**Pack 133 Committee Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, February 15, 2016 at 7:30pm – 2nd floor conference room at Hilltop House

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| ***ATTENDEES***  Voting Members   * Total of 10 (plus committee chair – tie breaker) * 6 for majority |
| |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | ✓ Committee Chair – Jason Nolan | ❒ Cubmaster – Jack Kiefer | ✓ Charter Rep – Chris Smith | | ✓ Secretary – Gina Flores | ✓Treasurer – Lauri Stroup | ✓Publicity Chair – Tom Shaw | | | ❒ Advanc. Chair – Tim McChesney  ❒ Outdoor Act. Chair - Open   * Additional Committee Members   ❒ Den 1 – Chris Smith  ✓Den 4 – Eric Arena  ❒ Webmaster – Open | ✓Training Chair – Adam Maurer  ✓FOS Chair – L. Morris (Dupl)  ✓Den 2 – Laurel Reilly  ❒ Den 5 – Karen Kiefer  ❒ Tr 1 – Jeff Jamer | ❒ Membership Chair – L. Morris  ✓Den 3 – C Harner/A Dickens  ❒ Den 6 – David Riley  ❒ Tr 150 – Laura Gill | | |  |  |  | | |  |  |  | | |  |  |  | | |
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***BUDGET / TREASURER UPDATE***

Treasurer - Lauri Stroup

* Lauri reported: $11,576.84 in checking; $5,587.99 in savings; $724.50 in Scout shop
* Leaders to contact Lauri for den reimbursement ($30 per scout)

***CHAIR REPORTS***

Advancement – Tim McChesney

* Jason reported that service stars will be handed out at next Pack meeting
* Tom shared that he has two scouts that have completed the Duty to God program and will receive the Parvuli Dei medal

Outdoor Activity – Need a Chair Position

* Update
* Upcoming Events:
  + Winter Hike: Lawrence volunteered to coordinate hike – thank you Lawrence!
    - Lawrence to select a date and send email
  + Spring Cub Camporee
    - Fun filled family weekend with archery, BB Range, Nature/Outdoor games, Fishing and more
    - Committee discussed doing Camporee in lieu of spring campout. For this year, the Camporee will be the spring campout for the Pack
    - Committee discussed that the Camporee is two night and some families will only be able to stay one night
      * Friday May 19 – Sunday May 21
      * Mt. Allamuchy Scout Reservation
      * Some meals available for fee
      * Registration open late February
      * Jason to investigate if families can go up early and/or leave late
      * RSVP will be through Scoutbook
  + Cub Scout Elective Extravaganza
    - One day outdoor event with activities that will allow Scouts to complete some or all of the requirements for several elective belt loops
      * Saturday April 8, 9am – 4pm
      * Winnebago Scout Reservation
      * Scout can earn up to 4
      * $10 fee per Scout
      * Lunch served for $4
      * Registration opens March 30th with max 350 participants
  + Black River District Webelos Woods
    - All incoming Webelos for the 2017 – 2018 Scout year
      * Friday September 15 – Sunday September 17
      * Camp Wheeler, Mt. Allamuchy Scout Reservation
      * $30 per person – parent/scout participation
      * Registration will open in March with a limited availability. This event sold out last year

Public Relations – Tom Shaw

* Tom provided an update
* Status of 2016 Unit Publicity Award ribbon: has not been awarded as the award committee is backlogged
* Tom shared the front page of Tribune newspaper from the pinewood derby event

Membership / Recruiting – Lawrence Morris

* Lawrence provided an update
* Committee discussed the idea of a recruiting event at the Boro Fishing Derby event. Jason reported that there is an angler that they could possibly secure for the event. Lauri recommended doing the event after the Boro event to avoid the crowds.
* It was suggested that we move the rocket launch recruiting event to spring as July was too hot last year. Tom suggested June.
* Recruiting incentive program
  + Could earn $50 scout shop credit
* Build and Adventure - Hooked on Scouting Program
  + Recruiting events between March 27 – June 2
  + Rent a Hooked on Scouting Kit
  + Receive brochures and flyers from council as needed

Friends of Scouting – Lawrence Morris

* Lawrence provided an update
* Laurence asked for full committee participate in the fund drive and all committee members committed to donating. Lawrence will draft and email to all families.
* Our Pack target is Gold level. Last year we achieved Gold level.
* As of 2/1/17, total raised $1,333 of our goal: $2,800 (48% goal achieved)
  + Goal Recognition Program:
    - Bronze - 90% of Goal – earn $50 credit at scout shop
    - Silver – 100% of Goal – earn $75 credit at scout shop
    - Gold – exceed goal by 10% - 50% off all rank advancement patches and $100 credit at scout shop

Training – Adam Maurer

* Adam provided an update
* Adam has the chartering packet and will bring to the next meeting.
* Cub Scout Leader Position Specific Training – Council offered
  + March 2, Thursday @ 7pm – 10om at Wallkill Valley High School
  + April 13, Thursday @ 630pm – 930pm at Vermeule Community Center, North Plainfield
  + April 29, Saturday @ 9am – noon at Cedar Knolls Service Center (Council Office)
  + June 3, Saturday @ 9am – noon at Cranford United Methodist Church
* BALOO – Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation
  + March 25, Saturday @ 9am – 430pm at Camp Wheeler at Mt. Allamuchy Scout Reservation
  + April 22, Saturday @ 9am – 430pm at Watchung Reservation Scout Area
    - Cost: $12, reimbursable through Pack 133 Treasurer

***OLD BUSINESS***

* Website update
  + Pack is proceeding with using Scoutbook and Facebook for communication, administrative and recruitment purposes. All email and RSVPs are to be done through Scoutbook.
  + Tom is assisting families with navigating Scoutbook and more families are accessing Scoutbook
* Social media update
  + Lawrence reported that families are “liking” the Facebook Pack page and we have 21 members thus far
  + Committee discussed possibility of password protecting our Pack page as we add more pictures and content
* Spring Trip update
  + Committee discussed dates for spring trip to Project Oceanology in Connecticut. Dates for spring trip will be April 22-23.
  + Participants must bring their own sleeping bag, pillow and towel
  + Fee includes dinner on April 22nd, breakfast on April 23rd, overnight accommodations in bunkrooms and shower facilities
  + Children under age 6 are not permitted aboard the boat for their own safety
  + A Project Oceanology patch to take home for each scout is provided
  + Minimum number of participants: 25; Maximum: 56 including parents/guardians
  + Cost: $125 per person
  + Gina to email parents through Scoutbook and manage RSVPs

Service Project

* No update

***NEW BUSINESS***

* Program ideas for March, April and May pack meetings
  + For March it was suggested that a Vet present in honor of National Treasures month
* Andi shared that she will be the liaison between Troop 1 and Pack 133 – thank you Andi!
* Chartered Organization Representative
  + Chris took COR specific training and would like to discuss:
    - Get a copy of the official Charter certificate to Hilltop Church
    - Lions program
    - Sharing annual budget and recap with Hilltop Church
    - Brookside Fire Department
* Lawrence will be developing a proposal to add a Lion den (kindergarten age) to our Pack
* Black River’s Best Nominations must be in by March 1st
  + Jason was nominated as our Pack nominee – Congratulations Jason!
  + The committee unanimously voted to fund Jason’s dinner for the event
  + The committee unanimously voted to also fund last year’s recipient, Bill Gannon’s dinner. Lauri to send Bill an email reminding him to submit his request.
* Tim McChesney will be stepping down as the Pack Advancement Chair
  + Thank you Tim for your dedication and time to our Pack. You are appreciated!

***UPCOMING PACK SPONSORED EVENTS***

* Blue and gold
  + Update from Andi and Lou (Blue and Gold Committee)
  + Need projector set up
  + Jason to prepare comments for honorees
  + Still in need of pictures
  + Confirmation regarding setting precedence of Bear parents creating the committee – Bear parents to chair committee in the future
* AOL Crossover
  + Ceremony to be held at Schiff Nature Center
  + Webelos I parents coordinating the after party for the AOL’s
    - To be held at Pasttime Club Bowling lanes
    - We are in need or parent volunteers for the cleanup. Other volunteer spots have been taken.

***UPCOMING COUNCIL OR OTHER EVENTS***

* Mt. Allamuchy Camp Programs
  + See brochure for available dates and activities for den and/or pack activities at Mt. Allamuchy

***2016 – 2017 Calendar***

***PROGRAM CALENDAR***

February

* Blue and Gold: February 25
* Winter Hike

March

* AOL Crossover
* St Patrick’s Day Parade: March 11

April

* Spring Hike
* Cub Scout Electives Extravaganza: April 8
* Spring trip: April 22-23

May

* Boro fishing derby: May 6
* Spring Camporee: May 19-21

June

* Rank Advancement

January Pack Meeting:

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| Date: Saturday February 25 | Setup: |
| Location: Willow School Chester | Gathering: |
| Time: | Flags: |
| Scout Law: | Skit / Song / Cheer: |
| Adventure: | Program: Blue and Gold |
|  | Clean-up: |
| Guest: |  |

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| **Month** | **Committee Meeting** | **Pack Meeting** | **Scout Law** | **Adventure** |
| September | 9/14 | 9/23 | Helpful | To the Rescue |
| October | 10/5 | 10/28 | Kind | Creepy Crawlers |
| November | 11/9 | 11/18\* | Courteous | Cubs in Shining Armor |
| December | 12/7 | 12/9 | Cheerful | Celebrate |
| January | 1/11 | 1/20 | Obedient | Cub Scout City Council |
| February | 2/15 | 2/24\*\* | Reverent | Passport to other Lands |
| March | 3/15 | 3/24 | Loyal | Our National Treasures |
| April | 4/12 | 4/28 | Thrifty | Power UP |
| May | 5/10 | 5/18 | Clean | A Picnic with Pizzazz |
| June | 6/7 | 6/9\*\*\* | Brave | Roaming Reptile Alert |
| July | TBD | N/A | Trustworthy | Let the Games Begin |
| August | TBD | N/A | Friendly | #CUBSCOUTS |

Next committee meeting – Wednesday January 11 at 7:30pm at Hilltop House

Volunteers – there are still a lot of open positions

* The following are a list of volunteer positions that are still open (among others) in order of most urgently needed:
  + Pack meeting program Chair
    - This position will be responsible to write out an agenda for Pack Meetings and coordinate the night’s events and activities. If necessary, suggest to the committee ideas for the “Entertainment” portion of the meeting. Coordinate with the Entertainment in terms of pricing/availability/etc and materials they may need. This position should plan on attending all the pack meetings, so two people could consider sharing this role.
  + Health & Safety Chair
    - Responsible for maintaining all medical records of the pack and making sure all info is current. CONFIDENTIALITY A MUST! Work with the Pack Chair, Leaders, and Training Coordinator to make sure all adults have taken the needed training. Makes sure the Pack has a well-stocked First Aid kit at all Pack Wide Events. (doesn’t need to attend, just make sure the kit is there)
  + Popcorn Kernal and committee
    - Need additional parent volunteers to assist Lynn with distribution once the popcorn arrives
  + Webmaster –
    - Responsible for maintaining Pack 133’s website and keeping it updated with current information
  + Summer Activities Chair
    - This position will lead the coordination of summer activities and recruiting parent volunteers to help coordinate individual events. Summer activities may include but are not limited to July 4th parade, summer baseball game, summer hikes and/or campouts, Labor Day parade, etc. Our goal is for all scouts, dens and the pack to be eligible for the National Summertime Pack Award and individual Scouter Awards
  + Conservation Chair
    - Environmental conservation is a large part of the scouting movement. We like to provide a conservation service project to a civic location located within our town.  Coordinator would provide location options, dates and coordinate the scouts and any tools that may be needed.