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To: Troop 419 Committee

From: Jerry Mullins

Subj: Resignation as treasurer, advancement chair, and committee member

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as Troop 419’s treasurer, advancement chair, and member of the Troop committee. Although it was an honor and privilege to serve in this capacity, it is time to offer these positions to someone with new ideas on how to take the Troop into the new year. Please accept my resignation as treasurer, advancement chair, and committee member. As I depart, I want to assure you that there are no hard feelings and that I will continue to speak highly of local Scouting and the Troop’s leaders and volunteers.

My keys to the Scout House and supply closet are enclosed. As soon as you are able, please remove me from the list of authorized signers of checks. All of the financial records are in the locked closet at the Scout House. I have access to the Troop’s Internet advancement website, so you will need to change the password. I will contact the bank and have future statements forwarded to the committee chair.

I would like to make a few recommendations for whoever accepts the job as treasurer:

1) I would recommend that parents be informed of any financial shortfalls in the Troop budget as soon as possible to maintain transparency. We can take comfort in the fact that every check that was issued was initiated by a printed receipt provided by the recipient. I have full confidence that every dime that was spent by the Troop was spent to ensure a quality program for our boys.

2) I would recommend that someone outside the organization review the receipts, statements, and other documentation to confirm that each check written was for the benefit on the Scouts of Troop 419 and, perhaps, offer suggestions on how to best manage the Troop’s funds. As I said before, I have no doubt that all money spent was used for our boys’ benefit.

3) How best to deposit money should be addressed and a “best practices” protocol should be developed. I have always discouraged parents paying with cash. It puts those who have to handle and deposit the money at risk. I also feel that night deposits are risky, especially if cash is involved. I have not been able to make bank deposits in quite a while since my work office moved to Groveton, but I think it would be better if only one person was responsible for making the deposits (after several leaders count the money and sign off on the deposit). I say all of this to protect those handling money in the future, not to cast suspicion on anyone. A simple review of the bank statements will show that all money collected was deposited.

4) The Troop often has to collect money for camps and yearly registration and then turn around and write a check pay those fees. It’s a very confusing process and made it seem like the Troop had more money than it actually did. Perhaps two accounts can be set up: One for operating expenses and one to hold camp and registration fees paid by parents until it is time to send those funds to the camp or the council.

Sincerely,

Jerry Mullins