**Troop 649 Meeting Minutes**

**December 12, 2022**

**Attendees:** Andy, Barb, Noelle, Aimee, Becky, Ganen, Nik, Paul, Tony, Mike, Tina, Hunter

Nik voted to approve the November minutes and Paul seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

**Treasurer – Aimee**

Reconciled bank account and ending balance is $30,635.98. All scout accounts are taken care of except upcoming Big Sky Ski Weekend. Balances for scouts and leaders will be mailed out tonight. West Bridger is reserved and we owe $3,150 for Big Sky Ski Weekend. She is missing 3 receipts to pay Montana Council.

Aimee is switching Money Minder for the new year. She will take the ending balances and use them as their beginning balances for the new year. There are some scouts who have a balance and are no longer with the troop. Paul has reached out to them to spend the money in their scout account on related

Peace Lutheran Church payment has been received for $300. There are sandbags for $1500 and $750 and popcorn miscellaneous to be deposited.

**Secretary – Tina**

No report.

**Senior Patrol Leader – Robert**

We had a planning meeting to plan the next year. We missed the sledding campout due to no scouts and adults interested. The scouts have been working better as a patrol in the past couple of weeks. Paul has added three Patrol Advisors to each patrol.

**Scoutmaster – Paul**

We had an annual planning meeting for 2023 last Sunday. It was short, but a very good start! The next meeting is proposed for January 8th. JP and Paul have been working on the Citizenship in Society Merit Badge with some older scouts. There has been some good discussions and lessons learned for the next group.

There was an Eagle Project for Ayden. The project was not finished and he turns 18 at the end of this month. There were 8 scouts yesterday that helped. We are ready for our Christmas Party next week. There might be a new scout joining us next week.

**Unit Commissioner – Andy**

Andy offered to help out at the annual planning, but they weren’t willing to accept help.

**Cub Scout Coordinator – Noelle**

February 27th will be the 3648 crossover. 649 is receiving 3 boys and 619 is receiving one girl. 3649 has 2-3 scouts crossing over on February 7th.

**Outdoor Activities – Tony**

Silas is getting a garbage can, per Tony. There are a few miscellaneous supplies that they need to purchase.

**Advancements – Alicia**

No report.

**Fundraising – Paul**

Fundraising is going really well. We were able to fill all of the MSU Football obligations. The last few games didn’t sell as much. They asked us to help with basketball games, but we won’t look at that until January. Ron said there is another concert coming this summer in the stadium. The scouts raised $2,500 at T&C on Thanksgiving Eve and we are slated to do this again on Christmas Eve. The Sea Base lottery opens on January 18th. Carl is driving the Sea Base initiative. There should be two more scholarship requests soon. There were two scholarships for World Jamboree that were approved by the Scholarship Committee. The funds have been distributed for these scholarships.

**Training Coordinator – Nik**

No report.

**Popcorn – Becky**

Becky has received the popcorn prizes. The proposed scout allocation of 30% is for online and door-to-door is $5,303. Paul made the motion to put the 30% disbursement to the scout accounts and Nik seconded. The motion passed. There are a few popcorn items left. Becky proposed to bring the popped corn to a Camporee about $160.

**Troop Rules Revision – Tony**

Paul and Tony are working on the scout rules and will have a draft out soon.

**Old Business – Tony**

The West Bridger cabin is booked March 3-5.

**Recharter – Paul**

The roster in the system is almost complete, waiting on a couple of YPT (Webb and Geiger). Paul has been in touch with Renee regarding numbers. Paul has reached out to all of the “maybe” scouts to recharter. We can add some of the older scouts back on if they want to continue. Paul gave them their scout account balances to spend down on scouting-related items. There are some scouts who owe money and aren’t going to continue ($30-$40). Paul suggested the troop absorb that money rather than chasing after it. There is one scout who moved to Florida and we could take the $100 out of his national account.

**Merit Badge Books – Hunter**

Aimee and Hunter worked together to see which Merit Badge books we have. Hunter would like to get more books for the library. Most of them are old and are pretty worn. There are 27 books he would like to purchase for $170. This will get us all of the books that the scouts are interested in. He would like to purchase the books next week. Tony made the motion to approve him purchasing books up to $200. Everyone approved. Hunter will work with the Webmaster to get it updated on the website.

**Winter Camporee – Paul**

Steve sent out an email about a Winter Camporee planning meeting. Paul would like a liaison from the troop to participate on the call.