

Boy Scout Troop 201

Minutes of Committee Meeting 12/5/2023

Meeting Held Virtually Via Zoom

I. Opening of Meeting: Pledge of Allegiance

In attendance:

Jeff Helgeson, Stephanie Helgeson, Chris Joneleit, Tripti Joy, Beatriz Rapa, David Martin, Andrew Maiman, Nick Koutsoftas, Tim Rolston, Rich Martin, Danny Chen, Kristen Nolan, Stephanie Keating

II. Reading of Reports:

A. Head of Charter Organization:

- Mr. Ryan passed about two months ago. News today – Monica, a friend and supporter of the troop, passed very recently. No services planned. Maybe a donation or something in her honor – a tree/bench at Clark Botanical Gardens? Waiting for information about pricing. She was active there. Should send out an email through Troopmaster.

B. Troop Committee Chair:

- Recharter should be done soon – need the official list of scouts on record to match up with the council list. Also need the adult list. YPT is up to date. According to Mr. Kim, if YPT is good going into the year, don't need recertification for that year. It's good for two years from certification.

C. Troop Secretary:

- 40 boys all paid up. 1 more joined last night for a total of 41.
- Tripti will be taking notes and shadowing Stephanie to take over as secretary.

D. Scoutmaster:

- Harriman trip was good. The boys had a good time, weather held out. Less complaints than normal. Adults had a good time too.
- Contacted by former scout who works at the cradle of aviation museum. Looking for scouts to prepare eclipse kits. Need to get in touch for scheduling.
- Contacted by Cub scout pack. Need help prepping pinewood derby cars this Friday.
 - Access to the presentation is being looked into.
- Zoom needs to be renewed in January – will go on Jeff's CC.
- Rich and Jeff have been trying to coordinate a cyber chip requirement which is no longer a requirement – changed to an hour's worth of video content. Content is more relevant and serious – scouts should watch with their parents so that questions can be discussed. Different videos for Star Scouts.
 - Letter from parents signed and returned after watching? to ensure that scouts watch the videos.
 - Or verbal confirmation that videos have been watched.
- Setting up and running the pinewood derby – Tim will need to train someone at the troop level and at the pack level so that they can set up. If the software needs to be set up on a different computer, it needs to be done ahead of time so that it is ready for the day of the derby. Derby is in Jan 20, 2024 at the Community Center.
 - Rich M. will speak to Mr. Lawrence from Pack 202 to find someone to step up and learn the software and setup.
- ECOH – Albertson Fire House is confirmed. Ceremony kit requested from council. They have to pick up their kits and then give it to Nick K.

E. Troop Treasurer:

- \$19,238.93 balance
- \$7,629 for wreaths
- Reimbursements
- Deposits for summit and wreath money.
 - Looks like did better than last year for wreaths. (almost 4000 last year, should be a little higher this year).
- Big expenses coming up: Summit & Holiday party.
 - Summit payments: 3 more in Jan, March, and May

F. Fundraiser Coordinator:

- 25 of 40 boys submitted wreath money.
 - Friends of troop 201 list has been offered to scouts who are having trouble selling.
 - Split up list so that only one scout is calling each person.
 - Send out an email to ask if anyone is having trouble selling.
 - Push pre-selling.
 - Maybe make an announcement on the troop FB page.
- Wreaths were same price; the decorations were a little bit more than last year.
- Pancake breakfast – tentatively Sunday, March 24 at Albertson Firehouse. Reached out last week, will follow up next week.

G. Outdoor Activities Coordinator:

- December trip to Schiff – at capacity. 4 on the waiting list. 2 new scouts volunteered to sleep in a tent.
 - Hoping to get some of the older boys to volunteer to sleep in a tent.
 - Drivers have been organized
- Tuesday Holiday party at Bounce.
 - Release form will be sent to Jeff and then emailed out.
- Switched Minsi and skiing trip
 - Skiing at Jack Frost – parents have to pay and print out ahead of time.
 - Minsi – Feb 2 – 4. Capacity is around 32?
- Hoping for:
 - Durland
 - Horseback riding in April
 - Location is pending.
- Summer camp booked
 - June 30 – July 7 at NoBeBosCo?
- Summit
 - All set – second payment sent
 - Car rental – maybe 15% coupon will apply
- Northern Tier in January
 - Gear has to be sorted (in Jan)
 - Mr. Russo might come and give the scouts an overview of his experience at northern tier.
- Holiday gifts: knit hats – will be wrapped by volunteer.

H. Training Coordinator: No update.

I. Advancement Coordinator:

- Advancements that were not awarded due to supply issues at the store need to be distributed. “It’s a mess”
 - Maybe order online? For free shipping need an order over \$125.
 - Boys need to keep track of their advancements and bring their books.
- Need an advancement coordinator. Tim agreed! :)
 - Keep track of advancement, update TroopMaster, National site, purchase from store/online.

J. Religious Emblem Coordinator: No update

K. Equipment Coordinator: No update

L. Website Coordinator:

- Have Ian help update the website.
- Any equipment updates should go through the scoutmaster and equipment coordinator.

M. New Business:

- New pack: Pack 7 @ Archangel Michael, 20 families signed up. First meeting soon.
- Parks & Rec application for Clinton G. Martin – need to pay the permit fee and need proof of insurance.
 - Proof of insurance needs to have Town of North Hempstead on the certificate. There is a contact person at the council that will take care of that – kevin.lipman@scouting.org
 - May 22 – 50th anniversary for Troop 201.
- Pack 201 finances need to get resolved – if money is left over after transition to Pack 202 is done, that money could be transferred to the Troop.

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.