



## **TROOP 153**

### **Committee Meeting Agenda**

**December 21, 2023 – 7:00pm**

1. Call the meeting to order

2. Reports

- **Treasurer** - Marisa – Account Balances (outstanding dues/, Liabilities not yet paid.) Cash available after \$900 bowling cost minus scout co-pay.
- **Advancement** - Progress Report on Eagle Service Projects? Dicky. Paula.
- **Scoutmaster** – Craig
- **February Trip** - Status Report – Lisa S.

3. Old Business

- **Christmas Party** – Success? Did boys have good time?
- **Light the Night** – Sadly Canceled due to weather. Can we count the light kit setup as community service?
- **Activity Fees** – Decided we will be charging per scout, per event fees. Nominal amount for camping, and more for additional activities. This will help rebuild out accounts and serves as an “RSVP” for activities.

4. Ongoing Business

- **Cit. in Community Badge** – In progress – JB – This might need it’s own specific, targeted e-mail encouraging parents to push their scout toward completion of this badge.
- **Recharter** – Status? See Spreadsheet for cost-saving proposal discussed at 12/6 meeting.
- **YPT** - Jen S to complete on Friday 12/1 - Status?
- **Stop the Bleed Training** – JH – Can we provide info to parents/scouts on what it entails, how it will help the scouts, is there a certificate? How long is certificate valid for, etc.
- **Spaghetti Dinner** – Jen S - Status Report – SB – See Solicitation Letter Sent to BJ’s, Costco and Restaurant Depot. Downloadable Flyer on Website – Get parents to post it on social media starting after 1/1.
- **Christmas Gifts** – - Beanie Hats – Stitches and Screens was unable to produce in available timeframe. Should we save the money this year and call the Bowling party the Boys gift? Or get hats made up for Alpine camp?
- **New Coleman Stoves** – Not needed for Alpine, but will need by March. –

- **Alpine Scout Camp** – We decided \$40 per scout and 1 hour tubing. Per scout actual cost to troop will be \$24(Tubing) +\$19 (cabin) + \$10(food)=\$53  
Should we increase price? Or maybe have scouts chip in for their groceries? Or just eat the extra \$13 per scout (\$139). Maybe possible to squeeze in a couple of air beds to reduce per scout cost if there is enough interest. Also – If too many scouts, how do we decide? Maybe just first to hand in cash starting with 1/3/24 meeting?

#### 5. New business

- **Patrol Boxes** – Suggestion from TH - Ideally should have 4 matching boxes with all matching gear. Is this financially feasible?, and if so, who can take lead on this effort. (working document for potential patrol box gear and approx. costs attached)
- **March Camping Ideas** – Shooting for at least 3 campouts in spring '24
- **Troop Meeting Structure** – This was suggested by DD at our June 2023 meeting and agreed on by the committee, but somehow overlooked after the summer – But still important. Boys are still falling behind on requirements and rank-ups, and seem like they need some more direction and encouragement from adult leaders. Suggestion was to have Scoutmasters pro-actively work with scouts for 1<sup>st</sup> hour, and then do an activity or demonstration for last 30 mins. It was agreed that this was a good plan, but it was never instituted. Many other troops assign individual asst scoutmasters to specific rank/ age groups and say it works well. Restructuring our troop meetings should be a priority starting in 2024.
- **Other New Business?**

#### 6. Announcements

- **Next Committee Meeting** – Feb 1, 2024 – 7pm
- **Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!!!!!!!!**