

Troop 997 Committee/Parent Meeting Agenda
December 5, 2024

Attendees: Doug Webster, Jeff Veenstra, Scott Madden, Erin Madden, Robert Contreras, Jennifer Roth, Kasey King, Cheryl McCrary

Motion to convene meeting: Doug motioned; Jeff seconded

Last Meeting Minutes: Scott motioned to approve; Robert seconded

Old Business: No old business to discuss

Scoutmaster Reports:

Cheryl McCrary – We had regular troop meetings on November 11, 18 and 25 and December 2nd. PLC was moved to Monday, November 18 before the troop meeting. Scouting for Food weekends were well attended. And the troop is prepared for our climbing & rappelling weekend. Wrapping presents for our Adopt-A-Family will be Monday, December 16. We have a Scouter staffing Okpik (Northern Tier cold weather high adventure) this winter. He will leave on December 11 and return in March 2025. Boone Trails Winter Klondike will have stations for the Klondike derby race. Refer to the manual for full details.

Life to Eagle - Ron Krull - Owen completed his Final District Board on Monday night! Luke has requested his first troop review for this coming Monday night during the troop meeting. I am currently working on contacting adults to meet with him. Jack, Max and Brody haven't had any visible progress this month that I am aware of. But that doesn't mean they aren't making progress. Josh is trying to work on his proposal at school, but is having a hard time trying to enough time to do so.

NYLT – NYLT is hosting staff interviews at the end of December.

New Scouts – Jason Hughes – The younger scouts are getting requirements signed off and moving along. We are hosting AOLs on December 9th. We are currently working on a date for a second AOL visit in January.

Order of the Arrow – Doug Webster – Winter Banquet is December 22nd. The price is now \$35.00.

Activity Report: Brad Dickinson – DEC=All set for this weekend. 11 scouts and 8 adults.

JAN=Reserved McDonnell Campsite for 24th and 25th, previously booked. Registration does not appear to be open yet. Will have signup sheets Monday.

FEB=Signups for Shiloh have been going for a while.

MAR=Reserved "back" group campsite at Cuivre River for 14th and 15th, previously booked.

APR=Rhodes-France was decided at the camp to attend. Will register 2 youth and an adult this weekend if there are not objections at the committee meeting.

One more topic: Should we have a tent setup party in early JAN in preparation for tent camping a Klondike? I know last time we did tent camping there was a bit of a mess of broken poles and missing parts. It might be a good troop meeting activity.

December - Cooking

Dec 2 7:15 troop meeting - menus due, grub \$12 due, PL bring cooler & dry box

Dec 3 7pm BT Roundtable @ KoC

Dec 5 7:15 Troop Committee/Parent Meeting @ YMCA

Dec 6-8 Climbing and Rappelling @ Swift Base, Meet at Ostmann at 6pm, Depart Ostmann at 6:30pm

Dec 9 7:15 troop meeting @ Ostmann – Arrow of Light guests

Dec 13 Service Opportunity @ Ostmann Elementary Winter Wonderland 5:30-8pm

Dec 16 7:15 troop meeting @ Ostmann – wrap presents for Loaves and Fishes

Dec 19 7:15 PLC @ YMCA
Dec 23 NO TROOP Meeting – Winter Break
Dec 30 NO TROOP Meeting – Winter Break
Jan 6 7:15 troop meeting @ Ostmann

Advancement: Jeff Veenstra –

Adult Training: Janelle Gambino – The January Roundtable will offer YPT training before the meeting at 6:00. They are looking at moving YPT to a yearly training instead of every two years. There will be Merit Badge Counselor Training @ in January/February @ Weldon Spring Interpretive Site.

Wilderness First Aid Skill Session @ Beaumont (CPR and on-line WFA course completion required prior to skill session) January 11 & 12, 2025 or February 15 & 16, 2025

Range & Target Activities Training

-Range Safety Officer – March 16, 2025

-USA Archery Level 1 – March 15, 2025

Committee Chair: Kasey King – Our Unit Renewal is due for 2025, it's somewhat simplified for us this year as we don't have to validate next year's membership before submitting, but we still need to get all adults YPT certified who are remaining a part of the troop. Emails went out today for those who need to renew YPT. We also have some new 18 year olds that have not yet completed YPT, but we will likely just add them later.

Equipment Report: Jeremy Pionke – N/A

Membership: Robert Contreras – Troop members will now renew their BSA fees on their own. They will receive notification when it is 60 days out and then again at 30 days out. The Troop will also receive notification if they have not renewed their membership once the time has passed. A reminder email will be sent out to the Troop to let the members know about the change. The cost of scout registration is \$85 per year for scouts, \$65 per year for adults. The Key-3 leaders in the troop also receive regular updates on these notifications for all scouts/adults in the troop.

Medical: Robert Contreras – N/A

Treasurer Report: Scott Madden – We have one scout behind in dues. The Summit account is behind since we are missing some payments. An email will be sent out to those missing payments so we can get that account back up. We have had one person pay for Shiloh and one more pay for the deposit for Philmont. The popcorn and coffee bill has been paid.

Troop 997 Treasurer Report	
December 1, 2024	
Beginning Balance:	\$18,362.95
Ending Balance:	\$17,880.38
Account Breakdown:	
Troop 997 General Fund:	\$8,575.35
Scout's Accounts:	\$7,029.21
Sea Base 2023	(\$0.00)
Northern Tier 2024	\$0.00
Philmont 2026	\$2,900.00
Summit 2025	(\$873.00)
Shiloh 2025	\$248.82
Summer Camp 2025	\$0.00
Canoe Float Trip	\$0.00
Total Breakdown	\$17,880.38
Scout Dues in Arrears:	(\$45.00)
Comments	
Will need to pay:	
Scott Madden	
Treasurer of Troop 997	

Service/Good Turn:

Scouting for Food – Courtney Lehmann – Many thanks to all who helped, the troop collected a total of 3816 items this year. The total is lower than years past (last year was 4502 items), but we had great weather for collection and sorting at the YMCA. The Boone Trails district reported a 5% lower count as well, listing non-participating units as a problem, they plan to re-work the maps for next year to increase coverage and collection. The district had a 15% decline from last year.

Loaves and Fishes – Teresa Smith – We have collected between \$1,100 and \$1,200 which includes the troop portion. The bulk of the shopping is done, and the fleece has been ordered and will be cut for the scouts to help make the blankets.

Ostmann Elementary Winter wonderland – Kasey King – We have been asked by the PTO to help with cleanup after the Winter Wonderland event 12/13/24 from 5:30-8pm. Sign-ups are very thin right now and I don't have much in the way of details from Jenny Canfield yet.

Fundraising: Erin Madden – Popcorn and coffee bills have been paid. Coffee was paid for in person and popcorn was paid online. We received a donation of 100 Imos Cards which can be sold for \$10.00 each. These will need to

be checked out since they are live cards and will be treated like Camp Cards. We are looking at adding meat sticks to sell with them towards the beginning of the year.

Summit Bechtel 2025: Angela Pionke – N/A

Philmont 2026: Ron Krull – We're up to 8 youth and 3 adults signed up, with one more scout who is interested. Maya Pionke still needs an age appropriate buddy, so that would give us a crew of 13. I talked with Darrel recently and he said getting a waiver for a crew of 13 usually is not an issue. I also asked Darrel if he had any female youth for 2026 who may need a buddy. He is not aware of anyone at this time. If there are any other scouts (or adults) who are interested in attending, that would put us over the maximum crew size and would make us a long way from having enough people for two minimum size crews. We'll have to see how things pan out. In the past at this point in time, the people who were signed up did end up changing before we actually went on the trip.

Clear Bead Campout: François Lavere – The shakedown for Josh Vollmer will be held on December 16th. Otherwise, no updated news.

Summer-Camp 2025: Michelle Dunajcik – The summer camp fees base price is \$405 for the week. We add in our own troop fees which will bring the scout cost up to \$440 per scout. The refund policy has changed and now you can only get a refund with a doctor's note. The cost of an adult attending summer camp for the full week is \$135. The committee voted and approved the \$440 per scout summer camp fee. We will need adults to sign up and attend summer camp.

Shiloh 2025: Terry Martin – We are in the process of getting sign ups. We are also waiting for confirmation from the Armory.

New Business: There will be a trivia night on February 1st for the Eagle Association. The Boone Trails award dinner is going to be held on January 17th at 6:00 with dinner starting at 6:30. On February 8th there will be a merit badge session at the Weldon Spring Interpretive Center. The Winter Klondike will be the Wild West Frontier. They will hold a Citizenship in Society merit badge class at Klondike. There is going to be a virtual Eagle Trail workshop to work on merit badges. STEM University will be held at SEMO on January 4th.

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