

Troop 997 Committee/Parent Meeting Agenda
February 6, 2025

Attendees: Doug Webster, Jeff Veenstra, Brad Dickinson, Robert Contreras, Terry Martin, Jackie Wachner, Erin Madden, Scott Madden, Kasey King, Michelle Dunajcik, Jason Hughes, Jennifer Roth

Motion to convene meeting: Doug motioned; Jeff seconded.

Last Meeting Minutes: Doug motioned to accept as written; Robert seconded.

Old Business: Further discussion and/or ideas to promote parent/advisor participation in our campouts.

Scoutmaster Reports:

Cheryl McCrary – On January 13, 2025, we had our first troop meeting of the year (January 6 was canceled due to inclement weather & Ft. Zumwalt being closed). At that meeting, the Summer Camp forms were handed out. We held PLC on January 16 to plan for the month of February. Unit leadership elections will take place on February 24, 2025. January 17 was the District Dinner where we recognized our Key Scouter, Mr. Francois Lavere. For the MLK holiday on January 20, we met at Renaud Spirit Center for a swim night. The Winter Klondike campout was the weekend of January 24-26, and we had snow on the ground! We switched from McDonnell campsite because everything was iced/snowed over and unsafe. We found an area in Shippey field. January 27 was a regular troop meeting. Court of Honor was next week on February 3. We did have AOL visitors for COH and they stayed afterwards to talk with us.

Life to Eagle - Ron Krull - Owen Madden has reserved Weldon Springs Interpretive Center on Sunday, March 2nd for his Eagle Court of Honor. Luke Koenig has his final District Review scheduled for next Monday, February 10th @ 7:00 PM. Josh Vollmer continues to work on his proposal while time ticks by. He is down to a little over 5 months until his 18th. He really needs to try to have something ready for the troop review by the end of this month so that he can get a District approval for his proposal by the end of March. That will still leave him very tight on time to get everything else done. The good news is that he has all of his merit badges completed. Jack Waechter continues to work on his proposal. He just turned 16 this week so time is not critical for him (yet). Max Pionke - I met with Max last month and we discussed everything that he needs to get done to become an Eagle Scout. He is interested in doing his project for his school, but is not sure what. He has asked Ross Dunagan be his mentor. I asked him to try to figure out a project and to reach out to Ross about being his mentor by the middle of this month. He has not decided on a project yet.

NYLT – N/A

New Scouts – Jason Hughes –We have at least one new scout crossing over this month with a possibility of more. We had four scouts visit from Pack 987.

Order of the Arrow – Doug Webster – 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 – Winter Klondike was our January campout, and we had 7 youth and 3 adults attend. The February campout is Shiloh. The March campout is the New Scout Campout at Cuivre River. The April campout will be the Adventure Summit and we are going to a new location this year which is Rhodes France in Pana, IL.

February 2025 - STEM

Feb 2 Scout Sunday

Feb 3 7:15 Court of Honor @ Ostmann

Feb 4 7pm BT Roundtable @ Cottleville KoC

Feb 6 7:15 Parent/Committee Meeting @ YMCA

Feb 10 7:15 Troop Meeting @ Ostmann, last meeting before Shiloh Trip

Feb 14-17 Shiloh, TN Hiking Trip

Feb 17 NO Meeting –Returning from Shiloh

Feb 20 7:15 PLC @ Ostmann

Feb 24 7:15 Troop Meeting @ Ostmann

Advancement: Jeff Veenstra – COH was February 3rd. The Next COH will be held in May.

Adult Training: Wood Badge Information Dinner - February 24th, 2025 - Beaumont Scout Reservation

Spring IOLS Training – May 9-11/2025 – Beaumont Scout Reservation

Hazardous Weather Training – ONLINE – Expires every two years.

Wilderness First Aid – April 4-6 Spring Conclave and other dates on STLBSA.org

Committee Chair: Kasey King – Unit renewal for 2025 is still pending. We will likely have a new Chartered Org Representative, but this paperwork is still being worked with Ostmann PTO, the Pack, and the council. Our April 21 troop meeting will be at Weldon Springs Interpretive Center. I requested access to classroom 1 at 7pm. We will need some website updates to wrap up 2024 documents, and a new 2025 folder needed.

Equipment Report: Jeremy Pionke – We need two new tires on the trailer. I will inspect the spare inside the trailer as well to ensure it is in good condition, so worst case scenario, we would need to buy 3 tires. We should estimate anywhere from \$200 - \$400 for the tires, including mounting and balancing. It is hard to know the exact cost without knowing if we need a third tire. We need to schedule a 'tent' day, which includes going through all legacy tents that are in the storage locker in addition to the tents in the trailer. We can consolidate the best of the best, purge damaged stock, and re-stock some of the spare parts. I think it will take a few hours, less if we have more hands. I am free on February 22/23, March 1, March 7/8 if that helps. I am going to hold off on buying new ground tarps for the two new tents as we can likely scavenge from other tents. No need to spend money when we don't have to.

Membership: Robert Contreras – We have one adult application which needs to be signed by our COR.

Medical: Robert Contreras – N/A

Treasurer Report: Scott Madden – The general fund has held steady at the same balance as last month. The Summit summer camp payments have been moved to the summer camp fund. We do have people who have not made payments for Summit which could lead to issues since the next payment is due in March.

Troop 997 Treasurer Report	
February 1, 2025	
Beginning Balance:	\$18,090.49
Ending Balance:	\$20,318.36
Account Breakdown:	
Troop 997 General Fund:	\$8,931.07
Scout's Accounts:	\$6,431.47
Sea Base 2023	\$0.00
Northern Tier 2024	\$0.00
Philmont 2026	\$2,900.00
Summit 2025	(\$1,518.00)
Shiloh 2025	\$1,183.82
Summer Camp 2025	\$2,390.00
Canoe Float Trip	\$0.00
Total Breakdown	\$20,318.36
Scout Dues in Arrears:	(\$90.00)
Comments	
Will need to pay:	
Scott Madden	
Treasurer of Troop 997	

Service/Good Turn: Kasey would like to reach out to Ostmann PTO to offer our help with any of their upcoming student activities. Our next scheduled Troop good turn will be Memorial Day Jefferson Barracks.

Fundraising: Erin Madden – We have 3 decaf coffee bags left for \$10 each. There have been 25 Imos cards that have been purchased. We will continue to hand those out as long as we have them. We will be starting the meat sticks sales on Monday and they will be \$7 per pack with \$3.50 going back to the scout account. Council has stated that camp cards are coming but they will cost more this year but will have more vendors on them.

Summit Bechtel 2025: Angela Pionke – N/A

Philmont 2026: Ron Krull – Holding firm at 8 youth and 3 adults. Still need an age appropriate buddy for Maya Pionke to commit to attending with her. She may have a friend at school who is interested. She would have to register with a Venturing crew.

Clear Bead Campout: François Lavere – No clear bead weather on the horizon, we continue to monitor.

Summer-Camp 2025: Michelle Dunajcik – We have had one summer camp application submitted.

Shiloh 2025: Terry Martin – Everything is ready to go. We are staying in the gymnasium of the First Assembly of God in Savannah. The only problem with staying at the church is we will have no access to showers. We do have a lot of first year scouts attending with their parents. Molly Mondays is setup and ready to go.

New Business: Tent Party, who has keys to storage locker?

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