



TROOP 125 B.S.A.

Glendale CA

Troop 125 Committee Report February 7, 2005

The February Parent Committee Meeting was held at the home of Greg and Elizabeth Manasserian. Thank you to the Manasserians for hosting the meeting. Those attending were Debbie Izumi, Treasurer; Kim Kunitake, Social Chair; Greg and Elizabeth Manasserian, parents; Brad Nelson, Committee Chairman; Brant Reed, Assistant Scoutmaster; Karen Saunders, Board of Review Chair; Peter Thompson, Scoutmaster; Gay Varga, Secretary; and Steve Webber, Assistant Scoutmaster.

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m.

Senior Patrol Leader's Report: The troop has continued to have fun in our meetings and outings. We had an awesome ski trip this past month. Thanks to Mr. Reed for making all of the arrangements with sleeping and skiing. We have just completed the Computers merit badge with Mr. Reed, and will shortly be beginning the law merit badge. The venture scouts have a few events planned, including our venture ski trip to June Mountain and a 10 mile run/walk through downtown Los Angeles. Thanks to Mr. Reed and Mr. Webber for making the necessary arrangements for these events. Our attendance at our PLC meetings has continued to be phenomenal. Overall we have continued have a lot of fun.

Special Presentation: Past Scoutmaster Carl Nelson was invited to the committee meeting to talk about his experiences with backpacking at Camp Silver Fir. He and his wife, Gail, have been volunteering there as camp masters for the last 8 years. The camp is surrounded by huge fir forests on Huntington Lake, known for being the best sailing lake in the US. Camp Silver Fir serves as the base for two long-term backcountry treks -- the Silver Fir Trail and the Dinkey Lakes Loop. Units can camp at Silver Fir the night before leaving on their trek to acclimate themselves to the 7,000-foot elevation.

Mr. Nelson encouraged the committee "to keep up the tradition of Troop 125. It is a great resource for boys in the community". He also gave thanks to Brant and Gay for the Troop website and e-mails keeping him and other old-timers informed about the Troop's activities.

Note to Scout Families: Camp Silver Fir is available to Scouting families who are with their Scout. There are many activities in the Huntington Lake area, including hiking, campfires, Forest Service guided tours, horseback riding, boating and canoeing on Huntington Lake, fishing, free movies and community sings. Tents, trailers, campers and RVs are acceptable. Electrical and water

hook-ups are available. Silver Fir has shower, toilet and refrigeration facilities. For costs check out the Council website @ www.vhcbasa.org/camping/index.htm.

Scoutmaster's Report: There were 8 Scouts and 2 Cub Scouts on the overnight ski trip in January. The snow was great and there were no injuries. Thanks to Debbie Izumi, Kim Kunitake, and Brad Nelson for driving.

At the PLC meeting it was decided to move the beach campout from June to September when the weather is more predictably warmer. Instead, the troop will go backpacking to Little Jimmy. Summer camp this year will be to Camp Chawanakee leaving on August 7. There will only be 12 Scouts and 3 adults, as so many of the Troop are going to National Jamboree in July. We are looking forward to the June Mountain ski trip.

Board of Review Chairman's Report: 5 Scouts (2 Life and 3 Star), were reminded about advancing to their next rank.

Advancement Report: 6 merit badges and 2 rank advancements have been earned since our last Court of Honor. Congratulations to Kazu Matsushimi, Tenderfoot and Aaron Hong, 1st Class!

Treasurer's Report: Debbi Izumi reported that the troop's checking account balance is currently \$5167.90. There are still 7 Scouts who have not paid their registrations. If you haven't paid your \$30 dues please bring payment to the next meeting.

Social Activities Committee Report: There have been 40 RSVPs for teh Father and Son banquet on February 9. The Winter Court of Honor will be on February 23 and we will be serving dessert.

Membership Chairman's Report: We have had no new members. Mr. Peter Thompson went to the Pack 125 Blue and Gold dinner and showed the Power Point presentation put together by Jackson Van Amberg and it received very good reviews and the Cub Scouts were excited. Webelos II were encouraged to come to Pre-camporee with a parent.

Training Coordinator: To see upcoming adult leader training opportunities check the Troop 125 website: <http://www.troop125.com>. Council will come to any troop for team training if there are 5 or more adults.

We are still looking for an equipment coordinator to work with the Troop Quartermaster keeping track of the equipment. Please call Brad Nelson at 818-500-1618 to volunteer.

Venture Crew Report: There will be a 10 K run/walk on Sunday February 12 in the Elysian Park part of China Town at 8:30 a.m. with a walking tour around that

interesting area of Los Angeles. The Venture Crew weekend ski trip to June Lake planned for February 25 has confirmed 17 Scouts and 4 adults. The roster is full. Future bike rides are in the planning stages.

New Business: The Troop trailer is in need of a new storage facility. It is made of wood and needs the space of a wide car indoors. It can be stored temporarily for the next few months by Brant Reed, while a more permanent space is found. **Anyone who knows or has a place, please let Brad Nelson know.** Thanks to Carl Nelson for storing the trailer all these years.

Any Scout needing an Eagle project, should contact Glenoaks Elementary School, as they need their library books packed up at the end of May and re-shelved before school starts in September.

Scouts Chris Manasserian, Kazu Matsushimi, and James Varga performed the flag ceremony at Clark Magnet High School PTSA Founders Day event and were complimented on their First Class scarves.

The next committee meeting will be held on Monday, March 14 at 7 p.m. at the home of Brant and Regina Reed, 2720 E. Chevy Chase Drive, in Glendale. **All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend.**

Mr. Nelson adjourned the meeting at 9:28 pm.

Dates to remember:

- Feb. 23 Winter Court of Honor
- 25-27 Venture Crew Ski Weekend

- March 2 Troop Meeting
- 7 Patrol Leaders Council
- 9 Troop Meeting & Order of the Arrow Elections
- 14 Troop Committee Meeting at the Reeds, 7 PM
- 16 Troop Meeting and Board of Review - **Money Due for Hahamungna Trek**
- 18-20 Hahamungna Trek (Pre Camporee)
- 23 Troop Meeting
- 30 Troop Meeting - **Money Due for Camporee**