

**STATE OF NEVADA
NEVADA COUNCIL FOR THE PREVENTION OF
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
BOY SCOUT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
PATCH SUBCOMMITTEE**

Minutes of Meeting

April 20, 2010

Office of the Attorney General
5420 Kietzke Lane, Suite 202
Reno, Nevada 89511

Committee Members Present

Kathy Grost
Shawn Lee

Committee Members Present Via Teleconference

Valerie Cooney
Wendy Ronovech
Judy Henderson

Committee Members Absent

Mike Sprinkle

Public Present

Norma Restivo (via teleconference)

Attorney General's Office Staff Present

Henna Rasul, Deputy Attorney General

1. *Call to order, roll call of members, and introduction.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 10:00 a.m. Roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

2. *Election of Committee Chair.

Valerie Cooney nominated Wendy Ronovech for Committee Chair. Ms. Ronovech declined the nomination due to her busy schedule. Kathy Grost nominated Shawn Lee for Committee Chair and made a motion to elect him as Chair of the Committee. Ms. Cooney seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

3. *Discussion and possible action regarding development of Boy Scout patch program.

Mr. Lee asked the Committee if they had looked at the Family Life Merit Badge Workbook, and if the members thought it correlated in any way with what the objectives they envisioned for the domestic violence patch program. Ms Cooney stated that she thought the domestic violence component could be built into some of the existing categories; specifically items four and five which involve designing a project around the home, or that involves the participation of the family. She thought they could encourage or direct Boy Scouts to work on a domestic violence project in order to complete those tasks. Another approach would be to change the workbook itself.

Ms. Ronovech suggested that an activity could be for a Boy Scout to do outreach by speaking to their peer group in the schools, accompanied by a domestic violence expert, such as someone from the committee. She thought this could perhaps be combined with cyber safety, cyber bullying, or teen dating violence presentations.

Ms. Grost stated that the merit badge program is for Boy Scout aged children, not for boys of Cub Scout age. She explained that Boy Scouts can earn "partials" and said that the domestic violence patch would probably amount to a partial completion of the Family Merit Badge. If a boy were to complete the patch, he would maybe have half of his Family Life Merit Badge finished.

Mr. Lee explained that although peer outreach may be goal for the future, the Merit Badge program is about working with the family and that the patch event would be a one-day event.

The goal of the patch program, as Mr. Lee sees it, is to almost mirror the Girls Scout program as far as education and domestic violence awareness, but use the Boy Scout resources to accomplish that objective. As with other Boy Scout projects, the three 'R's - recognize, resist and report – will be the basis of the lesson plans and activities. For the patch event, he envisions booths with information that would appeal not only to

the Boy Scout, but to the boy's family as well. Although he prefers the idea of booths to a stage presentation, he is open to ideas.

The committee decided that the next step would be to identify the benchmarks that a boy would need to achieve to earn the patch and to develop a way for Cub Scout aged boys to participate.

Ms. Cooney asked about training leaders. Mr. Lee stated once the curriculum was developed, they would choose people educated in the field to run the program. The Boy Scout representatives had some ideas for involving people from the McGee Center, Step 2, and Crisis Call Center. Judy Henderson suggested adding CAAW, Safe Embrace, Tahoe Women's Services, and the Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence to that list. There was discussion about whether to invite representatives from these agencies to participate as committee members and whether that was permissible. Ms. Rasul advised that it was up to the Committee to decide if that is something they wanted to do. She suggested that Ms. Prentice might have some input on the best way to collaborate with experts in the community on this project. Ms. Cooney added that the better approach might be to utilize these experts for the launch, the training, and the projects that are created by the badge effort.

The Committee discussed the direction and parameters of the project. Some of the issues discussed included whether the boys would need to complete work before attending the patch event; how to reach boys who were not yet of age to earn merit badges; how the project can be incorporated into the Family Life Merit Badge Workbook; how the event activities would count towards earning the patch and how to encourage the boys participate.

Although the Committee members had different visions of how to accomplish their objectives, the Committee did agree that the goal of the project is education--to offer a vehicle whereby boys can garner information on the topic of domestic violence.

Mr. Lee stated that he would bring a better defined program from the Boy Scouts' point of view to the next meeting for discussion by the Committee.

4. *Discussion and possible action regarding establishment of long term goals and future collaboration opportunities with Boy Scouts.

This item was discussed briefly under item #3 when Mr. Lee suggested the possibility of future or annual patch events.

5. *Discussion and possible action regarding location and time of October 23, 2010 Boy Scout domestic violence patch launch.

Mr. Lee stated that there is a Boy Scout event the evening of October 22, 2010 which he expects to end late and so October 23, 2010 is not ideal for launching the patch. Ms. Rasul suggested that Lorraine Webber send an email to the Committee members to coordinate a date that works for everyone.

6. *Schedule future meetings and agenda items.

Future agenda items will include:

#3 Discussion and possible action regarding development of Boy Scout patch program.

#5 Discussion and possible action regarding location and time of October 23, 2010 Boy Scout domestic violence patch launch.

Ms. Henderson asked if anyone was familiar with the program “Coaching Boys into Men” and offered to look into it. Ms. Grost made a motion that Judy Henderson research the program and provide a report at the next meeting. Ms. Ronovech seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

The next meeting was scheduled for May 4, 2010 at 3:30 p.m. (The meeting date was subsequently changed to May 20, 2010 at 3:00 p.m.)

7. Public Comment.

There was no public comment.

8. Adjournment.

Mr. Lee adjourned the meeting at approximately 4:10 p.m.

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May 20, 2010

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Committee Members Present

Mike Sprinkle
Kathy Grost
Shawn Lee

Committee Members Present Via Teleconference

Wendy Ronovech
Valerie Cooney
Judy Henderson

Committee Members Absent

None

Public Present

None

Attorney General's Office Staff Present

Henna Rasul, Deputy Attorney General
Kareen Prentice, DV Ombudsman (via teleconference)
Lorraine Webber, Assistant to the NCPDV

1. *Call to order, roll call of members, and introduction.

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. A roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

2. *Discussion and possible action regarding development of Boy Scout Patch program.

Using the Girl Scouts Peace Begins at Home Council Patch project as a guide, Mr. Lee read through the activities page and made comments as to how they would fit in with the Boy Scout domestic violence patch program. Mr. Lee stated he liked how the program was broken down by number of activities to be completed at different age levels.

1.) Ask your troop leader to invite a speaker to your group from a local domestic violence program. Ask the speaker to explain/define domestic violence and the options that are available for someone who's in an abusive situation.

Mr. Lee stated that the Boy Scouts liked the activity but when talking about the options, would want to incorporate the 3 R's (Report, Resist, Recognize) emphasized by the Boys Scout program.

2.) Find out how you can get help if you or someone you know is the victim of domestic violence. Write down helpful telephone numbers and some positive things you could say to someone in an abusive situation. Discuss when it is appropriate to turn to an adult for help, and who those trusted adults might be.

After some discussion about the wording and meaning of the activity, Mr. Lee stated that he liked it.

3.) Design a poster or display about how Peace Begins at Home. Discuss places where you can display your poster in your neighborhood; if possible, display the poster.

Mr. Lee stated he wasn't sure if "Peace Begins at Home" was specific for use only by the Girl Scouts or the Attorney General's Office, but he did like the idea for the activity and thought they could display the posters at the location of their packs. Ms. Rasul suggested he ask Ms. Prentice about the use of the phrase "Peace Begins at Home."

4.) Read a book or watch a movie about domestic violence. Write a short paragraph about the story and share it with the group.

Mr. Lee asked the Committee to describe the kind of movies available for children regarding domestic violence. Ms. Grost expressed concern about the violence that Boy Scouts may be exposed to through this media. Judy Henderson stated that the NNADV has provided a list of all the videos which have all been reviewed and approved by their advocates as being appropriate for certain age groups. The list is available online and anyone may contact the NNADV to have a video mailed to anywhere in Nevada at the Network's expense.

5.) *Perform a service project that will benefit your local domestic violence shelter (clothing drive, blanket drive, etc.) Before you begin, be sure to contact the shelter program to see what you could do that would address a current or future need.*

Mr. Lee thought this was an excellent activity and, as a service project, fit in well with the Boy Scout Program.

6.) *Collect and donate used cell phones to your local program or to the Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence. These phones can be turned into Shelter Alliance, who will then donate funds to that program in exchange for the cell phones.*

He asked if the Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence still collected donated used cell phones. Ms. Henderson explained that the phones are turned in to Shelter Alliance by any community domestic violence program. Shelter Alliance, in turn, donates funds to the domestic violence programs. She stated that both local programs and the NNADV can help.

7.) *Learn about domestic violence laws in your state. Discuss whether you believe the laws are strict enough, and if not, what could be changed. Learn how you could work to change the law.*

Mr. Lee liked the part of the question about how one could work to change the law because it teaches civil responsibility. He noted that there is a merit badge for older Scouts which corresponds with that.

8.) *Identify characteristic of a healthy relationship and of an unhealthy relationship. Make a list of the differences. Then go over the Power & Control and Equality Wheels and discuss any characteristics you didn't identify.*

Mr. Lee would like to come back to this topic at another time.

9.) *Teach what you've learned about domestic violence and Peace Begins at Home to another troop or to another group.*

Mr. Lee stated he thought that this activity would work with the Boy Scouts.

10.) *Find out what the important elements of a safety plan might be for someone living in an abusive situation. Create a sample safety plan.*

Mr. Lee asked if the Girls Scouts have an actual safety plan that was developed by those who worked on the Girl Scout patch program. Ms. Henderson stated that Safety Planning is a fluid process that is developed in conjunction with those familiar with domestic violence situations and depends on the family circumstances. She stated that the goal is, understanding what a safety plan is. She stated that there are general principals that could be covered. Ms. Grost noted that it fits in with the Boy Scout concept "be prepared."

11.) *Play the “in Her Shoes” and/or the “It’s Your Move” games (available on loan from the Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence) to learn about the various barriers that exist for victims trying to get out of violent situations.*

Ms. Henderson explained that these are interactive role-playing types of games. The player works through various scenarios that takes him or her through the process of getting help at different agencies. These games can be sent out to borrowers at no charge.

12.) *Read an account/story of a domestic violence victim (group leaders can see the Appendix for a listing of helpful websites that may contain victims’ stories and/or contact the Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence Resource Library). Discuss the actions in the story that might signal the beginning of an abusive relationship.*

Mr. Lee saw the links to the stories and stated he would like to make sure they are appropriate, but assumes they would be.

13.) *Learn how law enforcement agencies handle domestic violence reports in your area--do they have officers dedicated solely to domestic violence cases? What information do they collect to make a report?*

Mr. Lee thought that it was an excellent activity because it requires the Boys Scout to do the research.

14.) *Learn how a victim can obtain a protection order in your area--where does she go and what does she do. Write down the steps.*

Mr. Lee stated that he wasn’t sure this activity would correlate with the Boy Scout program. The Committee discussed whether to keep this activity the same or whether to modify or drop it. Ms. Prentice stated it was important to understand and demystify the protection order process for the protection of both males and females. Ms. Grost stated she thought it would be appropriate to have it as part of the event, rather than a project the Boy Scouts did prior to the event.

15.) *Create a visual memorial at your local park or other place of interest to raise awareness of domestic violence in your community – tie purple ribbons around all the trees, or ask a local nursery to donate purple flowers that you can plant (being sure to get permission first). Make a sign that you can post nearby that explains the significance of the display and the ways in which domestic violence impacts your community. (Remember to determine ahead of time how long you want the ribbons tied to the trees and/or your sign posted, and be sure to take them down at the end of that time.)*

Mr. Lee stated that they would not have the Boy Scouts tie ribbons around trees because they teach them to “leave no trace” but he thought it would be appropriate to have them plant flowers at home or at another suitable place.

The Committee discussed the concept of Peace Begins at Home and whether that would be a good fit for the Boy Scouts. Ms. Prentice explained that

Peace Begins at Home is the name of the Girl Scout Patch. She stated at the Girl Scout events they had the girls write about what Peace Begins at Home means and about what is not peace at home.

Mr. Lee asked if the patch could be changed to correlate with something the Boy Scouts already teach such as prevention. Ms. Henderson noted that she saw this as an opportunity for Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts to work together to prevent domestic violence under the umbrella of Peace Begins at Home. Ms. Prentice stated that there is a campaign to involve men in domestic violence prevention efforts called the White Ribbon campaign. She will send the information to Ms. Webber for distribution to the Committee. Ms. Henderson suggested looking at the Coaching Boys into Men program for ideas on expanding the list of activities.

Ms Cooney made a motion that the Committee adopt the name of "Peace Begins at Home." Ms. Henderson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sprinkle asked if the Boy Scouts were accepting all of the activities borrowed from the Girl Scout program. Ms. Prentice stated that #15 could be modified to include visiting the memorial garden at the Sparks Marina or the labyrinth at Rancho San Rafael Park.

Mr. Sprinkle made a motion to accept the 15 activities as project objectives with the understanding that the activities may be modified and that they are not all inclusive. Ms. Cooney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. *Discussion and possible action regarding Judy Henderson's research on youth programs addressing violence in relationships.

Ms. Henderson provided the Fathers Day Poll for statistical background. She stated that the playbook for Coaching Boys into Men could be reviewed and expanded on and perhaps provide more activities for the patch program. She stated she would be willing to work with some of the Committee members on that. In response to a question from Mr. Lee, Ms. Henderson explained that the Coaching Boys into Men was from the Family Violence and Prevention Fund, a national domestic violence organization that is on the cutting edge of creating new projects for engaging men in the issue. Ms. Cooney stated she thought the materials were great. Wendy Ronovech and Kareen Prentice volunteered to help Judy Henderson review the playbook and pull out some ideas to present to the Committee at the next meeting.

4. *Discussion and possible action regarding date, location and time of October Boy Scout domestic violence patch launch.

The Committee discussed a possible launch date. Ms. Ronovech asked what she could do in Las Vegas. Mr. Lee offered to contact the Las Vegas Council and see if they would be interested in participating. Ms. Prentice said that they developed the Girl Scout program in the North first, and then did it in the South the following year. She stated that the NCPDV could fly Ms. Ronovech in to participate in the Reno event if she would like.

Mike Sprinkle made a motion to adopt October 16, 2010 as the date of the Northern launch. Ms. Cooney seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

The Committee discussed possible locations. Mr. Lee has a contact at the Reno Boys and Girls club on East 9th street. Other locations were discussed as well.

Ms. Prentice suggested reaching out to the Girl Scouts to see if any of the troops would be interested in attending.

The Committee discussed the time of the event. It was suggested that the event take place from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Committee members agreed to check around at various locations they may have contacts at and come back to the next meeting with information.

5. *Schedule future meetings and agenda items.

Agenda items will include discussion of the budget, the information Judy, Kareen and Wendy are working on for Coaching Boys into Men, patch design, and the location and time of launch event. The next meeting is scheduled for June 23, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.

6. Public Comment.

There was no public comment.

7. *Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:09 p.m.

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September 21, 2010 at 1:00 p.m.

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Reno, Nevada 89511

Committee Members Present

Kathy Grost

Committee Members Present Via Teleconference

Wendy Ronovech
Judy Henderson

Committee Members Absent

Mike Sprinkle
Valerie Cooney

Public Present

None

Attorney General's Office Staff Present

Henna Rasul, Deputy Attorney General
Kareen Prentice, DV Ombudsman
Lorraine Webber, Assistant to the NCPDV

1. * **Call to order, roll call of members, establish quorum.**

Henna Rasul called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m. A roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

2. * Review and approval of minutes from September 9, 2010 meeting.

Wendy Ronovech made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting as submitted. Kathy Grost seconded the motion. A vote as taken and the motion carried.

3. *Review and discussion of activity list and resource page.

Ms. Prentice reviewed the changes that were made as discussed at the previous meeting. Ms. Grost made a motion to approve the changes to the activity list and the resources page. Wendy Ronovech seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. *Review and discussion of September 18, 2010 merit badge fair.

Ms. Prentice stated that she and Ms. Cooney had attended the fair. Ms. Cooney arrived in the morning and sat through the Family Life merit badge discussion and talked about the domestic violence patch. Ms. Prentice arrived at noon, and provided the activity list. Rob Boehmer, the Pine Nut District representative, did a good job promoting it as part of the Family Life Badge and other requirements. The boys will have the opportunity to come up with a patch design and General Masto, along with a Boy Scout representative, will decide on the winning design at the October 9th event. Ms. Prentice asked the boys to use "Peace Begins at Home" and the color purple in their designs. She stated that 15-25 boys had picked up materials and seemed interested in participating.

Ms. Grost stated that she will do a follow-up with Rob Boehmer and Lynn Olsen and ask them to encourage the boys to work on the project within the framework of their troops.

5. *Discussion and possible action regarding October 9, 2010 merit badge fair.

Ms. Prentice asked if it would be helpful to have all the materials including the activities list, resource page, checklists, and information that the NNADV has put together, made into a booklet or packet that the leaders can take for future patch events. Ms. Grost said she thought that was a great idea. The next merit badge fair is in the North Star district. Ms. Grost will find out how many packets would be needed for each Troup that is likely to attend. There was discussion on the flow of the event and Ms. Grost said that she thought most of the boys day was scheduled.

Ms. Henderson stated that she would attend the October 9th patch fair along with Ms. Prentice and Ms. Cooney. Ms. Prentice asked Ms. Grost what they could expect that day. Ms. Grost stated that there should be some

resources available to help the boys complete their some of their requirements, (such as items 10 and 16 on the activities list), but that they should come with most of their requirements completed. She estimated that they would have 35-40 minutes to work on these tasks and hear General Masto's presentation.

Ms. Ronovech asked if there were a newsletter or other kind of communication where they could feature the winning patch design and poster in order to promote future participation in the project. Ms. Grost stated that it could be posted on the Nevada Area Council website, www.scouter.org. She said she hoped there would also be press at the event and perhaps the boy with the winning design could be featured in the newspaper.

6. *Discussion and possible action regarding budget for Boy Scout patch program.

Ms. Grost stated that it is impossible to know exactly how much the patches would cost until they have the artwork. \$1.35 per patch is a rough estimate. She stated that she can get a list of prices for patches that use 5-8 colors and will send it to Lorraine Webber for distribution to the Committee.

The only other budget item is the pizza and that will depend on the number of boys attending.

7. *Schedule future meetings and agenda items.

Ms. Grost stated she had discussed the possibility of developing an Explorers program with the Attorney General's Office with General Masto and Kareen Prentice. Ms. Prentice suggested that she bring the idea to the Council. Ms. Grost will be added to the agenda for the NCPDV meeting to be held on November 16, 2010.

The next meeting was scheduled for December 6, 2010 at 1:00 p.m.

8. *Public Comment.

There was no public comment.

9. *Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

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Minutes of Meeting

September 9, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.

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Committee Members Present

Mike Sprinkle
Kathy Grost

Committee Members Present Via Teleconference

Wendy Ronovech
Valerie Cooney
Judy Henderson

Committee Members Absent

None

Public Present

None

Attorney General's Office Staff Present

Henna Rasul, Deputy Attorney General
Karen Prentice, DV Ombudsman
Lorraine Webber, Assistant to the NCPDV

1. * **Call to order, roll call of members, establish quorum.**

Henna Rasul called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. A roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

2. * Review and approval of minutes from April 20, 2010 and May 20, 2010 meetings.

Kathy Grost made a motion to approve the minutes of both meetings as submitted. Valerie Cooney seconded the motion. A vote as taken and the motion carried. Mike Sprinkle abstained from voting.

3. *Election of Committee Chair.

Valerie Cooney made a motion to nominate Judy Henderson as Chair of the Committee; however, due to her busy schedule Ms. Henderson stated she felt more comfortable in a supporting role. Ms. Cooney then withdrew her motion. Mr. Sprinkle volunteered to take on the role of Committee Chair and Ms. Cooney made a motion to appoint him to that position. Kathy Grost seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed. Mr. Sprinkle abstained from voting.

4. *Discussion and possible action regarding development of Boy Scout Patch program.

i. Review of Boy Scout Badge Activities

Ms. Grost stated that she and Mr. Lee had gone over the list of activities and modified it to fit the way they had envisioned organizing delivery of the program. The Committee then discussed item 8 of the agenda.

When the Committee returned to discussion of the activities, Ms. Henderson had some questions regarding the draft prepared by Ms. Grost and Mr. Lee. She suggested that #2 on the activities list should include an educational component, such as “after reviewing the resources in the appendix, design and make a poster about domestic violence.” Ms. Grost stated she preferred the wording “reference list” over “appendix.”

The Committee discussed activity #7 and whether it should focus so much on the role of the father in a family. Ms. Grost noted that this is a requirement of the Family life merit badge. After discussion, the Committee agreed to leave the activity as it is written since the boys will eventually be fathers regardless of their current family circumstances.

The Committee discussed how to get the boys to understand their expectations for the posters. Ms. Grost thought that it would be best explained during the introduction to the project during the first day of the merit badge fair. Committee members discussed using the power and control wheels and the equality wheels to give the boys a foundation to pull from for their posters. Ms. Prentice stated she could bring some examples of posters from the NNADV to hang up around the room.

The committee discussed activity #10 but decided to leave it as written.

Ms. Henderson commented that activity #12 should include something about recognition, prevention, appropriate response and safety. The Committee agreed to change the wording to "Have Scouts learn about the negative impact and prevention of cyberbullying, sexting and teen dating violence."

The Committee added an item about law enforcement as well. Several members commented that having someone from law enforcement could be a draw. Ms. Grost stated that she thought she could get a member of the Carson City Sheriff's Department to attend the merit badge fair to encourage the boys to choose to earn this badge.

Ms. Prentice volunteered to update the activities list prepared by Kathy Grost and Shawn Lee and send it out to the Committee. Ms. Grost made a motion to have the Committee adopt the draft changes agreed upon by the Committee. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

ii. Review of Boy Scout Badge Resources Pages

Ms. Henderson stated that if Kareen sent her the resource list that was compiled for the Girl Scout program, she would update it and make any additions suggested by the Committee. Links to the White Ribbon Campaign, the Nevada Supreme Court, and netsmartz.com were added. Once the list is updated, it will be sent to the Committee members to review. Ms. Grost made a motion to adopt the resource list with the additional information. Ms. Cooney seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

5. * Discussion and possible action regarding budget for Boy Scout patch program.

Ms. Grost stated that the patches would run \$1.35 - \$1.50 each. Ms. Prentice stated that the pizza at the event would be provided. Ms. Grost will bring a more formal budget to the next Committee meeting.

6. *Discussion and possible action regarding patch design and production.

Ms. Grost stated that the patch designed for the Girl Scouts would probably not be very appealing to boys. After some discussion, the Committee decided that the posters created by the Boy Scouts would be voted on by the youth, and the winning poster design would be made into a patch. This may be an additional way to draw interest into participating. The phrase

“Peace Begins at Home” will need to be incorporated into the patch and posters.

7. *Discussion and possible action regarding research on youth programs addressing violence in relationships.

There was no new information on this topic.

8. *Discussion and possible action regarding patch launch at Merit Badge Fair. Location and time of October 16, 2010 Boy Scout domestic violence patch launch.

Ms. Prentice stated that she and Ms. Grost had discussed the possibility of launching the patch at the merit badge fair scheduled for October 9, 2010. Based on that, Ms. Prentice thought that the activities should be decided by the Committee at today’s meeting so that the project can move forward.

Ms. Grost stated that the boys, themselves, choose which activities they would like to complete. She explained that a merit badge fair is a two part program which takes place on two Saturdays about a month apart. At the first part of the merit badge fair, the boys do some of the activities necessary to earn their merit badge. They work on additional activities in the weeks that follow. Then, at the second part of the of the merit badge fair, merit badge counselors sign off on the Boy Scouts’ completion of the project and they earn their badge. The Committee would have its own room for this project. The first part of this fair is scheduled for September 18, 2010. The second part is scheduled for October 9, 2010 in the Pine Nut District which includes Carson City, Minden, Gardnerville, South Lake Tahoe, Virginia City, and Dayton. The event will most likely be held at the LDS church in Carson City. A merit badge fair is scheduled for the Reno-Sparks area next March.

The Committee discussed how to get the boys interested in completing this patch. Ms. Prentice stated that meeting with the Attorney General on completion of the patch may be a draw. Ms. Cooney stated it would be nice to get some media coverage. Mr. Sprinkle commented that doing this event will allow the Committee the opportunity to make any necessary adjustments before the next merit badge fair and for the Boy Scouts to do some PR to generate interest in this badge. Ms. Grost stated she had someone who would be working on that.

Valerie Cooney made a motion to change the launch date from October 16, 2010 to the merit badge fair dates of September 18, 2010 and October 9, 2010. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Prentice volunteered to be at the September 18th merit badge fair. Ms. Grost stated that she will be meeting with Lynn Olson from the Pine Nut District to see how exactly the event will be organized.

Ms. Grost stated that at the October 9th event, she would like have the Attorney General talk about the importance of domestic violence awareness and why it's important to discuss it with teenage boys. Then others can follow-up and address two or three related areas and the posters can be presented. Ms. Grost expects the presentations to last about 30 minutes but needs to confirm the schedule with Lynn Olson. Once the parameters of the event are known, then the Committee can discuss staffing and what information will be offered.

During the September 18th event, the activities list will be given to the boys and they will be encouraged to participate.

Kareen Prentice, Judy Henderson and Valerie Cooney will attend the October 9th event.

9. *Schedule future meetings and agenda items.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 21, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. Valerie Cooney will chair the meeting as Mike Sprinkle will be unable to attend.

Agenda items will be:

- Review of what happened at the 9/18/10 event
- Budget
- Discussion regarding agenda for 10/9/10 event

10. Public Comment.

There was no public comment.

11. *Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:44 a.m.