

Troop 209

Committee Meeting Minutes

Aug 15, 2011

Committee started 7:00 PM

-A request was made by the SPL, Adam Contrades to create a new Troop award for service hours worked. Awards for 50, 75, 100, 125, and 150 hrs worked were requested. The Troop Committee approved this award and an action was given to the SPL to determine what the award would be.

-A review was given on where the troop stands relative to the Journey to Excellence Requirements. To qualify for the Journey to Excellence Bronze award the Troop must be able to score in 11 of the 13 categories plus score 700 points. 1000 is required for silver and 1600 for gold. To areas of concern where the troop might not score include having all registered adults complete three online training classes and the percentage of youths who advanced one rank. The troop also needs to hold Troop Leadership training to meet an additional requirement. As it stands right now, the troop should be able to reach the bronze level with a good chance of reaching silver. To ensure our Troop reaches the silver level we need to focus on completing the Youth Troop Leadership training, hold an additional Service project in addition to the Aug 20 SEAS work day, make sure our Patrol Leaders council has met 6 to 10 times, and youth retention.

-The number of adults who have completed the mandatory training has reached a plateau. There are 10 adults out of 47 who have not completed all three of the training classes. The three classes include Youth Protection training, Boy Scout Fast Start, This is Scouting. To meet the minimum Journey to Excellence Adult Training Requirements all registered adults must complete all three training classes by the end of the year. In addition, any of you who have taken Youth Protection Training prior to 2010 will be required to retake the class this year before you can reregister. All this training should be completed before rechartering in Oct.

-A presentation was made by Dorothy Pederson our Troop's 2011 Pop Corn Chair. She comes with a lot of experience in selling Girl Scout Cookies. Attached is a copy of this year's Pop Corn Order form. Dorothy will be setting up numerous Show and sells for the troop. We need both youth and adults to man these booths. Pop Corn Sales are our biggest money maker and we have set a goal for ourselves to sell \$10,000 of

product. If anyone has any ideas on where to have the Show and Sells or who wants to help her out please call me.

-Three people have agreed to be our Webelos transition team this year. The chair is Doug Rivard. His committee includes Sam Cox and John Christensen. We also talked about having some of our youth help them with the Webelos transition.

-This Sat Aug 20 will be a SEAS Work day from 7:30 to 12. Please bring gloves, water, yard tools, extension cords, and blowers. Meet on the North side of the school in front of the dumpster by the playground

This counts towards service hours for rank advancement and for those who went to Cavalcade and need an additional 7 hours of service projects.

-Next Mon Aug 22 is the next Court of Honor. The Court of Honor will start at 6:30. Will need to have youth at the church no later than 6 to help setup. Desert will be served after the COH. It is being requested that all families bring a dessert for the COH. Kim Ogden will supply paper goods, plates and utensils. Dave Tast and Dave Tetrault will supply Gatorade and Lemonade. The troop committee approved the purchase of one cake for the COH. Jim Tarleton agreed to bring cleaning supplies for the COH.

-The committee approved the purchase of 3 – 5 gallon water containers to be purchased in time for the Aug 22 COH. Steven Bersack agreed to pick these up.

-A discussion was held on ways to improve the Troops performance. There were a lot of good ideas being discussed and I apologize if I did not get all of them written down. If I missed any please let me know and I will update the minutes. Some of the items discussed are as follows:

- To get more experience and leadership assign a youth to various adults such as advancement and outdoor activities. This is similar to how the O of A organizes
- Need to train youth with Youth Leadership Training and give the adult volunteers that same training
- Instead of having 4 meetings per month, have 3 regular meetings. The fourth meeting of the month could then be used for PLC and for rank advancement for the younger scouts
- We need to do a better job of getting the youth more opportunities at leadership positions
- Need to work with the younger scouts on advancement
- Need to work with the older scouts on being more proactive with working with the younger scouts
- Reorganizing the patrols so that there is even distribution of experience

-Harry Contrades and Jim Tarleton with talk with the Scout Masters on these recommendations.

Next committee meeting Sept 19, 2011

Meeting adjourned 8:15