

Boy Scout Troop 201

Minutes of Committee Meeting 12/3/19

I. Opening of Meeting: Pledge of Allegiance

In attendance:

Yuri Aguiar, Juleigh Chin, Jeffrey Helgeson, Stephanie Hegelson, Danny Kim, David Martin, Monica Pavlidis, Duane Penfold, Beatriz Rapa, Mike Russo, Kevin Ryan

II. Reading of Reports:

A. Head of Charter Organization: No update

B. Troop Committee Chair: No update

C. Troop Secretary:

- No update - there are currently 58 registered scouts in the troop as of 12/3 (Sebastian Gomez aged out).

D. Scoutmaster: M. Russo presented the SM update:

- Eagle Scout Status:
 - a. Upcoming January ECOH (Dan R., Anthony G., Brandon A., Chris S.)
 - b. Upcoming May ECOH: Andrew C
 - c. Life scouts awaiting their Eagle BOR (Dec 19): Alex B., Corry M.
 - d. Life scouts with near Eagle: Teddy K. (proj completed, need to submit app), Sebastian G. (Eagle app submitted), Brandon M. (proj completed, need to submit app), Prerit C. (proj in planning), Michael R. (proj in planning), Jared M. (proj done)
- Inspection night - pack 202 was lightly attended; pack 201 was well attended
- April 24-26 Camporee event @ Merchant Marines; will attempt to get Chris Soo involved.
- Pack 202 has 14 Webelos 2 scouts and would like to participate in a Troop 201 activity to improve the retention of the Webelos into Scouting. Committee agreed that the Camporee would be a good opportunity (note the event must be after Blue & Gold or Arrow Light to ensure appropriate crossover).
- High Adventure:
 - 2020 Seabase: potential interest in February and/or July/August treks (out island & Keys adventure) for 1 or 2 crews
 - 2021 Philmont: enrolled in lottery for 1 crew in August

E. Troop Treasurer:

- Treasurer Rapa provided the troop the latest troop financials
 - Currently carrying a balance of approximately \$ - primarily due to the initial outlay for wreaths
- Committee discussed reducing the high cash buffer but agreed that at least a full year cycle of the improved financial analysis is needed before confirming what the cash buffer should be.

F. Fundraiser Coordinator:

- Wreaths: wreath costs went up from last year. The anticipated profit is approx. \$.
- Coordinator Chin suggested that next year we should sell in multiples of 6s to reduce the manual effort involved in making 20.
- We have 60 wreaths remaining: 20 extra from an ordering miscalculation, 20 from a scout who may not be returning, 20 from a scout who paid but was not willing to sell. Agreed to ask the SPL to send a Remind to find volunteers to help sell the remaining wreaths at the sponsored sales events (St. Aidan, Modells, elementary schools).
- The committee also discussed potentially eliminating the popcorn sale as it may not be “required” as was previously thought. The margin for the Troop is slim and could possibly be made up through increased wreath sales. The committee agreed to defer this decision until August when the planning for the next year will take place (where we will need to consider significant changes given the significant cost changes this year).

G. Outdoor Activities Coordinator:

- Advancement weekend has been moved to Dec 13-15 and to Ten Mile River since Schiff double booked our reservation. Schiff offered a complimentary stay in the future.
- Summer camp decision? Between Yagoo and Nobebosco
- Jack Frost prices went up, but streamlined their forms. Reduced their free ticket from 1 for 15 to 1 for 20. Pizza went from \$3 to \$3.75. They also eliminated all day tubing and now just offer 2 hour slots.
- The Herricks Community Fund (who provides funding for many Troop 201 Eagle projects) is having a fund raiser dinner on 3/19. Committee approved continuing the donation of Troop gear in a basket as a raffle prize (like last year) and trying to organize purchasing a table. Agreed that if possible, we should include tickets for the pancake fundraiser (which may increase donation/raffle revenues at the event).

H. Training Coordinator:

- D. Martin agreed to make a training calendar for the rest of the year

I. Advancement Coordinator:

- 1 BOR this month with several more upcoming
- Several boys went to the Merit Badge classes offered at Massapequa - encouraging scouts not to take Eagle badges there due to the low quality

J. Religious Emblem Coordinator: L. Penfold and D. Martin to make a 5-minute presentation to the troop at the next scout meeting on achieving the Religious Emblem

K. Equipment Coordinator:

- Quartermaster (J. Beacco) purchased 10 tents @ \$119 (originally budgeted for \$150 each).

L. Website Coordinator: Please visit the troop website at: www.troop201ny.com. Mr. Martin has updated the calendar and minutes.

M. New Business:

- Y. Aguiar requested permission to put the leftover holiday gear for sale at upcoming troop meetings (approved)

- Our license for TroopMaster expires in January 2020. K. Ryan will compare to Scoutbook (free). The key comparable functionality is the communications capabilities and the ability to archive.

Log on to the troop website at www.troop201ny.com for updates on the troop calendar and activities, and photos from recent events. Log on to the council web site at www.trcbsa.org for links to adult training, and information on programs offered by Shelter Rock District and the Theodore Roosevelt Council.