

Troop 997 Committee/Parent Meeting Agenda
January 9, 2025

Attendees: Scott Madden, Michelle Dunajcik, Jeff Veenstra, Jackie Wachner, Cheryl McCrary, Jennifer Roth, Doug Webster, Kasey King

Motion to convene meeting: Scott motioned; Jeff seconded

Last Meeting Minutes: Approval to accept by Doug; Jeff seconded

Old Business: N/A

Scoutmaster Reports:

Cheryl McCrary – We had a great climbing & rappelling weekend! This was the first time staying in Swift Lodge for all of the youth and it was good to see them experiencing a new type of cabin. On December 16, we wrapped presents for Loaves & Fishes and enjoyed pizza afterwards. This was our last troop meeting of the year. We will return to Ostmann on January 6, 2025. Summer camp registration does not start till January 6, so I held off on the summer camp merit badge forms. Fort Zumwalt district was closed on January 6, so we will cover them on January 13, 2025. I invited 3 Scouters to the Wood Badge Informational dinner. One has accepted & I will make the reservation.

Life to Eagle - Ron Krull - Luke - Second troop review next Monday.

Josh - Still working on his proposal. 6 months until his 18th.

Jack - Working on his proposal. There is plenty of time to go.

Max - 13 months until his 18th. Still needs 6 required MBs and his project. I've asked him to discuss it with me when he is ready. There's a lot left for him to do.

Brody - No visible progress this month.

Owen Madden is potentially going to have his Eagle Court of Honor on March 2nd. More details to come.

NYLT – Letters for those scouts who are eligible will go out in February. Those scouts who are eligible need to have a Scout Master meeting before they can sign up for NYLT.

New Scouts – Jason Hughes – Emails were sent out to potential AOL's from other pack's to see if they will join us at Klondike or if they will visit us for a Troop meeting.

Order of the Arrow – Doug Webster – The Winter Banquet was held on December 22nd with three scouts attending. The Boone Trails Chapter Banquet will be held on February 19th at the Knights of Columbus Hall. The doors open at 6:30 and dinner starts at 6:45.

Activity Report: Brad Dickinson – JAN=Reserved McDonnell Campsite for 24th and 25th, previously booked. All scouts who have signed up so far have been registered and signed up for merit badges requested. Saw Cheryl's note about adult participation and possibility of conversion to day event, will assess as that gets closer. I will emphasize/beg for adults at next troop meeting. FEB=Signups for Shiloh have been going for a while. MAR=Reserved "back" group campsite at Cuiivre River for 14th and 15th, previously booked. APR=Rhodes-France was decided at the camp to attend. Registered 2 youth and 1 adult to hopefully hold our spot.

January – Winter Sports

Jan 6 7:15 troop meeting CANCELLED @ Ostmann

Jan 7 7pm Roundtable @ Cottleville KoC

Jan 9 7:15 Committee meeting @ YMCA

Jan 13 7:15 Troop meeting @ Ostmann – Last night to signup for Klondike

Jan 16 7:15 PLC @ Ostmann

Jan 20 Alternate meeting location - Swim Night @ Renaud 5:30 to 7:00 pm \$8 O'Fallon resident/\$9 non

Grub \$12 cash due for Klondike campout, Last night to turn in advancement for February COH
Jan 24-26 Klondike campout @ Beaumont 6:00 Meet at Ostmann 6:30 Depart Ostmann
Jan 27 7:15 Troop meeting @ Ostmann
Feb 2 Scout Sunday
Feb 3 7:15 Court of Honor @ Ostmann

Advancement: Jeff Veenstra – The next COH will be on February 3rd. This will be announced at the January 13th meeting. The last day to turn in items for merit badges and or rank advancement is January 27th. A new guide to advancement is now available. There is a new Eagle Scout Application. There are problems with the App and council is trying to work through those issues.

Adult Training: Janelle Gambino – **Merit Badge Counselor Training** @ in January/February @ Weldon Spring Interpretive Site

CPR AED Bundle with Wilderness First Aid Details on-line

Wilderness First Aid Skill Session @ Beaumont (CPR and on-line WFA course completion required prior to skill session) January 11 & 12, 2025 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 – Unit renewal for 2025 has been submitted and paid to my.scouting.org. I received information that it is processing and that communications will be sent when complete, but haven't received any emails yet. I also opened a help desk case with the local GSLAC office, but have no news on that either. Renaud Center update. Key Scouter Award and BT Dinner. Doug Webster will be the MC for the BT Dinner. I'm also looking into the individual registration expiration of some troop members in order to alert those who have not been notified about the new process.

Equipment Report: Jeremy Pionke – N/A

Membership: Robert Contreras – N/A

Medical: Robert Contreras – We're checking medical forms to make sure everyone is ready to go to Klondike. A list will be brought to the Troop meeting to check in with those who need updated forms.

Summit Bechtel 2025: Angela Pionke – We have some Summit participants who have not reregistered with the Troop. Kasey will be looking into contacting those people to get them registered.

Philmont 2026: Ron Krull – Holding firm at 8 youth and 3 adults. Still need an age appropriate buddy for Maya Pionke to commit. Darryl will be looking for deposits this spring.

Clear Bead Campout: François Lavere – 1. Our roster includes three Scouts and six adult Scouters. 2. Necessary shakedown for new participants is complete. 3. E-mail note to participants with information, checklists and other information has been sent to the roster. 4. We continue to monitor for forecasts that have potential to go below zero - on Friday and Saturday evenings which also do not conflict with other scheduled Scouting events. 5. There are no such candidate opportunities seen for the next two weeks at this time. We continue to monitor.

Summer-Camp 2025: Michelle Dunajcik – Merit badge registration opened on January 6th. Those who are attending high adventure can now register for merit badges.

Shiloh 2025: Terry Martin – N/A

Treasurer Report: Scott Madden – We have a few Summit people who are behind in payments. We need those payments to be made to make sure we have enough for the next payment to Summit. We have a couple of scouts who are behind on their dues. Emails will go out soon.

Troop 997 Treasurer Report	
January 1, 2025	
Beginning Balance:	\$17,880.38
Ending Balance:	\$18,090.49
Account Breakdown:	
Troop 997 General Fund:	\$8,475.20
Scout's Accounts:	\$6,687.47
Sea Base 2023	\$0.00
Northern Tier 2024	\$0.00
Philmont 2026	\$2,900.00
Summit 2025	(\$306.00)
Shiloh 2025	\$333.82
Summer Camp 2025	\$0.00
Canoe Float Trip	\$0.00
Total Breakdown	\$18,090.49
Scout Dues in Arrears:	(\$70.00)
Comments	
Will need to pay:	
Scott Madden	
Treasurer of Troop 997	

Service/Good Turn:

Loaves and Fishes – Teresa Smith – We had five or six scouts show up to deliver our presents to our family.
 Ostmann Elementary Winter wonderland – Kasey King – We had a great time at the Winter Wonderland event, it was well attended by the community, and we handed out many cookies and treats. It was great to finally work with the PTO and I hope to participate in these events more in the future.

Fundraising: Erin Madden – We have Imo’s cards to sell, and we are going to pair those with meat sticks to sell as our winter fundraiser. Camp cards will come out on March 1st. We received a gift card for our Friends of Scouting donations from last year. We used the gift card to purchase scout coffee. We will use this as a fundraiser to purchase troop equipment.

New Business: We are struggling with adult participation at weekend campouts and summer camp. There was a proposal made to require adults who are participating in high adventures to go to summer camp and three weekend camps (not prep outings) the year before attending high adventure. This would start with the Philmont 2026 crew. This would give those who have scouts that are not old enough to attend high adventure plenty of time to get this requirement completed and it would help with weekend campouts as well. This will also help prepare those going to high adventure to understand how the troop works and get to know the scouts before spending a week with them on high adventure. Exceptions can always be made, but we need to start setting expectations for the years ahead. This was just a proposal at this point. It will be revisited in the upcoming months.

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