

# *Boy Scout Troop 201*

## *Minutes of Committee Meeting 10/05/2021*

*Meeting Held Virtually Via Zoom*

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

#### In attendance:

Alex Gomez, Jeff Helgeson, Stephanie Helgeson, Chris Joneleit, Mike Keating, Stephanie Keating, Danny Kim, Nick Koutsoftas, Richard Martin, Monica Pavlidis, Beatriz Rapa, Kevin Ryan

### **II. Reading of Reports:**

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

#### **B. Troop Committee Chair:**

- Our District Council Representative confirmed that council dues are not increasing this year
- Re-chartering will begin online in November. A reminder to adults who need to update their YPT will be going out soon

#### **C. Troop Secretary:**

- There are 42 scouts are on the roster. 3-6 scouts are not returning from last year but we did get 2 new scouts join in September. By the end of the year we will have 12 boys who will age out of the troop. With older boys aging out, we also loose parents who have been involved with the Troop for many years and we hope some of our newer parents will step up to fill the void.

#### **D. Scoutmaster:**

- Outing to Catamount (Zip line) was postponed and will take place October 22 – 24.
- There are 6 active Eagle projects in various stages – 3 need to be completed before the holidays due to the boys' birthdays (they turn 18) - Luke C., Chris Z., Leo G. Then after the New Year we'll need to complete Costa K., Michael B. and Ryan D. Life Scouts Naman C., Aiden J., and Devon G. are starting discussions regarding their projects.
- Awards night was held on September 27<sup>th</sup>. 37 scouts attended and many merit badges were distributed. The new patrols were announced along with those taking leadership positions in the Troop. Summer camp and High Adventure participants were recognized along with a great video presentation with highlights of the trips.
- Chris K. will be having his Eagle BOR this month. We would then have 3 boys for a January Eagle Court of Honor (Jesse R., Justin C. and Chris K.)
- The Veterans Administration is holding a fundraiser for the HERO Helping Hunger project. Gift cards to grocery stores are being collected and we'll ask our scouts to bring a gift card to an upcoming meeting.
- We corrected most of the project at the HS that wasn't completed by Jared M. The school was hoping to get turf donated to replace the wood chips that were used but that donation hasn't come to be. The troop will need to go back at some point to mulch the wood chips so they are smaller in size.
- High Adventure:
  - 2022 Florida Sea Base (Out Island Adventure) August 5 – 11. A deposit has been sent in for 2 crews. More information will be sent to those who are participating regarding the payment schedule.

#### **E. Troop Treasurer:**

- Summary of the latest troop financials
  - Currently carrying a balance of \$18,318.21 after depositing Troop fees. We had a year-end balance of \$13,310.92
  - Signatures on the bank account were updated so that Mrs. Rapa & Mrs. Helgeson are Co-Treasurer. We will look at moving the account to TD Bank (from Sterling) this year and will ask for a volunteer to be the 3<sup>rd</sup> signature on the account.

**F. Fundraiser Coordinator:**

- Various quotes were received for wreaths and wreath accessories. The committee reviewed all the pros and cons of using each vendor. The decision was made to use Hicks again this year. They will deliver wreaths to the Legion on Saturday, 11/20. Scouts will sell 18 wreaths each (siblings will sell 12 wreaths). The selling price per wreath will be \$18.00 since the cost of the wreaths and accessories increased this year.
- Still early to know if a pancake breakfast can be held at the Albertson Firehouse. The committee discussed a possibility of an outdoor/drive thru pancake breakfast event. This idea will be discussed with Greenbar as we get into next year and we see if any COVID restrictions are lifted.
- A spring car wash fundraiser for High Adventure is also a consideration.

**G. Outdoor Activities Coordinator:**

- Catamount is confirmed for a 9:00am Zip line. The campsite has been booked.
- 2 cabins at Schiff have been confirmed for the December advancement weekend.
- Looking to book Achaia and Minsk for January and February. Which trip will be in each month will depend on availability at the camps.

**H. Training Coordinator:** Adults who need YPT will be notified and need to complete before November

**I. Advancement Coordinator:**

- We have several boys who need to go thru our Eagle project review before they can move on to Council. Looking for volunteers who can help with those meetings. The more volunteers we have the less often the same people need to sit in on a meeting.

**J. Religious Emblem Coordinator:** No update

**K. Equipment Coordinator:** Patrol boxes looking good and are organized for our first upcoming trip. Tents should be in good condition. We need to order more freeze dried meal packets for our November Harriman trip. We still need to clean and organize the container.

**L. Website Coordinator:** The Troop Calendar has been updated along with the minutes. Please visit the troop website at: [www.troop201ny.com](http://www.troop201ny.com).

**M. New Business:**

- Need to start pricing out items for the holiday gift to the scouts. Some suggested items include hats, head lamps, stools, and compasses. We'll gather information and make a decision on what to purchase at the November meeting.

*Log on to the troop website at [www.troop201ny.com](http://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](http://www.trcbsa.org) for links to adult training, and information on programs offered by Shelter Rock District and the Theodore Roosevelt Council.*