

**Soaring Eagle District
District Committee Meeting, LDS Church, 10555 West Road
April 2, 2013**

Opening: Welcome and pledge by Kevin Meier.

JOURNEY TO EXCELLENCE

There are 18 metrics in the JtoE, but there are not many statistics available for review this early in the year. Kevin Meier wants the district to pay special attention to the areas of concern in the past, such as reporting commissioner visits to units.

Like last month, Kevin wants units to keep up with the different areas in JtoE, instead of waiting until the end of the year when there would be a mad scramble. Most units should be able to turn in their rechartering, which include the JtoE program, in November. All units go to a December reporting for rechartering, which means that the council will be very busy with the reporting this year.

FINANCE

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING CAMPAIGN – This year's goal is to raise \$78,177. We have raised about \$65,000 or 84 percent of the goal.

The district's goal to sell Scout Fair tickets for the April 13 event is \$112,000, but we are at \$52,190 – or 46.6 percent of the goal. There is a goal of 34 SED units to have booths at the Scout Fair, but we are at 10 units.

MEMBERSHIP

We have approximately 1,609 youths in the district in 81 units. We are down from last year's membership of 1,861 youths and even with 86 units. A way to get more youths to participate is to have **spring recruiting**.

A district-wide Cub Scout **Spring Recruiting event** is set for May 4 at a place to be determined. All Packs are asked to have a booth at this event. A flyer to the Cy-Fair ISD schools will ask all kids to come to one central location to learn about Scouting, rather than at specific Pack meeting places. The hope is that synergy will create more enthusiasm for Scouts and as a result obtain more members. We are trying to capture this June's kindergarten graduates as Tigers so they can go to Day Camp and summer activities, and get the Scouting experience before they start first grade in the fall. Troops are asked to attend and support their feeder Packs.

All units are asked to promote Cub Scout **Day Camp** – which is June 11-14 at Cypress Bible Church -- for all youths at their respective schools. There also are plans to have a teaching event in May to teach parents about Day Camp and what expectations are – like Tiger Cubs need to have an adult partner with them at all times. Parents also need to know that the unit is adult-driven, in that adults

are needed for transportation, to help with meetings, food at campouts, leadership, etc. Again, it was stressed to invite recent kindergarten graduates to attend Day Camp, so they will have a chance to join Cubs before they start the fall semester.

A new membership committee is being formed for the district, to let units know that they can gain more membership if they participate in district-wide events where youths can see the units and participate with them. This also can generate more ideas to aid in year-round recruiting.

There needs to be follow-up with a Pack at Fairbanks UMC with Pastor Cramer Johnson; A crew is under review at Foundry Methodist; There is an attempt at starting a Pack and a Troop in Spanish-speaking LDS Waller 2 Ward; There is interest in starting a Crew 663 in Spring Branch.

COMMISSIONERS

NEW UNIT COMMISSIONER RECRUITING – More commissioners are wanted.

UVTS UPDATE – If you have had problems entering your unit visitation data, please e-mail your information to Mark Danheim and he will input the data for you. Mark's e-mail is mark.danheim@pointsmith.com.

PROGRAMS

SUMMER DAY CAMP – will be June 11-14 at the Cypress Bible Church, 11711 Cypress-North Houston Road 77439. Ronna Stonely will head this event. Kickoff for leaders training is Feb. 21. For more information, please contact Ronna at gonzimom@juno.com. The idea is also to train Pack parents at the May Roundtable.

The last day to register for Day Camp for current scouts is May 1. Please try to get kindergarteners to register. We will post-date their applications to June 2, so they can participate as registered Scouts.

SED CAMPOREE AND WEBELOS DO YOUR BEST CAMPOUT – Both events on the same day at the same place. They will be at Bovay Scout Ranch on April 19-21. We will have shotguns, archery, tomahawk and many other events. Last chance to register is at the April Roundtable.

CLASSROOM YPT – Save the date – There will be a classroom Youth Protection Training class, on May 11 at the New Hampton LDS Church, 12310 New Hampton Road Dr. in Tomball. The same venue will host classroom YPT on May 18 and June 1.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEBSITE – Please send all updates for the website to the vice chair of your area. Those updates will be funneled through them (i.e. Becca for programs) instead of being sent directly to webmaster Rich Weiser for the website, www.sedbsa.com. Those vice chairs are -- **Programs:** Becca Franco at francob@sbcglobal.net; **Finance:** Wade Bitter at wade.bitter@gmail.com; and **Membership** to Griff Danheim at griff.danheim@sbcglobal.net.

FACEBOOK – The district has a Facebook page, called “**Soaring Eagle District.**” On Facebook, go to that site and ask to be friends, and you will be friended. Immediate information can be found on the Facebook page. Pictures of recent events around the district are being posted on the page.

START, STOP, LISTEN – It was suggested that instead of handing out paper agendas, that a Power Point agenda be shown on a screen during the committee meetings.

This committee will meet the first Tuesday of each month, except for July. The only district event in July is the annual picnic. Please let me know of any changes, additions or corrections to these minutes, no matter how small or trivial. Sincerely,

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