Troop 129 Parent Meeting Minutes for Dec. 6, 2021

Attendees: Brad Laundry, Monica Grinnell, Eric Thurley, Doug Miller, Josh Owens, Chris Reynolds, Craig Dennison, Christina Taylor

* Christmas Tree Sales – Eric and Monica
  + The troop has sold 90 trees so far!
  + 60 trees are left to sell
  + Sale of 74 trees was the breakeven point, so we are in the black! Great job everyone!
  + Eric has made flyers to be posted/distributed at the Pittsford Candlelight Night event 12/7/2021.
  + Eric has also made tree vouchers to be sold that same night. Thank you Eric!
  + Two shifts still need to be covered (1 slot each day) for the sales
    - 12/11 from 2:00-4:00
    - 12/18 from 2:00-4:00
* Recharter Status – Monica Grinnell
  + Still ongoing… Trying to get the information uploaded to the servers has been a bottleneck.
  + The fee for each Scout has jumped up to $78 for the year and we’re asking for dues to help offset the cost to the Troop - $50/Scout
* Treasurer/Financial Updates – Monica Grinnell
  + Current Checking Account Balance - $8823
  + Christmas Trees Cost - $4400 (check still needs to clear)
  + Rechartering Fee - $2200 (still needs to clear)
  + Doug Miller has volunteered to take on the Treasurer position for the Troop! Monica to transition responsibilities after the tree sales have ended. Many, many thanks to Doug for taking on this role!!!!
  + A.I. - Doug to investigate the Troop hosting a fundraiser through Chipotle.
  + Discussion on Scout accounts. To be or not to be….
    - A.I. – Discuss how best to handle individual Scout accounts to make the accounting aspect easier and to give credit to the boys that have contributed significantly to their accounts.
    - A.I. - The January PLC/ Parent meeting will host a conversation and vote on whether to keep or dissolve the individual accounts.
* Advancement Coordinator Updates – Craig Dennison
  + Thanks again to Thurley’s for making Eagle Scout plaques
  + May be no need for a winter Court of Honor ceremony – Fall CoH proved to be very successful and plentiful with rank promotions and badges earned!
  + Carter has his Eagle CoH pending – aim is for some time in the Spring
  + Discussion around taking time at weekly meetings to have badges earned working with parents that are certified Merit Badge Counselors. A.I. – Scouts to choose a couple badges:
    - Personal Fitness, Personal Management, Entrepreneurship, First Aide, Photography, Fishing were possible options being discussed
  + Merit Badge University: A.I. - Christina to find out when these are being offered.
* Bowl-A-Roll / publicity to packs / preparation
  + Pack 171 and Pack 2 have been communicated with
  + Check with Jen Rubens if other Pittsford Packs were invited – Chris Reynolds sent a note to Jen to find out.
  + Josh Owens offered to 3-D print neckerchief slides to hand out at the bowling event
  + Scouts….Please talk this event up!
* January campout – Steve Smith coordinating this event
  + 1/7 – 1/9 @ Alleghany State Park – cabin camping
  + Skiing at Holiday Valley
  + 4 cabins have been reserved so far – cabins sleep 4-6
  + Cost still needs to be determined and shared
* February campout in Walworth to be coordinated by Brad Laundry
* Schaffer Family departure - quartermaster, other duties need to be re-assigned?
  + This needs to be re-visited
* Updates from Seneca Waterways District Executive
  + Let Justin know that the Troop is interested in having someone from the ‘Order of the Arrow’ come and speak to the group
  + Journey to Excellence score cards – Monica to provide with recharter packet
* Community Service Opportunities
  + See what Scouts can do to help the church
  + A.I. – Monica to get share contact information of Anne Passmor (sp?) with Christina
* Update from the PLC
  + Two patrols will be designated within the Troop – Henry and Mason have pre-determined the boys within each patrol
  + Discussed working on badges during weekly meetings
* Other items discussed:
  + Recruitment opportunities – Reach out to A.O.L den leaders
  + Troop should have a ‘Contacts’ list generated (to include names of Merit Badge Counselors, adults holding various positions within Troop, etc.)