



Troop Committee Meeting January 27, 2016

7pm Business Items

- Update from the Scoutmaster
- Successful Eagle Court!
- Upcoming Service Projects:
 - Scouting for Food
 - Drive-Thru Café 3/20 4pm
- Summer Camp
 - Schedule info meeting date
- Treasurer's Reports
- Wreaths 2015 final profit
 - Pizza Party Tuesday 2/9
6:30pm Village Green

Discussion

- New BSA requirements
- Troop Management of Advancement Expectations

Registration now open for University of Scouting!
Saturday, March 12 at Xavier High School, Middletown

Just a few course suggestions from Gil...

BS30 - 2016 Boy Scout Requirement Changes

A complete discussion of the 2016 Boy Scout requirement changes from Scout rank to Eagle will include a discussion of the changes, recommendations for implementation and the timing of the phase-in.

BS28 - New Things Your Webelos Will Know - The New Cub Program

The 2015 Cub Scout program changes significantly increase the experiences of your Webelos at the Cub level. Learn what has changed so that you can 'Be Prepared' at the Troop level.

GS52 - ScoutBook - The New BSA Mobile App

Learn about this amazing new BSA online/mobile app that tracks advancements, service hours, and Journey to Excellence, and has unit email and calendar functions all in one - hear how one unit switched from TroopMaster to ScoutBook and what factors to consider when preparing to implement it in your unit. Relevant for Troops and Packs.

Adjournment

➡ Next Committee Meetings: Wednesdays 3/30, 5/25

Thank you for your time and service to Troop 39!

Troop 39 Rank Advancement Expectations (recap of meeting discussion 1-19-16)

The vision of the Boy Scouts of America is: The Boy Scouts of America will prepare every eligible youth in America to become a responsible, participating citizen and leader who is guided by the Scout Oath and Law.

I view the Boy Scouts of America as an opportunity to have fun learning life lessons, developing and using leadership, and to help young men develop into extraordinary citizens. The Ranks show progress along this trail. Whether or not you achieve a certain rank does not mean that you are not getting everything out of the program, it could be that you are not focused on this one aspect of scouting. Please notice that the vision does not mention anything about obtaining or moving up to a certain rank.

If every scout that comes through our troop leaves us with a good grasp of these items, then we will have done our jobs. How many Eagle Scouts we have does not define our success, or the success of the scouts going through the program. If I have an 18 year old First Class scout that moves on to be an upstanding citizen, by living by the Scout Oath and Promise, then I feel we have succeeded in our quest.

To reiterate, for those that were at the meeting, and to put in writing for those that were not at the meeting, I would like to review the conversation we had in regards to the troop expectations.

For ranks of First Class and under this applies:

The troop expects that each year we would cover the requirements for up to the First Class rank. Most of the requirements are the basics of scout skills. When these requirements are gone over in the meeting, it is the scouts responsibility to review and then meet with an Assistant Scoutmaster, Scoutmaster, or a scout that has a rank that is Life or above to get it signed off. Just because something is covered in the meeting does not mean that you are ready to have it signed off.

Scouts are welcome to ask for a meeting to have items signed off. This should be scheduled prior to or after a regular meeting and almost always you will find an Assistant or the Scoutmaster to meet with you.

You are welcome to talk with your Patrol Leader about doing a requirement on a weekend or another night of the week. Your Patrol Leader should then talk with the Senior Patrol Leader who will then make an attempt to schedule the event to allow for the signoff. If you feel you are not being heard, then you should talk with a Scoutmaster about what steps you took to make it happen and then the Scoutmaster will intervene if necessary.

And as ALWAYS, campouts are a perfect time to get these items signed off.

The Scoutmasters, or older scouts may ask to see your book in an attempt to help you get things signed off, but do not count on this to happen... MAKE IT HAPPEN FOR YOURSELF.

For ranks above First Class:

Each scout should, at this point have their own email address. It is your responsibility to communicate with adults or the SPL using this email account, a phone, or a text message. It is **not** ok for a leader or the SPL to get an email from a parent's account that is signed by the scout. We will assume that the parent is pushing the scout and that the request is not coming from the scout. **THIS IS ALL ON THE SCOUT.**

These upper ranks basically are to show leadership, perseverance, Scout Spirit, and the desire to complete your requirements. An Assistant/ Scoutmaster, or a member of the committee may ask how it is going, but we will not go out of our way to make sure you are progressing.... this is up to the scout.

If we see too much parent activity for these upper ranks, we will correct the parent in an effort to stop them from "doing it for the scout".

If the scout makes it to a point that they are working on their Eagle Rank it is our goal that they are proficient, and have the confidence in communicating with others by either phone, e-mail, in person, or by text.

Please feel free to contact the Scoutmaster, any assistant Scoutmaster, or any Committee member to discuss the items included in this write-up if there are questions or concerns.

1/27-16 Meeting Attendance: Mike Steinbrecher, Ellen Drexler, Maggie Hannon, Deb Rand, John Tomanelli, Jan Bertelsen, Tom Bertlesen, Danielle Neary

Scoutmaster update:

- Things continue to go well
- Returning to Sunday SPL/ASPL meetings to help encourage leadership and growth with relatively young leaders
- Focus on advancement
- Continuing to support Boy-Led troop
- Changes in meeting Opening to encourage something new
- Will hold Leaders Meeting at February ski trip

Discussed February 23 kickoff for Scouting for Food service project. Effort will be led by the four scouts who just started Citizenship in the Community merit badge. Scouts will also organize the troop for the Drive-Thru Café commit ment for Sunday March 20

Summer Camp info meeting will be held Tuesday, March 22. Poll of who plans to attend will be used for troop to reserve named spots by the 3/1 deadline to secure early bird rates. Reminder to include offer of supporting funds now that pre-registered camp cost is up to \$405.

Treasurer's Reports for December and January submitted. Wreath gross over \$20k. More than \$4k sitting in ISA accounts currently. Troop profit \$6k.

Wreath Pizza Party scheduled for Tuesday, February 9, 6:30pm at Village Green. 50+ patrol outing still to be planned.

Discussion on not holding large balances, per 501©3 and National BSA policies. Maggie will explore option of troop purchasing a trailer with the Church Board of Trustees. Some new tents also need to be purchased.

Registration is open for University of Scouting, being held 3/12 at Xavier High School in Middletown. Gil Thompson is Provost this year. He sent along several suggested course descriptions. All with troop encouraged to attend; registration fee will be reimbursed.

Review of new BSA requirements presented. Discussion of Troop Expectations (attached) which had been shared verbally and in writing with all troop members and families.