

# *Boy Scout Troop 201*

## *Minutes of Committee Meeting 4/4/2023*

*Meeting Held Virtually Via Zoom*

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

#### In attendance:

Kenneth Chao, Danny Chen, Tin Doan, Jeff Helgeson, Stephanie Helgeson, Chris Joneleit, Mike Keating, Nick Koutsoftas, David Martin, Monica Pavlidis, Beatriz Rapa

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

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

#### **B. Troop Committee Chair:** No update

**C. Troop Secretary:** We have 29 boys registered. We also need to organize ordering high adventure jackets for those going on their first high adventure trip this summer.

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

- Our trip to Durland was good. We had a nice cabin that accommodated 12 boys and 5 adults. We went on a small hike and worked on requirements. The boys need to be aware of all dietary needs of each person in their patrol on a trip so that everyone is able to eat what the group cooks. Boys should not need to bring their own food because of dietary needs (or because they don't like what is being served) so communication and planning prior to a trip is important.
- Eagle projects - Naman is with the Committee on his project. Justin should get to the Committee this month. Michael C. has an idea that he's talking to a beneficiary about. Some boys have signed up to take Citizen in Society with Mrs. Doan which is a new required Eagle badge.
- Order of the Arrow – Representative was at the 3/20 meeting to give the boys more information. Then the boys had their nominations and elections at the same meeting.
- The last few meetings have been light in attendance. Spring sports have started and they have conflicts which is understandable, but if a patrol leader cannot be at a meeting it is their responsibility to make sure there is someone in their place to cover the absence. And scouts need to let their leaders know if they can't make it. We need to encourage attendance. According to our guidelines, a 50% minimum attendance of troop meetings, outings and troop activities is required in order to advance in rank, attend summer camp and participate in high adventure activities. Boys are surprised when they can't advance because they have not been to meetings/activities. This will be discussed at the next Green Bar and will look for ideas on how to encourage attendance.
- We are investigating what area of Harriman we will stay at on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Looking at the Lemon Squeezer area but will check with the ranger to make sure we are outside of bear territory.
- Still waiting to hear if we'll make it to Northern Tier in February 2024 (we are on a waiting list) and we'll plan on discussing with the troop later this year the summer 2024 high adventure options. We could go to Summit or Northern Tier as a summer trip.

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

- Balance of \$26,527.14
- Pancake breakfast was a huge success with a profit of \$4,680
- Wreath sale profit of \$3,933.54

**F. Fundraiser Coordinator:**

- Pancake Breakfast – record breaking year based on the number of scouts we have in the troop. With 29 scouts we made \$4,680 which is in line with what we made when we had 60+ scouts. It was a huge success and thanks to all the parents who donated for the raffle baskets, who donated to the bake sale, who shopped for supplies and food, who helped set up and supervise the boys cook, who worked hard to make it all come together so nicely. And thank you to the Scouts for selling their tickets and then selling more at St. Aidan's and at the Elementary school, and getting people in the door.

**G. Outdoor Activities Coordinator:**

- The trip to Harriman in April is 4/22.
- Decisions need to be made regarding clay shooting or bow & arrow trip (tentative for 5/6).
- White Water –Dam Release weekend, May 12 – 14. Cost is \$82 for rafting plus \$17 for the wet suit. We need to figure out cost of camping/food. We'll make a reservation for 20 people and can add more as we get closer.
- Onteora Summer Camp – we have 21 scouts so far. It will be the week July 9th. \$300 for the week. Need to confirm adults, so far 4 can go for part or all of the week.
- The Alumni dinner in June can be at the Albertson Firehouse. Mr. Farrell thought it was a great idea and we'll see what dates are available. We would cater the event and we think we'll have a better turn out than going to a restaurant.

**H. Training Coordinator:** No update

**I. Advancement Coordinator:** Alex H. advanced to Star

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

**K. Equipment Coordinator:** Need to purchase water bottles for Harriman. We have enough freeze-dried food and white gas. We need to test the stoves and verify the tents are all set for the trip.

**L. Website Coordinator:** No update

**M. New Business:** No new business

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