



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Troop 146

St. Francis Church
308 Jefferson Street
Hoboken, NJ 07030

November 12, 2019

To: Members and Friends of Boy Scout Troop 146

Here is a summary of the Troop Committee meeting that took place this evening in the Hoboken Multi-Service Center while the Boy Scout meeting was in progress. The next Committee meeting and Board of Review will take place on December 3, also in the Multi-Service Center.

1. Present

Lenny Luizzi (presiding)	Jason Kirschner
Lorraine Cademartori	Ken Nilsen
Norman Kasser	Later: Francis Howitt

2. Board of Review

Joey Nastasi was approved for Tenderfoot
Nate Nastasi was approved for Tenderfoot

3. Results from the 2019 Popcorn Sale - Troop 146

Troop 146 earned \$798.14 from sales made by 11 Scouts.
Of the 11, 8 used the colored "take-order" form.
Of the 11, 6 created a Trail's End web page and sold using e-mail.
The 11 were Jayden Altamura, Thomas Bayliss, Jack Cademartori, Henry Craft, Teddy Muldowney, Theo Platt, Kallum Powell, Liam Richardson, Noah Scheiman, Zack Scheiman, and Aidan Ward.

4. Results from the 2019 Popcorn Sale - Pack 146

Pack 146 earned \$3057.55 from sales made by 30 Cubs.
Of the 30, 16 used the colored "take-order" form.
Of the 30, 19 attended one or both "show-n-sell" events at the PATH station.
Of the 30, 7 created a Trail's End web page and sold using e-mail.
The two PATH station sales accounted for \$520 of the \$3057.55 total.

5. Seven More Merit Badges Earned

Since the October 22 Court of Honor, Scouts earned 7 additional merit badges:
Jayden Altamura - Golf
Jack Cademartori - Weather
John Facchini - Cooking
Victor Mauseth - Environmental Science
Jack Nilsen - Citizenship in the Community
Gabriel Weaver - Citizenship in the Community
Gabriel Weaver - Cooking

6. We Won the Cook-Off at Camp Glen Gray (Nov 1-3)

During our September planning meeting, Scouts voted to repeat the Glen Gray Cook-Off competition and camping trip that we attended a year ago. This year we came in first, with Aidan Ward and Gabriel Weaver acting as head chefs. Helpers were Jack Cademartori, John Facchini, Teddy Muldowney, Jack Nilsen, and Ivan-Asen Radoslavov. Judges awarded points based on taste, presentation, cooperation, cleanliness, and some other criteria. The prize was a new Coleman camp stove that was turned over to Bob. Norman passed around a sample patch that the

seven winners will receive during the upcoming December Court of Honor: a picture of a bear with the caption "Don't Feed Me."

The cook-off was part of a full weekend camping trip. While the above cook-off was taking place in a field, other Scouts took advantage of the time to work on rank advancement. Joey and Nate got very close to Tenderfoot (and completed it soon after). Also passing requirements were Patrick Groo, Theo Platt, and Noah Scheiman. Scouts took advantage of the camp's orienteering course and historic hiking trail.

7. Election Day Meeting at St. Matthew (Nov 5)

Thanks to Ken Nilsen for arranging to let us meet at St. Matthew Trinity Church when we lost our usual meeting space due to Election Day. Six Cubs from Pack 146 also attended in order to pass a Cub rank requirement. They had so much fun competing in the Boy Scout blanket-stretcher race, that they were talking about coming to additional Scout meetings between now and the March bridge ceremony.

8. Upcoming Service Projects for St. Francis and the Vets (Nov 16)

Lenny made arrangements for us to use the Church's power washer to clean up Father Mike's Meditation Garden -- the troop constructed the garden in 2018 as Aaron Kurland's Eagle project. Part-2 will be to power wash the WW II memorial in Sinatra Park at the base of 4th Street, a project that the American Legion asked us to perform. Lenny will contact Legion Commander John Carey to ensure there will be a water pipe in the park that we can connect to.

9. Upcoming First Aid Rally (Nov 20)

We have been prepping since October under Gretchen's guidance to compete in this year's annual First Aid Rally. (Note that the 2018 Rally was canceled.) We won the trophy several years in the past, and intend to win it back from Weehawken T223 -- we should have beaten them in 2017 except for a logistical snafu. The Rally is sponsored by Kearny Troop 302.

While tonight's Committee meeting was in progress, Scout dad Chris Nastasi demonstrated first aid techniques that he was trained to use as a member of the Ski Patrol at Hunter Mountain. One training aid was a backboard borrowed from the Ski Patrol storeroom.

10. Upcoming Interfaith Service (Nov 24)

As in prior years, the Hoboken Clergy Coalition asked us to provide the Color Guard needed for the event's opening and closing. Last year we were represented by Aidan Ward and Frank Castro.

11. Upcoming Pack 146 Donation to the St. Francis Sandwich Program

Thanks to money available from strong popcorn sales, Lenny proposed that Pack 146 should donate \$250 to the sandwich program that St. Francis runs for homeless and other needy people. Lenny will ask Father Chris if he would like to schedule some kind of ceremony where Cub Scouts would formally present him with the check.

12. Proposal for a Golf Outing Fundraiser

Lenny recalled that Francis got a good response when he invited Scouts to a late afternoon golf outing at Skyway Golf Course last April, with several Scouts earning the Golf merit badge. Our Scouts were mentioned again recently in an article in the Hudson County Improvement Authority (HCIA) newsletter, but what caught Lenny's eye was a mention about two golf outing fundraisers. He said that he asked Ken Howitt to look into running a troop golf fundraiser.

Francis Howitt told how he is friends with General Manager Sam Rozano, who was once a Life Scout in the troop. Sam told Ken that raising \$5,000 is possible. Apparently a number of large corporations like scattering their names around the golf course, which they do by sponsoring holes or carts or refreshment stands, and so those corporations are willing to write donation checks to whichever group happens to be sponsoring an outing. Lenny proposed that St. Francis Church might agree to be the sponsor for an outing, and we would split the proceeds with the Church.

Francis proposed aiming for April 2020 and said that Sam is willing to come to a troop meeting to explain the procedure, and will likely suggest a full afternoon of golf followed by a dinner. He estimated charging each golfer \$45-\$50. There was discussion about the limitations of a 9-hole course, how many foursomes can play, running a "par-3" event, how to get golfers to sign up, and how to get sponsors to sign up. Ken Nilsen said, "Doing it the first year will be the hardest -- it will become easier after that." Lenny asked Francis to have Sam attend the January 14 Troop Committee meeting.

13. Proposal to Provide a Color Guard at Grant's Tomb in New York City (Jan 26)

Scout John Facchini spoke to the Troop Committee about this opportunity to provide a Color Guard at Grant's Tomb, when wife Julia Grant will be honored. John proposed arriving at the tomb on Sunday January 26 at 12:00, laying the wreath at 1:00, providing a Color Guard at 1:30, and watching a video at 2:00. There will also be refreshments. The event will occur on Sunday at the end of the District Klondike Derby weekend, and so the assumption is that Scouts will detour across the George Washington Bridge to NYC instead of coming directly home. Lenny thanked John for his extensive correspondence with the Park Ranger and with the Grant Memorial Association.

14. Finances

Prior Scout balance reported in October: \$1502.97

Current Scout balance: \$2370.79

Money came in from troop dues.

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Money went out to reimburse Norman for 3rd qtr expenses.

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Expected expense: Reimburse Norman for 4th qtr expenses.

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MAJOR expected expense in January: Reregister all Scouts at \$71 each
(Norman guessed 34 Scouts = \$2414)

Prior Cub balance reported in October: \$293.70

Current Cub balance: \$2475.05

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Expected expense: Donation to the St. Francis sandwich program.

For the Committee,



Norman Kasser
Scoutmaster