting** – December 15, Our Lady of Victory School Cafeteria;
Meetings scheduled for every other month, **3rd Thursday 6:30-7:30.**
- **Treasurer's Report** – (Dolores Ruiz)
Status update from meeting participants
There are some outstanding bills to pay and money to deposit.
 1. Dolores provided a copy of the Treasurers report to the committee.
 2. Discussion on how La Bahia patch sales are coordinated. Payment is made to DCCS plus commission when new patch order is delivered.
Action Item: Gary Rangnow will confirm with Diocese accounting that Dolores's name and address are in the system for future payments to Victoria DCCS.
 3. The DCCS pays for the cost of the medal but the individual scouts are responsible for cost of the emblem books. A fee of \$9.00/ Pope Pius book is required for current class.
Action Item: Rey Rosas will get with Michael Muniz on collecting the book fees.
- **Programs Religious Activities** – (Rey Rosas/ Michael Muniz)
Status update
 1. The 2022 retreat centered on the NCCS Devine Mercy Patch was held at Camp Mauritz on September 17. A total of 11 scouts and 2 cub scouts attended the retreat. A total of 20 Devine Mercy patches will be ordered to cover attendees, facilitators and adult volunteers. The retreat was very well done with good participation by attendees and Mass by Father Dalton.
Action Item: Ben Huante to order Devine Mercy patches (Done)
 2. Father Jacob Koether has asked to charter a Boy Scout Troop at Our Lady of Sorrow Catholic Church. Michael Muniz has continued to publicize and recruit for the new Troop, with 3 boys expressing interest in joining.
Action Item: Michael Muniz will continue to publicize and target starting Troop in Jan. 2023.
 3. Rey discussed possible Cub Scout retreat in 2023 with focus on Signs and Symbols of the Church. Also discussed reaching out to other DCCS groups to share activity ideas and resources; (i.e., Laredo CCS held a 5K Bike Ride). Further discussion at December meeting.
 4. **Gilbert Ramon will reach out to Jaime Rocha (Corpus Christi DCCS Chair) and Robert Schmidt Brownsville Diocese on setting up a joint Zoom/Teams meeting to discuss programs and share ideas. Ben will reach out to Charley Raimond, Region 10 Chair with same.**
- **Programs Emblems (Gary Rangnow) / Recognition/ Publicity (Gilbert Ramon)**
 1. Pope Pius class kicked off with Michael Muniz and Monica Flores as course counselors and Rey Rosas as counselor advisor. A total of 7 scouts are in the class. Scouts wear Class A to class and attend Mass after class. Bishop Cahill to meet with class on October 23. A Pope Pius class retreat has been scheduled for Jan. 28 at Camp Mauritz. KCs will assist with meals for the people invited. This retreat is not open to outside folks but is specific to the class.
 2. DCCS webpage at <https://www.victoriadiocese.org/catholic-committee-on-scouting>
It will have information on the Catholic Committee on Scouting, upcoming events, religious emblems programs, Troop 364, Pack 364 and other Catholic Church sponsored scout units.

Action Items:

- All members - Need to send Monica Flores pictures and information on current year and past year activities to post on Webpage.
- Identify list of emblems and patches that scouts can work on with their parents.

2. Scouting in Local Church training Webinar in August was attended by Michael Muniz and Roger Lawrence. Don Sudheimer signed up but didn't get registration confirmation, will seek access to course materials.
3. Diocese Catholic Committee on Scouting annual meeting with Bishop Cahill, on November 28 at 3:30 PM at the Chancery. **Discussed making this a PowerPoint presentation with each coordinator presenting.**

Meeting room will require access to projector and screen – Ben to request from Sister Rosario.

Presenters:

Ben – Committee Organization, Quality Diocese 2021 & will quality in 2022; Natl Catholic Unit Excellence Award 2021 & will quality in 2022.

Dolores – Treasurer Status

Rey – Activities (Scout Sunday, Devine Mercy Retreat, Award Banquet, Seminary Visit)

Monica – Webpage;

Michael – Emblem classes (AAD Class and Pope Pius Class); CS emblems

4. Gary Rangnow recommended setting up Zoom or Teams calls to allow current members not in Victoria to attend meeting. Also need to recruit committee members across the Diocese.