

Boy Scout Troop 201

Minutes of Committee Meeting 12/10/2024

Meeting Held Virtually Via Zoom

I. Opening of Meeting: Pledge of Allegiance

In attendance:

Jeff Helgeson, Stephanie Helgeson, Mike Lee, Eric Chen, Jet Chen, Nick Koutsoftas, May Guo, Tim Rolston, Stephanie Keating, Beatriz Rapa

II. Reading of Reports:

A. Head of Charter Organization: No update

B. Troop Committee Chair: No update.

C. Troop Secretary: 51 boys registered.

D. Scoutmaster:

- Online registration system: Boys/parents will be receiving an email in January to register they boys for the upcoming scouting year. We are interested to see how this process works, so provide feedback to us. Now that we are no longer able to accept registrations at the beginning of the year, and then file the charter in January, everyone is on a different schedule. Those who have been with the Troop a while is on the January schedule, but others who came afterwards will renew a year from their original sign-up. Adult leaders need to register also. We'll see what positions are available to slot people in. Teddy Tong has taken up the registrar position and will report on the system next time.
- Eagle Board of Reviews for Matt Rapa and Jeff Polanski are scheduled for January 9th. Waiting for confirmation on the date and place for the ECOH – currently looking at May 18th at Archangel Michael Church.
- Our trip to Harriman had good weather. Boys loved the dry freeze meals and went for an afternoon hike. Everyone took to heart the issue of bears and did everything they could to make sure no bear attacked Troop 201.
- High Adventure Trip – Northern Tier
 - Need to complete wilderness first aid for leaders going to Northern Tier and will include other leaders who are interested in the training. Will hold the training at the East Williston Town Hall.
 - Uploading the roster to Northern Tier this week so medicals and waivers can be completed.
 - High adventure shirts have been ordered.

E. Troop Treasurer:

- Balance of \$2,114.25 due to the payment of all the wreaths and décor. Wreath money is being collected now and will be deposited so the balance will be much better next month.

F. Fundraiser Coordinator:

- 75% of wreath money has been collected. St. Aidan's sale was successful and any troop wreaths were sold quickly to then give boys an opportunity to sell their wreaths.
- Pancake breakfast discussion: Need to reserve the firehouse for March 30th. Discussed ticket prices: do we keep them at \$5.00 or increase to \$10.00. If we increase, do we add more to the breakfast. Decided to keep the 50/50 raffle at \$5.00 a ticket. Looking to eliminate the bake sale and ask parents to donate food items to the breakfast so we hold the ticket price to \$5.00.

G. Outdoor Activities Coordinator:

- December will be Baiting Hollow and an advancement weekend. We have 41 boys and 6 adults going, cabins only hold a total of 40 so a few have volunteered to sleep outside. Since we needed to limit adults staying over, we will be asking the other parents to either drive boys out to camp, or pick them up. Will try not to have a parent do both trips.
- Winter camp at Alpine is set with 13 boys and 2 adults for December 27 – 30. Boys are picking their merit badges and parents will need to drive them out or coordinate car pool among themselves.
- January we were not able to get Acahela for a ski weekend so we will turn this into a day trip to Mountain Creek. Will set up an online purchasing link with Mountain Creek for parents to sign boys up and we will coordinate the car pool.
- February we are looking for ice fishing at Minsi, reserved 5 tabins each holding 8 people so we'll limit participation on this trip. We do lose some of the other boys who will be at Northern Tier that weekend.
- March a trip to Durland – large cabin has been reserved.
- December 17th will be the holiday party at Bowlero. Booked for 40 participants.

H. Training Coordinator: No update.

I. Registration Coordinator: Will have an update at the next meeting.

J. Advancement Coordinator: Updating information in their books for sign-offs. Will distribute badges at following meetings.

K. Religious Emblem Coordinator: No update

L. Equipment Coordinator: Keeping an eye on sales for new boxes (we need at least one more) and lanterns.

M. Website Coordinator: No update

N. New Business:

- Nothing at this time.

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.