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MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING
Grand Lodge of Minnesota & Viking Council B.S.A.
June 4, 2001

Present: Representing the Viking Council B.S.A.
 Dave Dominick, Field Representative
 Rich Dohrmann, Member Executive Council
 Representing the Grand Lodge of Minnesota
 Albert Holler, Dexter Pehle, Tom Watson, Terry Tilton, Craig Lewis

Not Present: Paul Cousineau, Senior Program Coordinator
 Representatives of Grand Lodge Prince Hall Masons of Minnesota
 Roger Schmid,

The second meeting between the Viking Council, Boy Scouts of America, and the Grand Lodge of Minnesota was held at the Viking Council Offices on Glenwood Avenue in Minneapolis and hosted by Dave Dominick, Field Representative. The meeting was called to order by Dexter Pehle, Committee Chairman. Introductions were made and Craig Lewis was welcomed to the group. Paul Cousineau, Senior Program Coordinator for the Minneapolis School units was unable to be present due to a Troop meeting conflict.

Dave Dominick noted that all units had re-chartered with a pick of 10 in the last few weeks. This brings the total units chartered to 29. He noted that Paul Cousineau has two full-time program aides and two part-time aides assisting in the program. Generally the program for each unit lasts one hour a week and the merit badge advancement for the Trail of the Eagle is emphasized in the Troop units with approximately 2-3 outdoor activities scheduled each year.

During the meeting Dave suggested a number of ways the Masons might assist these units and they will be noted with a (✓) as they are noted in the minutes.

- ✓ Assist to get more Scouts to Many Point Scout Camp for a week of camping (now only one to two dozen are able to attend)
- ✓ Provide adult leadership for Scout Camp this year scheduled date is July 9-13. Roger Schmid may be interested in helping with this.
- ✓ Run a series of Cub Day Camps or Host a Camporee.
This idea drew much discussion particularly as it was deemed a good way for the lodge members to meet the boys and assist in a day of camping or perhaps an overnight event. It was hoped that the Council would place this kind of event on the fall calendar for our chartered units and let the Masons underwrite the event costs and man-power.
- ✓ Masons sign-up as Merit Badge Counselors or Religious Emblems Counselors for the Scouts. In this regard it was anticipated that we need to have an adult talent survey to find out the interest and talents.
- ✓ Masons sign on as Unit Leaders for Packs or Troops. This is a heavy commitment, however, there may be some Lodges that have members who would like to assist in this way. They need to be asked.

Presently all units have meeting places and the paid leadership staff to run the program, however, it is possible that the Minneapolis School system may have to cut back on the after-school busing due to costs. This would severely limit the program. Dave suggested that perhaps the Lodges might provide a meeting place for the units and recruitment would have to be more geographical. Hopefully this will not happen, however, it was felt that some of lodges would welcome Scouting units as a place to host their activities.

Dave also noted that it was hoped they might hire one more full-time aid for these units by this Fall. He also noted that through several golf tournaments and targeted grants and Friends of Scouting (registration fees, books, and program supplies have been purchased including T-shirts for the Cub Scouts). The Masons, however, might be able to augment the supply needs, camping fees, or Boy Scout uniforming (with Kinte scarves to avoid gang colors). Dave also noted that Paul has monthly training meetings with his staff and program outlines for the meetings.

Presently there are between 300-400 Cub Scouts less on the rolls today due to the difficulty of getting any in-school advertising. The Hopkins, Minneapolis, and Columbia Heights Districts have completed closed Scouting advertising on the school grounds. Thus there has been much additional advertising through parks, flyers, and brochures in church bulletins, as door hangers and friend-to-friend advertising. Obviously, recruitment is now the biggest problem facing the program.

Dave noted that he will give the Lodges a map of locations of units, leaders names and times and dates of meetings so that we can distribute this information to the lodge members who are interested.

- ✓"Adopt A Scout" — perhaps uniform a scout
- ✓"Adopt A Scout" --- take a First Class Scout on Trail of Eagle and mentor or assist the Scout, share resources to assist in becoming an Eagle)
- ✓"Adopt A Scout" — Webelos Crossover ceremony ...pass out book, scarves, etc.

It was suggested that perhaps the Masons could help to provide some incentives for boys to stay in the Scouting program (e.g. become an Eagle Scout and receive a scholarship, or attain rank and have camp scholarship, or be active in troop/ with rank advancement and receive uniform, etc.)

It was noted that the Masons have a male youth program known as DeMolay and that there may be ways that the Scouts could assist DeMolay youth with leadership training, youth protection training, or use of Rum River Camp with Project Cope program, etc. Chairman Dexter Pehle will investigate some of these ideas between the Scouts and DeMolay leadership.

Dexter Pehle has asked to receive a "wish list" from the Scouts that might be shared with our lodges. This will be prepared by Dave Dominick and the staff. It was also recommended that a Power Point presentation of this program be made up with photo(s), current needs and an overview of the program.

It was suggested that the members of the Committee would like to see some of these units at their meeting places and it was proposed that June 18th be a possible date for an afternoon/evening "road show." Dave Dominick will try to make arrangements for this. (Note: that this date was changed to June 11th due to the fact that last Troop meeting of the summer was scheduled for that evening.)

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Another suggestion was that the Scouts might participate in a Flag Ceremony at Grand Lodge to help raise awareness of our cooperation. It was also suggested that it might be helpful for understanding and sharing if Tony Krall along with Dexter Pehle come to visit Dave Dominick at the Council Offices.

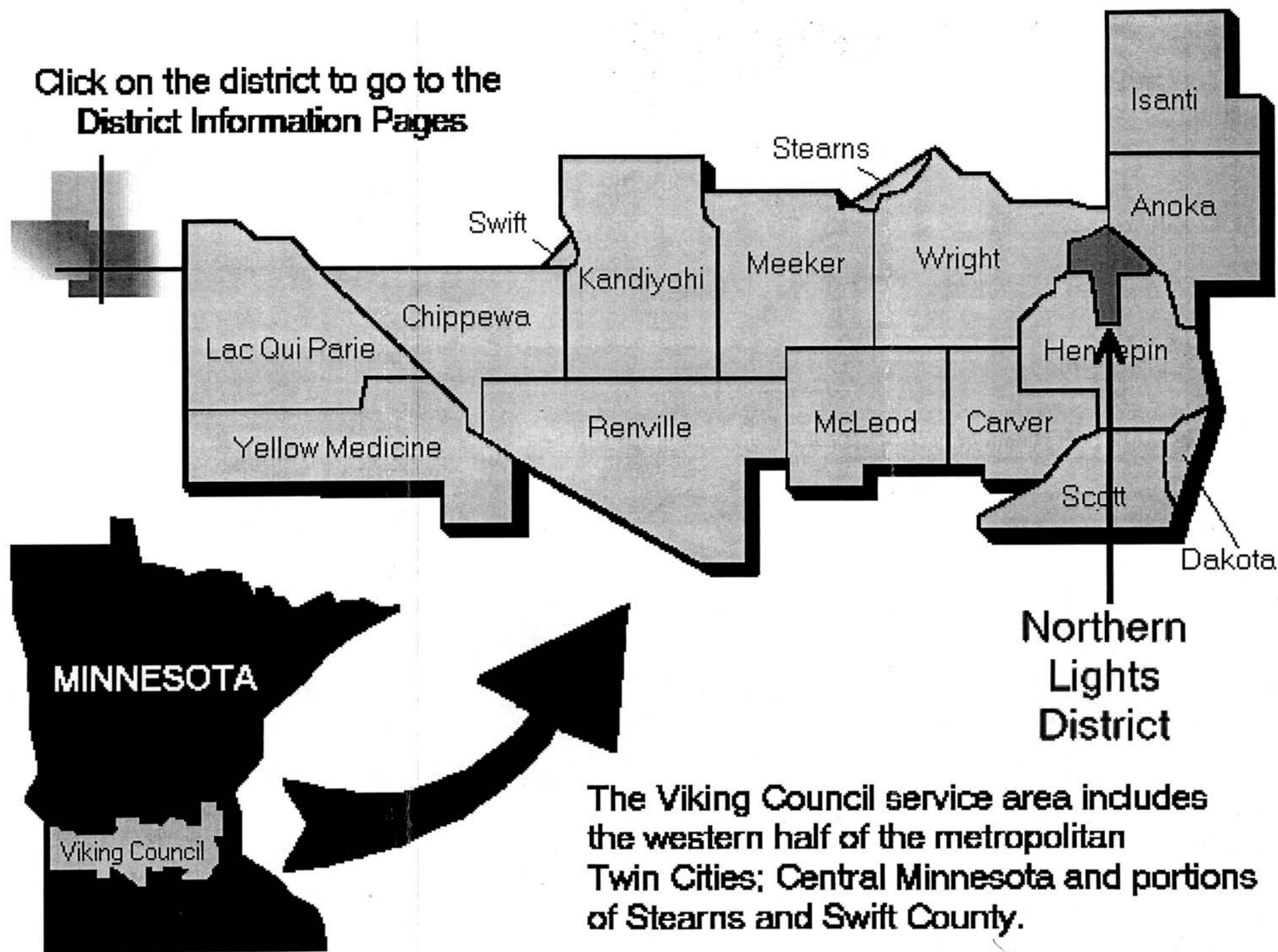
Minutes respectfully taken by
Terry L. Tilton, Deputy Grand Master

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY AUGUST 13, 2001 - 7:00 p.m.

Viking Council Offices, 5300 Glenwood Avenue, Mpls., MN 55422

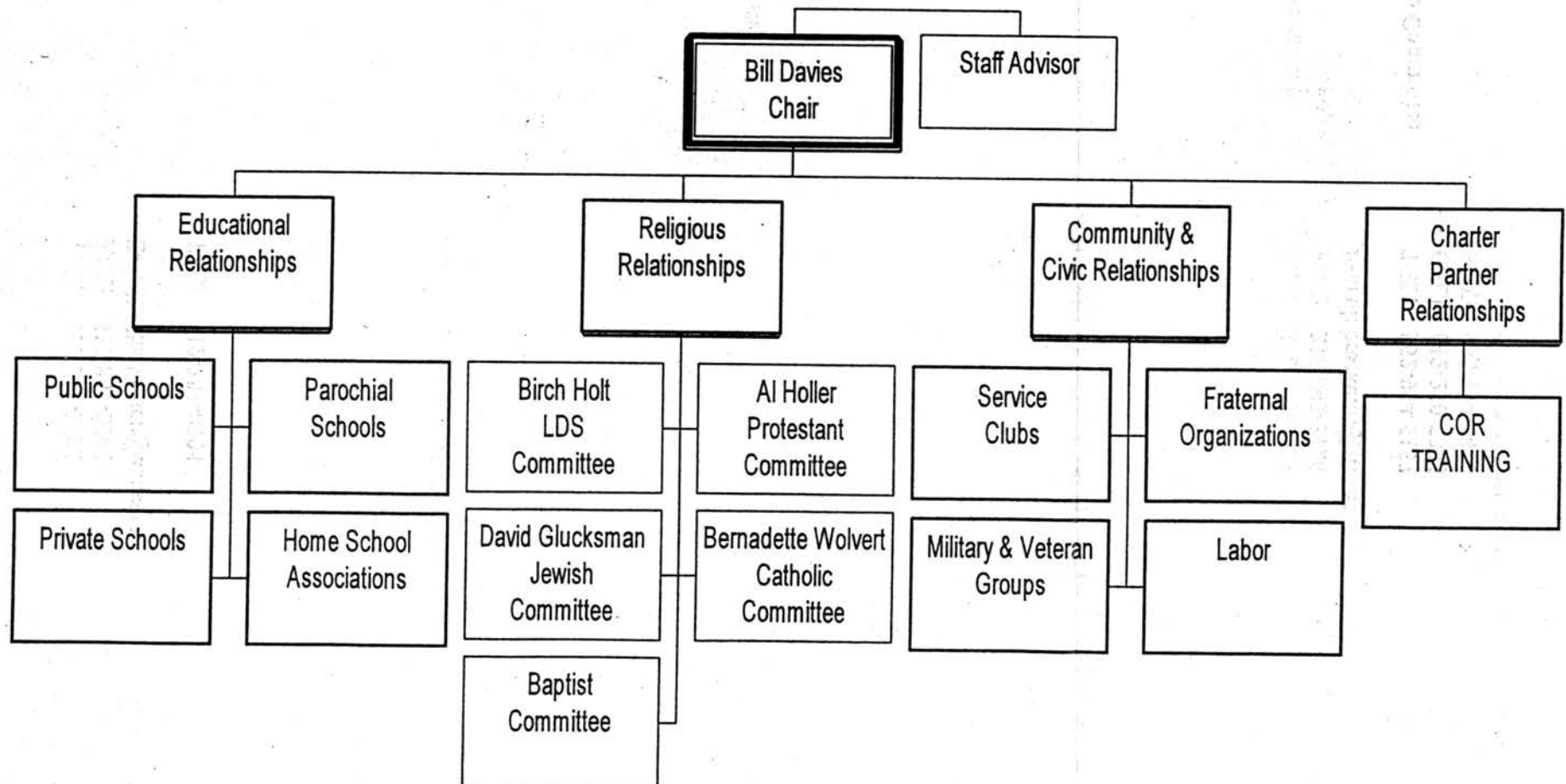
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The Viking Council service area includes the western half of the metropolitan Twin Cities; Central Minnesota and portions of Stearns and Swift County.

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Camping for Urban Scouts: Sponsored by Twin City Reel & Trigger Club

The Twin City Reel & Trigger Club is sponsoring a camp outing and training exercise with Urban Scout troops and packs. This three day exercise will take place **August 23 - 25** at T.C.R.T.C. Facility at Lake Spitzer, Ottertrail County, MN.

This exercise will consist of programs, training, Scout development and promotion which will include the following activities:



***HUNTER SAFETY
WATER AND BOATING SAFETY
FIRST AID and WILDERNESS SURVIVAL
FARM TOUR (ACTIVE DAIRY FARM)
INSPIRATION PEAK TOUR
OUTDOOR COOKING
FISHING DEMONSTRATIONS and CONTEST
DEVELOPING INTER-CITY SCOUTS and TOUR
FIRE SAFETY
ALL-NIGHT CAMPFIRE CHAT
COMPETITIVE GAMES**



*All adult members and leadership structure of the troops and packs (parents too!) are requested to attend and participate.

The cost per person for all three days is \$10.00 if paid on or before August 17. After the 17th it is \$13.00.

All youth are requested to bring a non-Scouting friend. For additional information call Christian Hayes at 224-1891 ext. 163.

