

Boy Scout Troop 201

Minutes of Committee Meeting 12/07/2021

Meeting Held Virtually Via Zoom

I. Opening of Meeting: Pledge of Allegiance

In attendance:

Kenneth Chao, Jeff Helgeson, Stephanie Helgeson, Mike Keating, Stephanie Keating, Danny Kim, Nick Koutsoftas, David Martin, Richard Martin, Monica Pavlidis, Duane Penfold, Beatriz Rapa, Stephanie Visconti

II. Reading of Reports:

A. Head of Charter Organization: No update

B. Troop Committee Chair:

- Re-chartering being finalized this month.

C. Troop Secretary:

- There are 39 scouts confirmed on the roster.

D. Scoutmaster:

- 39 scouts at this time. One will age out over the weekend, and we'll lose two more by the end of January. We had a visitor to the meeting on Monday who may join after the holidays.
- 23 scouts participated in the November Harriman trip. A solid turnout on a cold weekend. We had a storm mid-day on Saturday, just after we set up camp – lighting, hail, and wind – but otherwise had a good trip. Note: We should consider buying new light-weight stoves for backpacking/Philmont trips.
- At meetings over the last month, we hosted scouts from Packs 201 and 202 for inspection nights. The events were well received by the packs, even with the difficulty of meeting outdoors.
- There is a rumor that the school board will address building use at the January meeting. There was a suggestion that we write a letter stating our case to be allowed back in. I've asked Mrs. Chin about it but she was not familiar with it. Will continue to investigate and will write a letter if appropriate.
- Leo Gomez and Luke Christenson both finished their Eagle projects over the last few weeks. Luke is submitting his application this week. Leo will probably do so next week. We had great turnout for both projects, particularly Leo's.
- Still hoping that Chris Zovko will be able to do his project at the high school on Dec. 18. He's still working with the Shelter Rock district committee. If we miss the 18th, we're probably looking at the first weekend in January. The troop will do the finishing touches on Jared Martin's project the same day - the final request is to put new mulch on top of the wood chips that are already there.
- Other Eagle Project in process, with anticipated dates in the spring, include Ryan D., Costa K., Jack Z., Naman C. and Aidan J. Michael B is working with the troop committee. Justin D. has a preliminary idea and is discussing with his beneficiary.
- We collected about two dozen grocery and drug store gift cards at the meeting Monday in our collection for the town's holiday drive for veterans. I'll deliver them to the town this week.
- Planning for the January 8 (SATURDAY) Eagle Court of Honor is underway. Mr. Koutsoftas is coordinating this event.
- High Adventure
 - Plans for 2022 Florida Sea Base (Out Island Adventure) are underway. We have two full crews. Dates are August 5 – 11.

- We've been awarded two treks to Philmont in 2023. That's up to 24 people, including adults. Initial deposits will be due Jan. 10. Mrs. Joneleit is guiding arrangements. Dates are 7/29/23 to 8/12/23 (with arrival to Philmont on 7/31.)

E. Troop Treasurer:

- Summary of the latest troop financials
 - Currently carrying a balance of \$.

F. Fundraiser Coordinator:

- 750 wreaths were delivered on 11/20 to the American Legion parking lot and distributed to all the scouts. Distribution went smoothly – consider shortening the window for pick up next year to 8:00 – 10:00 am.
- Boys sold wreaths at St. Aiden's on Sunday, 11/28 and 12/5 from 8:00 am – 10:00 am (we could have been there until 1:00pm but boys sold out fast). Wreath payments are due by January 3rd.

G. Outdoor Activities Coordinator:

- 27 scouts and 12 adults are going to Schiff for the December advancement weekend.
- January 21-23 cabin trip to Minsi is confirmed.
- February ski trip to Acahela will take place on February 12th and will be a day trip only because no cabins are available.
- Holiday party is confirmed for December 20th at Bowlero.

H. Training Coordinator: No updates

I. Advancement Coordinator:

- Geovanni H. had BOR and advanced to Tenderfoot. Leo G. and Luke C. completed their Eagle project and are submitting their paperwork to council.

J. Religious Emblem Coordinator: No update

K. Equipment Coordinator: We need to take inventory of all tents, label them and make sure all parts are working and all tents have the correct pieces. Will price out new light-weight stoves for backpacking/Philmont trips.

L. Website Coordinator: The Troop Calendar has been updated along with the minutes. Please visit the troop website at: www.troop201ny.com.

M. New Business:

- Klondike Derby will be January 29th. We'll prep the boys during the December advancement weekend. We will organize 2 teams. Hoping to have a day one weekend in January where we can invite cub scouts from Pack 8 and Pack 201 to Muttontown to see what the Klondike Derby is about. Mr. Richard Martin will help run the event.
- We will look to purchase a Zoom Troop account to use for all troop related virtual meetings.

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.