

# *Boy Scout Troop 201*

## *Minutes of Committee Meeting 12/6/16*

### **I. Opening of Meeting: Pledge of Allegiance**

#### In attendance:

John Brautigam	Monica Pavlidis	Paula Cuomo	Sunil Gupta
Kevin Ryan	Anthony Giustino	David Martin	Danny Kim
Rose Chase	Mike Delio	Mike Russo	Mark Polanski
Nick Koutsoftas	Sharon Sullivan		

### **II. Submission of Minutes, previous meeting: Read and accepted.**

### **III. Reading of Reports:**

#### **A. Head of Charter Organization: No Report.**

**B. Troop Committee Chair:** Review of minutes from last meeting. The minutes were accepted.

The Charter renewal application is completed. It needs to be delivered to Council before 12/31. The Charter included 82 Scouts and 37 adults. The final total price was \$.

With the Charter renewal the leadership of the Troop is transitioning. Mr. Giustino is becoming an Assistant Scoutmaster. Mr. Russo is becoming Scoutmaster. Mr. Kim is becoming Committee Chairman. Mr. Brautigam is becoming Chartered Organization Representative.

We are looking for additional volunteers in all areas.

#### **C. Troop Secretary:** There are 84 Scouts in the Troop.

We have arranged with St. Aidan's Church and with the Herricks Elementary schools to sell wreaths outside their buildings.

#### **D. Scoutmaster:** Mr Giustino reported:

- The transition to Mr. Russo as Scoutmaster is going well. *Effective, 2/1/2017.*
- Volunteers have stepped up to take on some of the tasks that were being handled directly by Mr. Giustino:
  - Mr. Tokar is taking and managing the attendance charts.
  - Mr. Koutsoftas, as of last year, is handling the information flow for the Cradle of Aviation Spring merit badge mini-camp.
  - Mr. Koutsoftas, as of last year, is continuing to coordinate our participation in the Klondike Derby.

- Mr. Martin will be taking over JLOW coordination in the Fall, 2017.
- We now have a five member refreshment committee for handling refreshments for the annual softball game and for the Awards Night.
- Mr. Russo will be managing and updating the Patrol list chart and the Duty Roster camping Trip Chart.
- Mr. Tokar is coordinating the patrol cooking initiative.
- There were six Scoutmaster conferences held in the last month.
- Mr. Gulotta will be visiting the 12/12 Troop meeting to discuss the Eagle Scout project process with our current Star and Life scouts.

**E. Troop Treasurer:** The Troop had a balance of \$ as of 11/30. Note that \$ is being held for the Philmont crews.

We have added Yuri Aguiar and Henry Zanetti as co-Treasurers. We have changed our disbursement process to require two signatures on any Troop check.

We are collecting dues. There are still 2 Scouts who have not paid their annual dues. We will be contacting those Scouts to request payment.

**F. Fundraiser Coordinator:** Our gross sales for Popcorn were about \$. Our net income is about \$. Three Scouts still have not turned in their popcorn money.

About 50% of wreath sales money has been received.

**G. Outdoor Activities Coordinator:**

**Harriman Hike:** 11/12-13. Backpacking trip. The trip went well. There is a new shelter under construction. There will be an outdoor center; however, it will be more geared to warm weather activities. We should consider having the fall Harriman trip in October to take advantage of the outdoor center.

**Advancement weekend:** 12/9-11. Camp Durland. We have two 30 person adjacent cabins. There are 45 Scouts registered for the trip. Pickup will be Sunday at 8 a.m. Scouts should pack using duffle bags rather than backpacks.

**Ski Trip:** 1/20-21. Jack Frost skiing. Camp Acahela. We have two cabins reserved. We can get a meal plan for lunch.

**Cabin Camping Trip:** 2/10-12. Camp Allamuchy. We have 2 cabins reserved.

**March trip:** Two cabins are booked at Ten Mile River

**April trip:** Harriman Hike

**Whitewater Rafting:** 5/13-14. Noted that Whitewater Challengers is having a Scout weekend on May 6-7.

**Summer Camp:** We have booked Camp No-Be-Bo-Sco. Camp will start July 2. The camp offers small boat sailing. The swim test will be at the camp.

**2017 High Adventure:** We have reservations for two crews to attend Philmont in Summer 2017. The trip would start 8/2/17. We have 18 people registered. There are still

6 open slots: 1 adult, 5 Scouts. Scouts who are interested and will be 14 years old (or 13 and finished 8<sup>th</sup> grade) should contact Mr. Russo to reserve a slot.

**Holiday Party:** We will have the Holiday party at Bounce in Syosset. Online waivers must be completed before the party for each participant. We will get food through them. We can bring in dessert. Mr Polanski will be coordinating the event.

**Nassau Legislature:** There will be a visit to the Nassau County Legislature on Wednesday, December 7, from 4:30 until 6 p.m.

**H. Training Coordinator:** All adult Scouters are urged to renew their Youth Protection training before it expires.

**I. Advancement Coordinator:** We have been working on getting Boards of Review done before the advancement requirements changes take effect in 2017. Some Scouts will need to transition to using the new handbook in 2017.

Renewal of the web based Troopmaster license for 3 years for \$ was approved.

**J. Religious Emblem Coordinator:** There are religious emblems available for many different faiths. Please contact Ms. Schultz for information.

**K. Equipment Coordinator:** Scouts are reminded that if they bring home Troop equipment to clean, they must clean and dry the equipment correctly and completely.

**L. Website Coordinator:** David Martin has been updating the Troop's website at [www.troop201ny.com](http://www.troop201ny.com).

Please frequent the website for announcements and general information. There is a Facebook page available also: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/troop201ny/>.

#### **M. Old Business:**

- **Eagle Scout Plaque:** The Plaques have been placed back into our display case at the Community Center. There were many favorable comments about how good the display cases in the Community center housing the Eagle Plaques look.

#### **N. New Business:**

- The American Legion hall has been reserved on Sunday, May 21, for our Eagle Court of Honor.
- There was a discussion of how to handle the wreath and popcorn selling requirements for Scouts who join the Troop in September and later in the fall.
- There was a discussion of whether the popcorn selling targets should be lower for additional Scouts from the same family.
- There was a discussion of whether we need an additional fundraiser this year. We should expect to run a pancake breakfast.
- The new fan in the container is working well. There are no leaks with the fan.

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