

MCS 316 - Troop Detailed Assessment

Troop 0982

Planning and Budget

Have a program plan and budget that is regularly reviewed by the committee following BSA policies related to fundraising.

Program Plan: Scouts have difficulty finding new activities. Scouts accept the SM suggestions, but complaints are heard during PLC and Boards of Review.

Funds: funds are provided by annual fee paid by scouts plus 2 fundraisers plus popcorn sales (used to pay for camp fees) Troop currently has a \$20,000 in savings, that increases yearly. Checks for reimbursements are handled at Committee meetings and only if a receipt is provided.

Membership

Retention: Retains a significant percentage of youth members.

Membership has declined steadily over the last several years. Current membership is 25. There are 17 scouts between 12-14.

Building Scouts BSA: Recruit new youth into the troop in order to grow membership.

Does not actively recruit and often half of those recruited each spring by the fall.

Webelos to Scout transition: Troop has an effective plan to recruit Webelos Scouts into the Troop.

Program

Advancement: Achieve a high percentage of Scouts earning rank advancements.

Most scouts advance to First Class within 3 years. Majority of younger boys attend meetings. Older Scouts do not attend.

Troop meets e/o week. Patrol Meetings are to occur on the other weeks, but often do not occur.

The two patrols often act as one on events.

Short Term Camping: Conducts short-term or weekend campouts throughout the year.

Weekend outings-once a quarter.

Camping activities are led by parents and needed to be cancelled if parents were not available. There is not always a registered, trained leader on these events. Usually 8-14 boys attend a camping event. All adults on the event are YPT trained.

Troop does not choose District events.

Long-term Camping: Participate in a long-term camp with a majority of the troop in attendance.

Summer Camp: chooses between 2 different camps

High Adventure Trip are now 2 years apart instead of yearly. One adult who has planned most of the previous high adventure trips.

Service Projects: Participate in service projects, with at least one benefitting the chartered organization.

Some tension with Chartered Organization (small church with older congregation). Troop meets in the building during school year and outside during the summer.

Service projects include Scouting for Food and a highway clean-up.

Patrol Method: Use the patrol method to develop youth leaders.

Has two patrols which are scheduled to meet e/o week but does not occur regularly. The Troop often acts as one patrol at events.

Volunteer Leadership

Trained Leadership: Have trained and engaged leaders at all levels. All leaders are required to have youth protection training.

SM has served for 30 years and is currently 72 years old. There is no succession plan, and the SM does not attend weekend events or summer camp. He has not expressed any interest in stepping down.

Committee has gained and lost members as scouts leave or age out.

Parent support has lessened, impacting some parts of program.