



Troop 200

April 13, 2015 Committee Meeting Minutes

Submitted By: Karen Holt and Drew McCartt

Note that the format follows the agenda (generally) and that action items are shaded.

Attendees:

Karen Holt, Skip Hollowell, Bill Lansky, Drew McCartt, Todd McDaniels, Bob Moffit , Richard Orris, Steph Orris, Donna Perry, John Pirt, Vicky Pirt, Mary Lynn Pitzer.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Committee Chairman Drew McCartt.
2. **Scoutmaster comments** – presented by John Pirt
45 First Years crossed over into Troop 200. Two of those scouts have decided not to continue with scouting. Sean Hollowell and the ASPL's are doing a great job with the First Class Emphasis. Troop 200 University went well and was well attended. Christian Michelbust will hold his Court of Honor on May 31 and Alex Hill will hold his on June 7. Andy Moffit will probably be the next Eagle Scout for Troop 200. He is very close.
3. **Old Business Updates**
 - Changes to Activity Calendar including Merit Badges –
There will not be MB's presented at the April 14 meeting due to oamp out preparation.
The Law MB will be scheduled sometime in the summer to accommodate Mr. Major's schedule. The Engineering MB will begin either April 28 or May 5 and will be led by Mr. Burton.
 - Updated Troop positions photos–
Jason Joyce has taken the photos of new Committee members and Skip Hollowell will be updating those to the website.
 - Cooking Campout review–
Steph Orris reported that everything went very well for this campout despite the very cold weather. Many scouts did go home due to the cold. The planned games helped to keep the boys busy and warm. It was suggested that we plan for hot beverages such as hot chocolate to keep everyone warm.
 - Spring Court of Honor / OA Call out review–
The Court of Honor was held at the meeting April 7th. Eric and Kim DeWeese reported that they thought it went very well even though there was so much on the program. There were a few errors on the program due to missed email edits, but those were minor. Having the OA call out at the Court of Honor made it seem even more special. The agenda was packed with having the Arrow of Light presentation for one of the first years as well as Friends of Scouting presentation, and the Wood Badge ceremony. Also having the flower sale orders being collected on the same night worked out pretty well although it was a lot for the evening. One thing that held up the COH was trying to give the First Years their rank. It took a while because the SPL/ASPL did not know their names. Some suggestions were: move the COH a week later after Patrol Methods; while at Patrol Methods stress learning the first years' names; bring up the first years by Patrol and have the Troop Guide give them their award and their nights of camping neckerchief. Moving the COH a week later would probably alleviate having the Flower Orders due at the same time. It also might make it possible to have the COH outside – put the outing in Scouting!
 - Philmont/ Northern Tier Update–
Northern Tier - Nothing new to report at this time.

Philmont – Final payment is going out for the travel accommodations. Ellen Hill, troop mom who is a travel agent, did a GREAT job as always!

- Flower Sale Detail Update–
70 scouts participated in the Flower sale. We had \$18,525 in sales which is an 8.7% increase from 2014. Flower delivery will be Sunday, May 3rd at 1:00 pm. Adults and Scouts will be needed for the delivery sort and the order sort. We plan to have the adults do the order pulling and the Scouts act as runners for the plants. Pick up for all scouts will be announced via Facebook and the Yahoo e-blast. The new online ordering system worked very well for the Petal Pushers. In the past it would take about 3 days of verifying scout orders and compiling the final order for Straders. This year it only took 1 day and there were far less errors. We will be asking for feedback on the ordering system, but have already heard that most seemed to find it easy to use and good for those who were ordering from a distance. We will explore the possibility of using credit cards with the online ordering system.
- Tent Purchases–
The troop has purchased 10 Eureka Timberline 2SZXT two-person tents. These include floor coverings and a rain fly that fits over the vestibule. The new tents should be delivered April 15th. Richard Orris and the quartermasters plan to number the tents to help with tracking inventory. Getting the tents and cook kits returned has become a very big issue with the troop. Drew plans to discuss this with the parents at a future meeting. The other issue that needs addressed is the lack of drivers for campouts.
- Honor Guard –
Richard Orris, Karen Holt, and Gary DeSilva have been assisting with this program. Bill Lansky is also willing to help. Richard reported that there are about 20 boys who are interested in helping with this. 3 or 4 of the boys are already consistently helping. The leaders will work on determining criteria for receiving the Honor Guard patch. The Committee agreed that it is a good addition to the meeting. Suggestions were made that the Troop Salute should be announced as the flags cross the line into the meeting square and the flag should not be posted until after the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Class B Sale –
Troop 200 apparel will be available to order April 14, 21, and 28. Mrs. Cathala and Mr. Heck will be in charge of the sale. Polo shirts, t-shirts, Long Sleeve shirts, and Jackets (both hooded and fleece) will be available with personalization available. The troop does not profit from this sale and the gear is not required. First year scouts will need to give the coordinators their shirt size for their Class B T-shirt which was included in the amount for their dues.

4. New Business

- Patrol Methods Campout – April 19 – 20
Skip Hollowell is the campout leader for this event which will be held at Otter Run near Marysville. Drop-off (Saturday at 8:30 am) and Pick-up (Sunday at 10:30 am) will be at the Krogers at 161 and Frantz Road. The menu is planned – Lunch is BYO, Dinner-Jambalaya, Biscuits, Fresh Fruit and Veggies; Cracker Barrel-Mary Lynn Pitzer will be making dump cakes; Breakfast will be juice and breakfast bars. Patrols will be formed with Troop Guides and 1 Adult Leader (“Uncle Buck”) to be determined. Then the flag ceremony will be conducted. The First Years will then rotate through 4 stations – Tent Set-up, First Aid, Cooking, and Camp Preparation.
- Westpoint Campout – April 30– May 3
Ron Gilliland will be meeting with attendees at the April 21st meeting. He will be ordering MRE’s. Drew will contact Ron about the confirmed list of participants and the money that is owed.
- Advancement Campout Planning, Friedlander – May 15 – 17
The campsite is reserved – at no charge. We will be in KPMG and Chippewa for this weekend campout. (Clandhia and Greiser are the sites we stay in for Summer Camp.) We will be getting a truck to haul the gear and using troop tents. The cost will be \$15 to cover the truck rental, gas, and food for the weekend. The PLC will give a camp tour and – possibly as the 5 mile hike. Registration is already open for Scouts.
- Scout Skills/Sports Camp Leadership/Planning, Otter Run -- June 25-28
A leader for this campout is needed. We will be checking with Kim Oblinger.
- Summer Camp, Friedlander – July 12 – 18

Bob Moffit reported that 117 scouts have signed up. Merit Badge sign-ups are complete with about 90% getting their requests. The second payment for summer camp is due April 21st. Swim tests are underway. We will be checking on the attendees to be sure they know about the swim test.

- Spring Clean-up Day at NWUMC – May 2
The church has set a clean-up day for Saturday, May 2 and has asked for the scouts to help with the work. Bob Moffit will lead the scouts who are volunteering on this day. There will be a sign-up sheet at the next meeting. Kate Leaver usually leads this event, but is busy on this date with a district training activity. Mrs. Major has expressed interest in getting more involved. We will contact her for help on this date.
- “Thank you” from NWUMC –
Denise Gordon, NWUMC Director of Outreach, would like to thank the troop by providing ice cream sundaes at a troop meeting. John Pirt will coordinate with other Troop leadership and Denise to set a date for this activity -- possibly, May 5th.

5. Other items

- Committee Role Job Descriptions –
Kim Oblinger is our new Outdoor Activity Coordinator. John Pirt and Drew McCartt sat down with Kim to develop a Job Description for her position. Drew would like to have each of the Committee Members create a one-page Job Description that lists duties in priority order. This will serve as a way of documenting and transitioning roles on the Committee. This may also lead to reorganizing positions for the Committee. There is a brief description currently available on the Troop website. Please have these Job Descriptions ready by the June Committee Meeting.
- Items Ordered for the Troop –
For summer camp: 300 hand sanitizers with the Troop logo have been ordered - at a cost of \$0.94 each. For the Knot Tradition program: 300 carabiner clips have been ordered – at a cost of \$0.67 each. These will be used for the new program that Luke Atkins and Bennett Obenour will be leading. The scout will get a length of cord and the carabiner and can challenge others to tie knots and lashings. There will be a second cord for lashings, too. Details will be announced at a later meeting.
- Items For Consideration to Purchase for The Troop –
Troop 200 Knife: This option is being researched for the Troop. Most first years get their Toten Chip at Summer Camp and go to the Trading Post to buy a knife. The knives sold there are very cheaply made and break very easily. We are looking at getting a good quality knife that would be available from our Troop for our Scouts at summer camp and possibly during gear sales. The Committee decided to table ordering the knives until more information has been gathered regarding whether the knife is actually safer or just better quality and what our troop liability would be if we sold the knives.
AED unit: Mary Lynn Pitzer suggested that we purchase an AED unit for the Troop to have at all activities. The cost is \$1200, but there is the possibility that we could qualify for a Grant to help with the cost. Mary Lynn will take the lead on investigating the details on this purchase including how it responds to environmental conditions, battery life, and warranty on these units.
- Adult Leader Training –
Green Bar training is coming up in August and September. Wood Badge training will also be offered to those who have done the first round of training. We should start encouraging parents now.
Also, we may need to have an assistant to the Training coordinator for our troop since Kate is now very busy with the District Chair position.
- Change In Campout Date –
Antietam Campout has been moved from the weekend of August 21 – 23 to the weekend of **August 15 – 17** to accommodate the leaders’ schedules.

Future Committee Meeting dates – please mark your calendars:

Monday, May 11, 2015

Monday, June 8, 2015

Monday, July 6, 2015

Monday, August 10, 2015