

The monthly meeting of the Troop 153 committee was held on Thursday, March 27, 2025. Committee Chairman brought the meeting to order at 7:38pm with following leaders present:

## **Committee Members**

Sean Brownyard – Chairman

Marisa Belasco – COR/Treasurer

Joseph Gulotta – Treasurer

Chris McLeod – Website Coordinator

Jen Brownyard – Merit Badge Counsellor

## **Program Leaders**

Neil Buffet - Assistant Scoutmaster

## Treasurer's Report:

\$6,700 balance/\$3,000 unrestricted cash.

Advancement Report – Mar 5 COH - 2 Rank ups/4 Merit Badges/2 awards

## **General Discussion:**

- **Pinewood Derby** –6-7 Scouts attended from out Troop. Important Recruiting tool our Scouts attending and participating definitely encouraged Cubs to join Troop 153.
- Bridging Ceremony
  - o 5 Scouts bridged. Received Neckerchief, Slide & Book
  - Also Important to welcome Cubs Gained 1 potential additional Cub-Scout.
  - Need Protocol for next Bridging to acquire and provide info to new Scout parents
    - Get email Addresses
    - Create Handout containing: Adult leader e-mail addresses, Meeting Calendar, Meeting Place, Planned Events, Summer Camp info, Website Address, Uniform info, description of committee positions/Asst.
       Scoutmaster duties, Youth Application, Adult Application, Etc.
- Sales Awards not done at COH Await next COH??
- Weekly Emails Marisa/Neil to take over
- Meeting Activities 3/12 Jenga not done, move to April 9<sup>th</sup> Laura
- Public Relations/ Parent Liason role- Laura
- CPR Training No response from Peter K. Marisa next in line to reach out to him.
- Bank Account Marisa/Joe to get with Klopsis to get account set up in BSBRA name.
- Patrol Boxes No Update We want to purchase Stoves with better flame control. Terry/Craig

- **Summer Camp** Balance due by May 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. \$475 balance for existing scouts who paid the \$100 Early bird Deposit/ \$625 for existing scouts who did not pay the early bird deposit/ \$575 for new scouts.
  - 11 Scouts paid deposit
  - Craig/Neil/maybe Abel leaders
  - Set up restaurant meeting with new parents to ask questions about camp. (Early May probably Friday May 2<sup>nd</sup>.)
  - Have boys talk to new parents and new scouts about how fun summer camp is.
- Snack schedule Filled at COH Marisa
- **New Scout Patrol** Keep together in their own patrol until next COH.
- Campouts March 29-30 cancelled. New Campout April 26-27 @ Blydenburgh Push for NEW SCOUTS to attend.
- Sagtikos Manor May 3<sup>rd</sup> Need Scout confirmation by April 13<sup>th</sup> \$7 per scout paid by troop.
- Recruiting Committee chose blue vinyl sign 6'x 2'.
  - o Brightwaters "Spring Thing" Block party Sunday May 18th
  - Bay Shore Arts Festival Sunday June 8<sup>th</sup>
  - Alive by the Bay 4 dates July & August
- Community Service Penataquit Creek Cleanup April 13<sup>th</sup> 9am 11am Meet at Napa on Union.
  - We want all scouts to attend this cleanup!!
- Merit Badges- APL to continue reminding to update chore chart at meetings. Sustaianability to be worked on. Marisa to send e-mail to parents to encourage them to help keep their scouts on track.
- **General** Scouts do not need to become an Eagle. There should be no pressure to do so. If a scout just likes hanging out with the troop and going camping/activities, that's fine. **This needs** to be shared will all scouts and all parents!!!!
- **Fishing Trip** Booked for June 1<sup>st</sup> 7am-11am. Yeti Rambler with Printing (1<sup>st</sup> place Troop 153 Fishing Derby/ June 1, 2025". Marisa to create flyer Chris to post on website.
- **Get new Parents involved –** Committee/Asst Scoutmasters.
- Next Committee Meeting May 1, 2025

Meeting Adjourned at 9:12pm.