

Boy Scout Troop 201

Minutes of Committee Meeting 02/04/2025

Meeting Held Virtually Via Zoom

I. Opening of Meeting: Pledge of Allegiance

In attendance:

Stephanie Helgeson, Beatriz Rapa, Nick Koutsoftas, Danny Chen, Richard Martin, Jeff Helgeson, Andrew Maiman, David Martin, May Guo, Jet Chen, Tripti Joy, Arvind Makhijani, Stephanie Keating

II. Reading of Reports:

A. Head of Charter Organization: Duane will work on getting a letter from the Legion confirming that we can use their tax ID number as our own and hopefully this will help get some matching donations from employers, such as Richard Martin's and Teddy Tong's.

B. Troop Committee Chair:

- Unit is renewed. Charter dues \$100 plus 3% CC fee
- Tried to update roster. The system won't allow it because memberships were not renewed.
 - Carmine got dropped because he didn't renew in time and YPT expired.

C. Troop Secretary:

- 52 scouts.
- Another scout is pending.
 - Christian Medina – found troop via an online search.

D. Scoutmaster:

- Eagle Board of Review
 - Matt Rapa & Jeffrey Polanski approved
 - Will start prepping for the court of honor.
 - Mr. Koutsoftas will not be at the court of honor. He will set everything up ahead of time.
- Ski Trip
 - Went well.
 - Mr. Shaw led; Mr. Maiman assisted.
 - 2 boys went past the 4pm deadline by 1 hour
 - Lessons were not really lessons – there was an area to watch videos on their phones with minimal supervision. Private lessons would have been more helpful.
- Jeff Helgeson is planning to retire next January.
 - Rich Martin is taking over.
- Northern Tier Trip
 - Leaving next Thursday.
- Pinewood Derby
 - March 15th.
 - Car Clinic needs to be scheduled.
 - The district clinic is already over.
 - Need to find/create a new presentation
- Arrow of Light cub scouts
 - Invite them to select Troop meetings
 - Maybe invite them to the whitewater rafting trip

- Christine Liu (District 4)
 - Reached out to have scouts shovel snow for senior citizens. Has 3 seniors signed up to get shoveling assistance – not within walking distance of Troop 201 boys. Can coordinate with other troops in the district. Need to set guidelines for when scouts can help. Troop will sign off on service hours for boys that volunteer. Can publicize and have other troops and schools get involved once details are decided.

E. Troop Treasurer:

- Ending balance: \$21,060.38
- Deposits:
 - Additional wreath money
 - \$6,293 made on wreaths. (about \$600 more than last year)
- Expenses:
 - CPR & First Aid training
 - Zoom meetings renewal

F. Fundraiser Coordinator:

- Pancake breakfast
 - Created list of items needed - sign-up sheet will be sent out soon for donations
 - Scout letters and flyers created
 - Every scout must sell 5 tickets. Scouts going on high adventure trips in 2025 must sell 10 tickets & 2 raffle prizes.

G. Outdoor Activities Coordinator:

- Minsi (Feb 14-16)
 - 3 tabins occupied, 2 tabins still empty. No refunds.
- Northern Tier Feb 13-17 (same weekend as Minsi)
- Durland (March)
 - Large cabin
 - March 3rd permission slips deadline
- Harriman (April)
- Shot gun trip – need to speak to Mr. Russo
- Philmont 2026 approved, July 27-Aug 8
 - Announce trip to troop and parents (at eagle court of honor, at pancake breakfast) by June, then have boys sign up in Sept.
 - Recommendation: Sign up for 12-day trek. Treks are numbered – lower numbers are easier than higher numbers.
- Sea Base planning – Rachel Lefkof will reach out for information to book airfare (names, birthdays, etc.), coordinate van rental
- White water rafting (May)
- Day kayaking trip? (June)
- Summer Camp: No-Be-Bosco? School ends June 27. Need to start planning to lock in any early bird specials.

H. Training Coordinator:

- Wilderness & First Aid Certificates need to be printed and taken on High Adventure trips.

I. Registration Coordinator: No update

J. Advancement Coordinator:

- Winter Camp awards must be given out.

- Can set up an account at scout store to make payments easier

K. Religious Emblem Coordinator: No update.

L. Equipment Coordinator:

- Found 64-gallon patrol box ~\$65 at Lowe's. Andrew will purchase this week.

M. Website Coordinator: No updates

N. New Business:

- Summer Camp Possibilities
 - CT Scout Camp: Sequassen has good feedback.

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 Theodore Roosevelt Council.