



**TROOP 153**  
Committee Meeting  
Dec. 21, 2023  
Minutes

The monthly meeting of the Troop 153 committee was held on Thursday, December 21, 2023.  
Chairperson Jen S. brought the meeting to order at 7:37pm with following leaders present:

Committee Members

Jen Santos - Chairperson  
Jen Hoffman – Advancement Chair  
Paula Santorelli - Secretary

Program Leaders

Terry Hoffman – Asst. Scoutmaster  
Sean Brownyard – Asst. Scoutmaster

Treasurer’s Report (Marisa) via text message:

- Current Balance is (approx..) \$540.

February Trip Report

- Lisa S. provided a progress report at Dec 20 troop meeting. Itinerary will be sent out in January.

General Discussion:

- Light the night – Boys can take credit for 1 hour community service if they helped with the kits during the 12/6 meeting.
- Bowlero Party – Good time had by all – Boys really enjoyed it.
- Dec. 20 Video Game meeting – Boys had fun – but could have used some adult oversight. Some boys didn’t get to play at all and were upset.
- Eagle Service Projects – Andre has 10 hour in on project and has figured cost and materials. Needs a fixes on proposals – Has all approvals, - next up is fundraising. Terry H. offered tools and help.
- Committee agreed to limit additional Chartered adults in order to curb unnecessary dues expense. 6 paid Registered adults – totaling \$432 ranther than 9 adults at \$648 – a \$216 savings.
- Stop the Bleed – Set to go – Jen H. to send info email to parents. TH to reach out to Tom Zimmer regarding further training sessions for scouts.
- YPT – All new recharter adults in compliance.
- Spaghetti Dinner – Jen S. to email all parents about getting donations from business and adding flyer to their social media. Include sample letter provided by Sean B.
  - No response yet from restaurant Depot, or BJ’s – SB will email and go in person to try for food donations.

- Scout Christmas Gifts – Beanie hats didn't work out this year – committee decided to not pursue further – save the money to fund future activities.
- Citizenship in Community- Tabled until next meeting – JB available to meet with boys at 1/3 meeting.
- Alpine Scout Camp – Revised cost per scout to \$50 due to uncertainty about current and future disposable troop funds. Will revisit future activity costs after Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser.
  - Committee decided that limited spots will be given 1<sup>st</sup> come 1<sup>st</sup> served – based on payment. No money before 1/3 meeting will be accepted. Cabin has listed Max of 16 people (16 cots) - ( Need 3 adults to drive to tubing, so- (3 adults and 13 boys). Possibility of adding an air mattress or 2 if needed.
  - Any parent who's scout wants to attend, but might need financial assistance, should contact Marisa B. directly and she will handle appropriately. Paula to add this to next newsletter.
- Coleman Stoves – TH to present plan to guide scouts in refurbishing current stoves. – To present at 2/1/24 committee meeting.
- Patrol Boxes – TH to spearhead effort to build new patrol boxes – Possibly make it part of a merit badge. Idea is to get kids involved so they take ownership of their gear and caring for it. Add to plan for Coleman Stoves at 2/1/24 meeting.
- Meeting Structure – Committee agreed to structure as outlined on Agenda. – Craig to organize his Asst. Scoutmasters by Age/Rank and charge them with guiding scouts

Meeting Adjourned at 8:50pm.