

December 17, 2023 Minutes

Topics discussed:

1. Recharter

- a. Fees went up to \$80/scout and \$65/registered adult
- b. Tina & Brent will take care of paperwork in February 2024
- c. Committee filled out the Journey for Excellence paperwork at the meeting
 - i. Committee approved for Troop to pay for Journey to Excellence Patches for 10 scouts who were involved in the 2023 scout year.

2. Attendance Notebook

- a. **Beginning January 2024:** Each scout must attend at least 50% of all meetings AND activities/fundraisers to be considered an active member of the troop.
- b. All scouts are responsible to sign in at every meeting and activity they attend so that the committee can keep track of how involved each scout is in our troop.
- c. If a scout does not meet the requirements in the 2024 scouting year, then at the time of recharter in February 2025, that scout family will be responsible for paying the full recharter fee, if that scout would like to continue in our troop. (As of 2024, that amount is \$80)

3. January Vincennes Merit Badge University (MBU) - Jan 20, 2024

- a. Nic, Jon, Tina and Brent will be the adults from our troop driving AND staying at the MBU to assist the scouts who will be attending.
- b. Please contact one of these families if your scout needs a ride to the event.

4. NEW PARENTS - Youth Protection Training

- a. Tricia/spouse, Tiffany/spouse, Kristina/spouse - any adult who plans to attend and spend the night at any troop events/activities will need to complete youth protection training
- b. Come to a meeting, and the committee can give you all the information you'll need to get this completed in the next month.

5. NEW PARENTS - Troop Website is up and running - bsa246.com

- a. Check it out. Start using it. Lots of useful information!

6. Treasurer Report

- a. Roughly \$5300 in our account
- b. Discussed individual accounts for each scout
 - i. Either parents add money to their account so the quartermaster can purchase food and supplies for the next event
 - ii. -OR- Scouts who helped at fundraisers would get a small amount of the troop profit added to their account to be used to pay for events

7. Fundraisers consist of:

- a. Town wide Yard Sale - we sell breakfast and lunch items
- b. Sommerfest Stand and Clean up - usually dip n dots sold at the stand and the Chamber pays us to clean up the bierstube area after each evening
- c. Sweet Rolls - sell after Sts. Peter & Paul Masses one weekend a year
- d. We're always open to new ideas!

8. Credit Card Reader

- a. Committee decided to do research to see if it's worth purchasing one
- b. Would be a 2.6% charge per transaction plus 10 cents, so we would need to build that into the selling price for any items being sold, if we wanted to go this route.
- c. \$296 one time purchase to obtain the terminal needed to run credit card transactions at fundraising events. Can work offline, and print receipts at the event.

9. Debit Card

- a. Committee approved to get a debit card associated with our troop bank account

10. Flag Retiring with the VFW

- a. The VFW has donated money to our troop when we have helped retire flags.
- b. They have 2000 flags to retire
- c. We can burn roughly 200 in an hour, so we may need to ask another troop to help us in assisting the VFW in this project.

11. Paying Nic and anyone who can pull the scout trailer

- a. Committee approved to reimburse fuel for anyone who is pulling the trailer to and from any scouting events.

12. Summer Camp - Crooked Creek

- a. Sign ups for summer camp classes should be out soon.

13. Donation to Sts. Peter & Paul Auction happening Apr 14, 2024

- a. Committee approved to donate a project that the boys work on to the auction since Sts. P&P is our charter.
- b. This is a good way to give back to them for all they have done for our troop over the years.
- c. More details will be given out as soon as we know what the project will be.
- d. The boys will do the majority of the work.

14. 5 new Boy Scouts have joined our Troop

- a. Committee has approved to pay for the Handbooks, Handkerchiefs and slides for our newest members (Webelos II den joined in December 2023)
- b. A proper Crossover program will be hosted in the near future. Details will be given soon!