

## Notes for Parent Committee Meeting

**Troop 393- Committee meeting 23Feb2021 7:00pm**  
**Troop web site: troop393pa.com**

**Next meeting date: 30Mar2021**

### **Attendance**

Amanda Kneisley, Tina Keeler (notes), Rebecca Anderson, Ken Neumann, Tracy Topper, Lee Landis, John Wiley, Cindy Trussell, Tina Daley, Travis Mitchell, Eli Zweizig

### **I.Treasury Report**

- Budget update

Checkbook balance	\$10,411.94
Scout accounts	1,154.95
Campership fund	1,066.15
Veteran's memorial fund	301.68
 Total Troop Fund	 \$7,889.16

- There are a few negative balances for scouts that have not rechartered that Tracy is trying to get resolved. Tracy sent emails, but now will print out the email and their scout account spreadsheet and mail it to them to request that they settle their accounts.
- Committee suggested possibility for future that scouts cannot receive Eagle until balance is resolved.
- Tracy sent out the link to all parents for the individual scout accounts. If the account is negative, please give Tracy a check made out to Troop 393.

### **II.Old Business**

- Rebecca Anderson reported that scouts finished the Personal Management merit badge. Check to make sure that they have credit in scout book if they turned in their packets. Older scouts are working with Rebecca on the Cooking merit badge next, which is a requirement for Eagle. Scouts should be working on pages 10-18 in their packet for home cooking (they need to plan 10 meals, but only 1 breakfast, 1 lunch, 1 dinner and 1 snack/dessert need to be cooked). There are additional requirements: another meal must be cooked during camping and one must be cooked on a hike. Rebecca will be checking the scout's progress in their packets next Tuesday.
- Younger scouts have been working on the Pet Merit Badge with Ken. Scouts are turning in their packets for credit. Ken is getting certified to sign off as the counselor for this merit badge.
- Tracy is distributing the Class B orders for apparel/hats. There are a couple of extra shirts and hats if anyone needs one.

### III. New Business

- Looking for ideas for merit badges that could be worked on in patrols. Will ask scouts at next meeting if they have any ideas – what do they need for Eagle or what are they interested in? Will have a better idea at the next parent meeting for discussion. Rebecca is willing to do a ‘workshop’ to show other parents the process to become a merit badge counselor – the process is not that difficult and anyone can do it. Rebecca will set up something after she finishes working on the Cooking merit badge.
- Fundraiser Ideas:
  - Council is selling first aid kits (replacing camp cards). Price range is \$15-\$120 and scout/troop gets 30% commission. Need to sign up by March 5<sup>th</sup> if interested as a Troop. Sell March 15<sup>th</sup> - April 16<sup>th</sup> with delivery May 10<sup>th</sup>. Committee discussed and decided not to do this fundraiser as the cost of the kits seemed high and not sure how successful sales would be.
  - Evans candy fundraiser for Easter. Could distribute order forms at the scout meeting next Tuesday March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Orders would be due by March 16<sup>th</sup> and candy would be distributed at meeting on March 30<sup>th</sup> in order to deliver candy in time for Easter (April 4<sup>th</sup>). All items sell for \$7 and the scouts would make \$2-3 per item. Parents thought this would be an easier sale and agreed to doing this fundraiser. Committee agreed all profits would go to individual scout accounts for this fundraiser. Amanda will organize to have this ready for next week.
  - Chicken BBQ update: if interested Ken can see what dates are available and check with GR Mitchell. 4 Seasons splits cost of potatoes with the troop. May check into Hometown Produce as another option. In the past scouts made about \$3 per meal. Some scouts sold enough tickets to pay for summer camp. Ken will need some help to organize it and would like to train someone to share the responsibility. If you are interested, please let Ken know.
- Travis Mitchell volunteered to investigate the cost of purchasing a new trailer or possibility of rehab for the existing trailer. Committee agreed size could be similar to current trailer. Once we know costs, we can determine what money the troop needs for the trailer and new tents to determine future fundraising splits between troop/scouts, or buyouts for fundraisers.
- Tracy is researching summer camps. All are around \$400 and most early bird discounts end in March. Resica Falls is already full this year. Some other ideas: Broad Creek in Baltimore area, Laurel Highlands near Pittsburgh, Rodney, Bashore, Hawk Mountain. Need at least 2 adults to attend. If it is more local, could rotate parents. Tracy will research what dates are available and what the safety precautions are. Tracy will also ensure they have merit badges that the boys need. For most camps, weeks are from June 20<sup>th</sup> – Aug 7<sup>th</sup>. Parents asked to avoid July 4<sup>th</sup>. Other weeks that might not work for some families are June 20<sup>th</sup> / Aug. Certain number of adults are free – possibility of splitting costs if additional adults are attending. Adults will need clearances.
- Ken needs copies of new medical forms for all scouts (not the one that requires a physical, however that is required for summer camp). Please return ASAP. There is a separate form for epi pens that needs to be filled out. Troop will keep the box of forms in the cabinet in the church in case the information is needed during a meeting. John Wiley volunteered to take responsibility for ensuring all forms are up to date for each scout (and any parents that camp).

- The troop is looking for options for camping. Climbers Run was a go to camping option, but currently has no bridge – only way to get to campsite. No way to bring heavy equipment to fix the bridge. Camping was free and scouts would do a service project. Susquehannock, Muddy Run are other options. Eli volunteered to follow up on camping options.
- Road cleanup for Adopt a Highway is May 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am – meet at the church and scouts pick up trash along Penn Grant Road. It takes less than an hour. Suggestion to camp at the Anderson's farm afterwards (5 minutes away from church). Bonfire, and prepare meal for Cooking merit badge.
- Pack crossover – Pack 105 is this Saturday Feb 27<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm at Silver Mine Park. Could use 3-4 scouts to attend to represent Troop 393. Lee is the contact and can attend if needed. Volunteers to attend: Ken, Michael and Matthew Neumann, and Tim and Thomas Trussell.
- Pinewood Derby – Eli suggested a workshop on making pinewood derby cars with the packs to build relationships. It is probably too late for this year but would be a good idea for future. Would need a place with tools and equipment and have people with know-how. Rebecca has the space and the tools if others are willing to lead the workshop.
- Swim Test – Requirement for 2<sup>nd</sup> Class advancement and needed for scouts to attend summer camp. Cindy Trussell will contact the LS-YMCA to see if scouts can do it during a Tuesday night meeting time.
- Lee has a friend in Strasburg who is working with the conservancy to plant 1400 trees for stream restoration. This could be done as a troop project for service hours if no one wants to do it as an Eagle project. Date TBD.
- Scouts should take the initiative to contact a leader if they need a Scoutmaster conference for advancement.
- Will need a few parents at 8:00pm next Tuesday for Board of Reviews.

#### **IV.Upcoming Events**

- Mar 2, 2021 - Candy sale order forms will be distributed; please turn in Medical forms
- Mar 16, 2021 – Candy sale order forms/money will be collected
- Mar 30, 2021 – Parent Committee Meeting and Candy distribution
- May 15, 2021 –Road Clean up at 10:00am (Rebecca leading), camp at Anderson farm

#### **V.Scoutmaster's Report (Ken Neumann)**

- Klondike went well – 7 scouts and 4 adults attended. The theme was Pandemic Preparedness. Troop 393 placed 7<sup>th</sup> out of 22, with less than 10 points separating 7<sup>th</sup> place from 1<sup>st</sup> place. It was a great event for the scouts – they had to push the sled in 12 inches of snow and there was no complaining. This was the first time at Klondike for several scouts. Scouts working on the Cooking merit badge prepared the meals. Scouts thought they possibly lost points on the fire building skill.