

Troop 997 Committee/Parent Meeting Agenda  
April 4, 2024

Attendees: Doug Webster, Jeff Veenstra, Jeremy Pionke, Michelle Dunajcik, Janelle Gambino, Jennifer Roth, Kasey King, Cherly McCrary, Brad Dickinson, Todd Anthony

Motion to convene meeting: Doug motioned; Jeff seconded.

Last Meeting Minutes: After adding Cheryl's March Scout Master minutes approved by Jeff and seconded by Michelle.

Old Business: N/A

Scoutmaster Reports:

Cheryl McCrary – New Scout campout was held March 15-17 at Cuivre River State Park. Another unit beat us to our preferred campsite, but we worked through it. New Scouts were able to complete everything on their agenda except fire building. The winds were not in our favor, and we will re-visit this on another campout. One scout left early due to not feeling well. On March 18, the troop met at Weldon Spring Interpretive Center. Ostmann had to reschedule an activity from the previous week (due to a power outage). We conducted PLC with new leadership prior to the meeting. ILST Parts 1 & 2 were held at the YMCA on Thursday, March 21. We will squeeze Part 3 in at the next PLC. The troop did not meet on March 25 in accordance with our program calendar. On April 1, we again met at the Weldon Spring Interpretive Center. Leadership Induction was held at the end of the meeting on April 1<sup>st</sup>. **Signing up for Activities** – it is the responsibility of the youth Scout to properly sign up for an activity and get their parent's consent signature. We travel as a troop. If a Scout or Scouter plans on arriving late, leaving early or altering their schedule from the troop plan, they need to ask permission from the Scoutmaster. After we discuss options AND the Scoutmaster agrees, make sure it is documented on the sign-up form. **Apparel Store** - Apparel was handed out on April 1<sup>st</sup>. **Council offers a wide variety of Additional camp programs** - All Scouts should have a discussion with the Scoutmaster before registering for an additional summer camp. All NYLT potential attendees should have a discussion with the Scoutmaster. Youth staffing opportunities are available for camporee, day camps, overnight camps, weeklong camps. Youth should talk with Scoutmaster when thinking about staffing. Summer Camp 2024 – if a Scout is NOT attending summer camp, they should notify the Scoutmaster in person. Den Chief training is available at Spring Camporee. If you know of a Scout who would make a good Den Chief, encourage them to talk with the Scoutmaster. **Red Card Training** - Red Card Training will be provided by the troop on Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, at the O'Fallon YMCA. This will be our first outdoor meeting. **Northern Tier Swim Test** - Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. **Facility Usage – 2024-2025** Ostmann facility reservations for next year. Monday, June 17, 2024. I will go but will need another adult as well. Mr. King will be in the boundary waters. Mr. King & I will coordinate for next year. **Adult training** – see attached. Do we need to get back to an adult presenting training options at committee meetings and troop meetings?

Life to Eagle - Ron Krull – Zaden Zika continues to work out a few final details with his beneficiary (including getting a signature) and should be ready to meet for a troop proposal review in a few weeks. He is down to 4 months to his birthday. Luke Koenig and I met on March 11th to review his plan. He is incorporating comments. A few of our Life scouts are working on wrapping up merit badges. No visible progress from the rest of our Life scouts.

NYLT - Connie Krull – We did have one scout sign up for NYLT this summer.

New Scouts – Cheryl McCrary – I have appointed an additional Troop Guide. Jack W. will be assisting with the new scouts. First year Scouts had their grub master training on Wednesday, March 13, at the Schnucks at K & N. We ran into Susan Brodack while shopping. The Brodack family was one of the original families that started the troop. For those scouts that have attended all the meetings, campout & completed the Youth Protection activities at home, I will begin conducting Scoutmaster conferences next Monday. Once the

majority have completed the Scout rank, we will have a Scout Induction ceremony for them (shooting or April 15 or 22).

Order of the Arrow – Doug Webster – The Spring Conclave is April 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> and is being held at Beaumont. We have three youth and two adults signed up. We're waiting to hear back from Justin Leahman to see if he will be attending the Conclave. If not, he will need to be re-elected. We have confirmed the youth OA election will be held on the Thursday of summer camp. We will talk about adult eligibility at the next committee meeting. One Day of Service is on May 11<sup>th</sup> and the next Chapter meeting is on May 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 at the Cottleville Knights of Columbus Hall.

Activity Report: Jason Hughes – The New Scout Campout was held in March at Cuivre River. There were several requests made for directions, so QR Codes were created with directions for our more popular camp sites. We are also going to start using a camp out medication form to help keep track of who gets what medicine at what time. Reservations have been reserved at Round Spring for August 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will need to keep an eye out for closures for flooding as this has been a problem there with all of the recent rain. The May and June campouts are TBD. We will work with PLC to see what options they would like to have for those campouts. We also need to see if we have anyone certified for challenge course.

#### April - Canoeing

- Apr 1 7:15 Troop Meeting @ Weldon Spring Interpretive Center, 8:15 Leadership Induction
- Apr 2 7pm BT Roundtable @ Knights of Columbus
- Apr 4 7:15 Troop Committee Meeting @ YMCA Conference room
- Apr 8 7:15 Troop Meeting @ Ostmann, Grub \$ due for Spring Conclave
- LAST NIGHT TO PAY FOR SUMMER CAMP w/EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT**
- Apr 12-14 OA Spring Conclave, 6:00 Meet at Ostmann, 6:30 Depart Ostmann
- Apr 15 7:15 Troop Meeting @ Ostmann, **Last troop meeting to sign up for Spring Camporee**
- NORTHERN TIER MEDICAL FORMS DUE**
- Apr 18 7:15 PLC @ YMCA Conference room
- Apr 21 1:00 Northern Tier Prep Outing
- Apr 22 7:15 Troop Meeting @ Ostmann, Grub \$12 due for Spring Camporee
- Last night to turn in rank advancement for May COH**
- Apr 24 7:15 Northern Tier Swim Test
- Apr 26-28 Spring Camporee Campout @ CWL, 6:00 Meet at Ostmann, 6:30 Depart Ostmann
- Apr 29 7:15 Troop Meeting @ Ostmann
- May 6 7:15 Court of Honor @ Ostmann
- May 13 7:15 Troop meeting @ YMCA (outside at the pavilion)

Advancement: Jeff Veenstra – The next COH is May 6<sup>th</sup>. We will announce next week that the last day for advancement will be April 22<sup>nd</sup>. So far we have 1 rank and 8 merit badges. We do have some scouts that are close to finishing.

Adult Training: Kasey King – There will be opportunities for leader training in pressurized fuel, merit badge counselor, and SM/ASM at the spring camporee. If we have a sufficient number of adults present please take advantage of the training you can use. We can wait to sign-up at the camporee.

Committee Chair: Kasey King – We have 5 more meetings left at Ostmann for this school year, we need early arrival volunteers for April. We have been using the Weldon Springs Interpretive center for an alternate troop meetings location recently. Our summer meeting plans will be at the YMCA pavilion again this year, I have reached out to Cody Rice to secure our usual pavilion. The first meeting at the pavilion is May 13<sup>th</sup>. PLC's will be at the same location beginning in May, or inside if driven in by the weather. Parent Meetings will continue to be inside in the YMCA conference room. Our YMCA service project day will be 8/24 the same weekend as our end of summer Quail Ridge Court of Honor picnic.

Equipment Report: Jeremy Pionke – Since we are growing in size we have had to utilize some of our older equipment. We will go through the equipment on April 15<sup>th</sup> and decide what needs to be tossed. We do need new fly's since we're only down to three. I reached out to Ross to see where we purchased the fly's before since Campmore does not carry them anymore. We do need to purchase more tents. We have used ALPS in the past and they may give us a discount if we pick them up ourselves. We will need to get the pricing difference between aluminum and fiberglass poles and then we can discuss the best option. I will get the propane tanks filled soon.

Membership: Robert Contreras – I am working on one transfer scout that was missing in our recharter.

Medical: Robert Contreras – We have one scout that needs to get their med form to me for the April campout. We do have a few that are needing updated. The med book will come to the Monday Troop meeting for the OA campout.

Service/Good Turn: Friends of Scouting – Website present to track funds towards our goal of \$4150. <https://fundraise.givesmart.com/vf/SCOUTS2024/BTTroop997>. We are at \$6765.35 Total Raised based on 15 donors. We received free rank advancement for the troop through 3/31/2025 by reaching our goal. I have reached out to Retha Taylor to ask about other awards as we exceeded our goal by over \$2600 this year. The annual Memorial Day Jefferson Barracks event is coming up 5/26.

<b>Troop 997 Treasurer Report April 1, 2024</b>	
Beginning Balance:	\$27,754.49
Ending Balance:	\$16,043.28
Account Breakdown:	
Troop 997 General Fund:	\$962.98
Scout's Accounts:	\$3,666.64
Sea Base 2023	(\$0.00)
Northern Tier 2024	\$5,815.04
Philmont 2022	\$0.00
Summit 2025	\$2,100.00
Shiloh 2024	\$248.62
Summer Camp 2024	\$3,250.00
Canoe Float Trip	\$0.00
Total Breakdown	\$16,043.28
Scout Dues in Arrears:	(\$88.50)
Comments	
Will need to pay:	
Scott Madden	
Treasurer of Troop 997	

Treasurer Report: Scott Madden – Few things to note, we did have some bigger expenses (like storage, beads, Camporee) bringing the general fund down this month, plus I think some of the Summer Camp funds, once we get everything paid, will balance it out a bit as well once we buy shirts, etc. Not too many scouts in the red, that that is good. Summer Camp, I'll need to try to understand the full payment and what is left for other Summer Camp cost that will come.

Fundraising: Erin Madden – Camp cards are out and about 130 cards have gone out. The money or remaining cards are due April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Gear swap was pretty successful, but have still maintained to have 3/4 of a tote full of stuff. Currently it is mostly older items that have been looked over for many sessions that we can just donate or discard depending on quality.

Summer-camp 2024: Michelle Dunajcik – There was a summer camp meeting on the GSLAC website. The early bird discount ends April 8<sup>th</sup>. You are able to order SBARF t-shirts early this year through a pre-order which is highly recommended. There will be scout master and assistant scout master training available at summer camp. The ranger program will also be available.

Northern Tier 2024: Scott Madden – Had our meeting in March with all of the information needed. I updated everyone's information in the Northern Tier portal, assuming an email will go to the parent requiring additional emergency contact information, etc. Prep outing set for April 21st at Creve Coeur Lake 1PM (not 100% sure I can attend just yet, but hopefully the Parent Advisors will be able to). Paid final payment to Northern Tier and reserved and paid for 3 rental vans from Minneapolis. Due this month by April 28th- Flight payment and roster to SWA. Need Shirt Design in the next couple of weeks- Only one submitted so far, but did see some good ideas in Class B as well. Class B took about 3 weeks to receive the shirts for SeaBase. Need Med Forms this month- Some have asked for a little later since insurance covers once per year for physical, but early May should be fine. Need copies of all of the Certifications and trainings for adults. Final Payments from Scouts and Adults still coming in, but I will send remaining balances to all that still have some left to pay.

Summit Bechtel 2025: Angela Pionke – We have had one scout back out of Summit, so we do have one opening. The 10% payment is coming due. We will start payment collection in August. We do have a 50% payment due in November. Our departure date will be June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025. We will be able to rent vehicles and make the drive in one day since we will be within BSA transportation rule requirements.

New Business: Review Outdoor Meeting Policy, registration is going up again on May 1<sup>st</sup> to \$85 per scout and \$65 per adult. The 2025 Klondike will be held at Beaumont. We will need someone to help Cheryl on June 17<sup>th</sup> for facility usage reservations at Ostmann. Council would like all troops to conduct a recruiting event so we will need an adult volunteer to run it. This will need to be done by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Thoughts on fall campouts: September – challenge course which would be held the last weekend in September/first weekend in October. We need an Assistant Scout Master to keep track of training. Janel Gambino has volunteered. Adult OA elections in May – Doug Webster should conduct; May campout; June campout; August campout; Fall campout – treehouses? With climbing and repelling

End of Committee Meeting motion: Doug motioned; Jeremy seconded.