

# *Boy Scout Troop 201*

## *Minutes of Committee Meeting 2/6/2024*

*Meeting Held Virtually Via Zoom*

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

#### In attendance:

Jeff Helgeson, Stephanie Helgeson, Rich Martin, Michael Keating, Beatriz Rapa, Chris Joneleit, Tripti Joy, Andrew Maiman, David Martin, Nick Koutsoftas, Jenny Rolston, Teddy Tong, Stephanie Keating

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

#### **A. Head of Charter Organization:**

- No update.

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

- Mr. Trietch needs to be added to the charter so that he can continue to be a merit badge counselor.

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

- No update.

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

- Two camping trips since last meeting
  - Ski Trip – conditions were soggy, so skiing was canceled. The weather cleared enough for a hike in the afternoon, and boys worked on requirements.
  - Camp Minsi – not cold enough for ice fishing. Boys played a mousetrap game and went for a quick hike. Cooking challenge – dinner was a vegetarian meal. Fires were necessary – boys still struggled with making fires, and that was acknowledged at the Greenbar meeting. They will work on it during future trips.
- The Pinewood derby was this past weekend.
  - 6-7 volunteers from Troop 201 were present. Rich M. will debrief will scouts about what went well and what could have been improved.
  - O.A. car building workshop was the same day – maybe push the date of the pinewood derby back next year, so cub scouts can take advantage of that workshop.
  - Looking for an alternate location for the competition - Community Center prices are very high (\$120/hr).
  - Community organizations should not have to pay for the community center. Needs to be looked into – speak to Pat Lewis.
- Canceled Klondike derby – no one was ready to lead the patrol. Two locations – Muttontown Preserve, and Schiff. Maybe do Schiff next year to increase participation.
  - Suggestion to start recruiting in Sept or Oct for Klondike, and push participation.
- Advancements are getting organized.
- Youth Protection Videos – 14 of 41 boys have completed.
- Eagle Packet is in for Naman – needs to be picked up. Doans already picked theirs up.
- Next cooking challenge: Pancakes.
- Paper goods for Court of Honor and Pancake Breakfast were inventoried and more supplies will be purchased based on what is needed.

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

- Deposits: Summit Trip, Wreaths Finalized
- Reimbursements due: Camping Trips (not Minsi)
- Payment: Northern Tier, Holiday party
- Ending balance: \$17,946.66

#### **F. Fundraiser Coordinator:**

- Pancake Breakfast (fundraising for Northern Tier & Summit), Sunday March 24
  - Last year: \$5/ticket, \$7 at the door
  - Boys who go on the trip: sell 10 tickets, bring 2 additional items (baked goods, or raffle prizes)
  - Boys who are not going on the trip: sell 5 tickets, bring in 1 additional item.
  - The flyer is ready – information for scouts and families. Mr. Helgeson will send it out via email.
  - Advanced 50-50 ticket sales.
  - Can sell tickets in front of St. Aiden's the Sunday before, coordinate with Center, Denton and Searingtown to sell 50-50 tickets or pancake breakfast tickets at Parent-Teacher Conference Night.
  - Cub scouts who come in uniform are free, their family pays \$5/ticket at the door as well.
  - Send information to officials that might like to come.
- Committee vote decided that pancake breakfast will fundraise for both high adventure trips.

#### **G. Outdoor Activities Coordinator:**

- Northern Tier Trip (this year)
  - Geared up, cold wasn't too bad. Dogs & puppies were fun, so was sledding.
- Durland: March 1-3, 30 person cabin. Booked.
- Harriman: April
- White water rafting: May
- Summer camp booked June 30-July 6: \$590 early bird – March 29, \$635 after that.
- Summit: Car booked, next payment March 3
  - Shirts need to be ordered.
- Sea Base (Out Island): July 27-Aug 2, 2025
- Northern Tier: President's week, 2025
  - Need one adult (with Wilderness, First Aid, CPR)
- Philmont: 2026 (will be booked)

#### **H. Training Coordinator:**

- Wood badge available. 2 weekends (4 days).
- YPT is expiring for some adults.

#### **I. Advancement Coordinator:** See above.

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

#### **K. Equipment Coordinator:**

- Container issue – for the past year – any heavy rain results in leaks in the front of the container. The flags got water damaged – one of the loops is beyond repair. Pack 201 will donate their flag, and a troop flag needs to be ordered.
- The roof needs to be resealed to protect the equipment, especially by the front door. Also, the rubber seals on the front door are coming off.
- Toolbox or tool canvas bag needs to be purchased/acquired to organize all the tools.

**L. Website Coordinator:**

- Location for Court of Honor needs to be changed on website – change to St. Michael Archangel Church. 2:30 start on March 10.

**M. New Business:**

- Parks & Rec Application for Clinton G. Martin.
  - May 22 has been reserved. 6pm - 10pm, including set up from 6-6:30 and then cleanup after.
  - An insurance certificate is still required because current one expires before the event.

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