

Boy Scout Troop 201

Minutes of Parent- Committee Meeting 9/14/2021

Meeting Held Virtually Via Zoom

I. Opening of Meeting: Pledge of Allegiance

In attendance:

Tin Doan, Jeff Helgeson, Chris Joneleit, Michael Keating, Stephanie Keating, Nick Koutsoftas, Monica Pavlidis, Kevin Ryan, Beatriz Rapa, Richard Martin, Tin Doan, Stephanie Helgeson

II. Reading of Reports:

A. Head of Charter Organization: No update

B. Troop Committee Chair:

- Checks from 20 boys were received starting Monday, Sept. 14th - returning scouts pay \$175 and \$160 for each additional scout in the same family.
- 35 boys attended the meeting, four senior boys are returning but were working on Eagle projects and were not at the meeting, 7 boys may be at risk of not returning to Troop 201.
- One new member from Bayside attended his first meeting and talked with Scout Leaders about attending future trips. A follow up meeting with the boy will determine if he will sign up with us. He has been given an application, the troop schedule, and dues information

C. Troop Secretary:

D. Scoutmaster:

- 21 boys attended the 9/11 memorial in Williston Park, it was well attended for this important ceremony.
- Four new patrols were formulated and organized.
- Searingtown has still not confirmed to our Scoutmaster regarding clearance for indoor Monday meetings going forward. Since it is still outside for the foreseeable future, we can keep the meetings at 7PM but will have to eventually adjust to an earlier time.
- Catamaount-Zip-Lining Trip Covid forms and permission forms will be distributed
- Jesse Ryan and Justin Chin are the newest Eagle Scouts in Troop 201.
- Eagle Projects- 11 boys are Life scouts. Michael Baranello is currently in Eagle project meetings, planning his project.
- 8 of the remaining eligible Scouts are at various stages of Committee meetings.
- One Life Scout is younger and has time.
- Covid-19 restrictions have to be discussed for future trips.
- Senior Patrol will have to participate more.

E. Troop Treasurer:

- Summary of the latest troop financials
 - Currently carrying a balance of \$ to start the Scout year. Not counting Scout dues, and photo expenses for Awards night will be submitted.

F. Fundraiser Coordinator:

- Hicks was contacted regarding wreaths and wreaths, and wreath accessories cost breakdown was made.

- Costs of the wreaths went up 15 percent, up to \$1,000.00 from last year.
- 40 Scouts will sell wreaths.
- Calls will be made on how to deliver the wreaths even via U-Haul truck.
- Costs for wreaths will be \$9.78 will make about \$5.00 per wreath.
- It is still early to determine if a High Adventure Pancake Breakfast will occur in March, we will wait and plan accordingly as we get closer to March 2022.
- A car wash was brought up again as a good fundraiser, the Community Center has hosted the car wash at past Troop 201 car washes.
- Seabase was brought up at this meeting and will have to establish crews by November 2021 if there is strong interest. 15 people would be needed for a group rate. Pricing should be looked into for a February trip but it is typically harder to get a date in February. End of July or August would realistically be the go to dates if there is interest. The opportunities should be discussed with the Troop regarding a High Adventure trip to Seabase.

G. Outdoor Activities Coordinator:

- Catamount will need parents to drive and parents to stay, Carpooling will have to be necessary.
- COVID-19 negative tests will have to be provided; Complete proof of vaccination will have to be provided to go on the trip on the Tuesday prior to the trip.
- Tenting and how to cook are issues that have to be brought up. Tenting and Cooking are in close-quarters.
- Boys providing their own tents may be an option that was brought up. Adults providing their own tents was also discussed for Catamount.
- More than one person in a tent was discussed as a secondary option.
- One person tents cannot likely be provided from the Troop as an option.
- Cooking recommendation much like the past Alpine trip, it should be limited to the patrols but one cook only and no huddling and masks worn.
- Total number of drivers required was discussed. The drive to Catamount is 30 minutes from the Scout camp, and no drop offs can occur.

H. Training Coordinator: No Update

I. Advancement Coordinator:

- About 100 badges were earned this summer and are purchased and will be handed out at the September awards ceremony
- New Patrol patches will have to be purchased.

J. Religious Emblem Coordinator: No update

K. Equipment Coordinator:

- Tents will have to be evaluated and inspected and confirmed how many are needed. We will have to determine how many tents we currently have in the container for Troop 201 gear.
- The Patrol Boxes that are possibly broken will be advised by our Quartermasters. Some patrol boxes were noted to have broken latches, and are not closing properly.
- Container troop gear, many loose camping supplies will also have to be cleaned and organized properly inside the container.

L. Website Coordinator: Please visit the troop website at: www.troop201ny.com.

M. New Business:

- Stephanie Helgeson has volunteered to be co-treasurer to co-sign Troop 201 checks.

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.