Catholic Committee on Scouting
December 15 2022 Meeting Minutes

OPENING PRAYER

Present at Meeting: Roger Lawrence, Michael Muniz, Dolores Ruiz, Monica Flores, Rey Rosas, Don Sudheimer, Ben Huante, David Augustini, Gilbert Ramirez

1. Next Meeting – February 16, 2023, at Our Lady of Victory School Cafeteria
   Meetings are scheduled for every other month, 3rd Thursday from 6:30-7:30.
   Meeting Dates:

2. Treasurer’s Report – (Dolores Ruiz)
   Status update -
   1. Dolores provided spreadsheet showing Ledger Debits and Credits. For anyone who didn’t attend the meeting, please contact Dolores for copy of the Ledger report
   2. A receipt book will be used for money received and outgoing expenditures.

3. Programs Religious Activities – (Rey Rosas/ Michael Muniz)
   Status update -
   1. Rey and Michael provided update status of Troop 915. First meeting was held by new Troop. Three scouts from T364 provided the new scouts with a program while Adult Scout Leaders, Michael and Rey, met with parents to discuss adult positions for Troop. The Troop will meet every 2 weeks on Thursday. Will coordinate with T364 on campouts while the new Troop gets started. Council waived additional $25 scout/leader per person fee. Registration fees are $52/Scout and $81/Adult.
   2. Strengthen Nazareth Academy Pack 108 to provide feeder to new OLS Troop.
   3. Quality Committee Diocesan Award Application submitted by Ben Huante and approved by Region 10 Chair Charley Raimond.

New Activities for 2023 covered under New Business.

4. Programs Emblems (Gary Rangnow) / Recognition/ Publicity (Gilbert Ramon)
   Status update -
   o Michael provided update on Pope Pius Class: Collected $30 per person from parents to cover priest and medal costs. The class participants are performing a service project, shopping for needy family sponsored by the Troop.
   o Catholic Scouting neckerchiefs were purchased by the Troop for scouts that earned their Ad Altare Dei or Pope Pius religious medals in 2022. The Scouts and adults really like the neckerchief and helps promote DCCS programs and activities. Extra neckerchiefs were purchased to frame and present to Bishop Cahill, Fr. Kirby and Fr. Jacob.
   o Monica and Gilbert discussed development of the DCCS Webpage. Look forward to using the webpage to reach Packs and Troops throughout the Diocese, about the religious emblem and activities programs. Monica asked for files to be uploaded onto the webpage to be transferred to her via Google file. Gilbert is working to update the St. George and Bronze Pelican recipients file to upload onto the webpage.

New Business:

   A. Transition to New Chair: Gilbert Ramon will be the new DCCS Chair. We will schedule a meeting with Bishop Cahill in January for official transfer and presentation of neckerchief.
   B. Begin Development of 2023 Event Calendar 2023
1. **Scout Sunday – February 5, 2023.** Gilbert has confirmed Bishop Cahill will preside at the 11:30 Mass for Scout Sunday. Some Committee members will travel to Port O’Conner to present Pope Pius medal to Andrew Augustini on February 4, 6:00 PM Mass at St. Joseph.

2. **Pope Pius Class retreat in January at Camp Mauritz.** Michael made a motion asking the committee would help defray some of the costs of the retreat; $150 limit to cover food. David seconded the motion. The motion passed.

3. **Possible Activities:**
   1. *Cub Scout Retreat Signs & Symbols:* Develop as a walking tour of the three Catholic Churches downtown Victoria with focus on Signs and Symbols. Focus on Cub Scouts but open to youth from OLV, St. Mary’s and OLS.
   2. *Faith Series Eucharistic Adoration:* Discussed as this as activity during Lent. Initial plans are for attendees to gather for Saturday evening Mass. Have adoration at the Cathedral. Then cover activity requirements with overnight stay at Gym or St. Michaels. Will need to discuss with Fr. Kirby. [https://www.nccs-bsa.org/index.php/eucharistic-adoration](https://www.nccs-bsa.org/index.php/eucharistic-adoration)
   3. **South Texas Council activity by three DCCS in the Council.** Gilbert will reach out to Jaime to begin discussion of a joint Committee meeting and/or activity.

   - **Request to all Committee members.** Think about the activities listed here, Cub Scout Retreat Signs & Symbols and Faith Series Eucharistic Adoration. Rey Rosas said he would begin thinking about how to organize these activities. Please share your thoughts on how best to organize, coordinate the event and execute.

C. **Other new business**
   Gilbert and Ben will develop ballots for Bronze Pelican and St. George nominees sent via email for voting. Bronze Pelican and St. George guidelines for the award will be attached to the email. Recommend uploading to Webpage for future reference.
   - Recipients of ballots are asked to respond to Gilbert Ramon and Ben Huante as soon as possible so to have time to complete the nomination forms, get approval from their Church Pastors and order medals,
   - All Bronze Pelican recipients will be eligible to vote for Bronze Pelican nominees.
   - St. George recipients will be eligible to vote for St. George nominees.