

**Soaring Eagle District
District Committee Meeting, LDS Church, 10055 West Road
Nov. 5, 2013**

Attending were Vickie Oehring, Becca Franco, Mike Kasper, Bob Weenig, Jon Metcalf, Neal Farmer, Tiffany Riggs, Laban Marsh, Mark Danheim, Steve Ware, Kevin Meier, Bob Dunn, Wanda Pinson, Rich Weiser, Julia Thorman, Bobby Hale, McCall Sessions, Greg Lueb, Bob Steubing, Kelly Kenny and Mike Walker.

Opening: Welcome and pledge by Becca Franco.

Introductions were by Kevin Meier. Invocation was by Bob Weenig. Song was by Vickie Oehring.

DISTRICT ELECTION

Election Chairman Mike Kasper presented the names of the people who were elected to the District Committee. The names are listed at the bottom of these minutes.

Also elected were the new officers for Soaring Eagle District, who also are listed at the end of these minutes.

JOURNEY TO EXCELLENCE

There are 18 metrics in the JtoE, and only a few were mentioned this month. For fundraising, we have to hit the assigned mark of \$78,177 or we cannot achieve gold status as a district for Journey to Excellence. The district currently has \$66,440, and need about \$11,000 more. We are looking at ways to increase giving.

****All units need to enter their service project hours and individual service hours in the Good Turn for America data base, not just the Eagle Project hours that attach to the Eagle Scout application. All service hours count and are the metric that Council and National use to show impact on the local community.**

FINANCE

POPCORN – Popcorn on-line sales end Nov. 25. Orders taken on-line after Nov. 25 will count toward a Scout's sales figures for next year. Unit orders are due on Mon., Dec. 2.

Popcorn distribution will be on Dec. 14, at the Janitor's Warehouse, 4610 Brittmore. The hours have yet to be determined.

For more information or to be trained, please call popcorn Kernel Wanda Pinson at wandapinson@gmail.com.

MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIP GROWTH – Membership chair Griff Danheim attended the Council Coordinated meeting in October, and pointed out that the Soaring Eagle District goal for increasing membership for 2013 was 280 new Scouts. We

currently are at 177. Overall, we started the year in August with 1,451 members and today the district has 1,628 members.

Last year's year-end membership was 1,873.

There was success with the signing up Cub Scouts for a \$5 fee.

To find a unit in your zip code, use www.beascout.org, and input your zip code when prompted. Units are asked to try this, as enter their unit's address if they are not already in the system.

RE-CHARTER – All district units have received their re-charter packets. Units can begin the process of re-chartering on-line on Nov. 1. Each unit leader needs leadership training in order to turn in the re-charters, which is something new for this year. District training chairman Laban Marsh has attempted to contact each Cub Scout Pack leader to get them to take the training.

District Executive Tiffany Riggs said that re-chartering will be the district's big focus for the rest of the year. The district's 83 units -- and the 1,000-plus units in the Sam Houston Area Council -- will have their charters due on Dec. 15. To facilitate that process to go smoother, units are requested to have Stage One of the re-charter finished by Dec. 7 and Stage Two by Dec. 11.

IOLS – The training for Scoutmasters is this weekend at New Kentucky Park in Tomball. Please contact Bob Steubing ASAP at bsteubing@comcast.net to participate.

WEBELOS – Bob Steubing said the Webelos To Scout Expo on Oct. 25-27 at Bovay Scout Ranch a success. Bob said 54 Webelos Scouts attended among the 97 total Cub Scout students and adult leaders representing 11 Packs. Also, 77 Boy Scouts attended with four BSA troops.

CAMPING CHAIR – District camping chairman Steve Ware was able to secure where the units in the district camped last spring for a data base. He is working on such a list for fall campouts.

Camping data for Cubs for the Journey to Excellence metric is very low. If you have camped with your Pack, please send that information to Steve Ware at sware@iwilson.com.

COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONERS NEEDED – Former District Commissioner Mark Danheim has received new commissioners lists and will compare them against the current list on file. More commissioners are needed for the district, said District Commissioner Vickie Oehring, who can be reached at vickieoehring@yahoo.com.

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. We have had a low number of unit visits reported on the computer system.

PROGRAMS

PUSHMOBILE – Pushmobile has been moved from Dec. 7 to Dec. 14. It remains at Mills Road LDS Church, 10555 Mills Road, Houston, 77070. Karen Lade and Lisa Clark will co-chair the event. Registration forms have been e-mailed to leaders, and also are available on the district website at www.sedbsa.com.

RISK MANAGEMENT – Mike Walker said the district will have a First Aid Meet for the BSA troops on Feb. 1st at a place to be determined.

Mike attended the Council Coordinated sessions in October, and it was pointed out that first aid training is required for leaders, but is not offered on-line. The SHAC website now offers first aid training through its website at www.shac.org. Contact Mike with questions at mikekim001@aol.com.

UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING – This important training event is Sat., Feb. 8, at the Cockrell Center. Leaders can get specific training that they need for their units. You can register on-line through the SHAC website at www.samhoustonbsa.org.

MERIT BADGE COUNSELORS – SueAnne Wake will head the merit badge counselor program and update the list of qualified counselors. Counselors must be signed up through the District, not on the unit level. The signature on the application needs to be from District Advancement Chairman Greg Lueb and not the Troop Committee Chair. New forms must be filled out now for all merit badge counselors, with no grandfathering. The easiest way is to come to Roundtable and drop off the form for Greg or SueAnn.

DISTRICT DINNER – The Soaring Eagle District Dinner is 7 p.m., Sat., Jan. 25, 2013, at the LDS church, 10055 Mills Road. Cost is \$20 per person for a full chicken fajita meal. Tables of eight will be \$140, which is a discount of one seat. Tickets go on sale at the November Roundtable.

Please think about who you would like to nominate for district awards, which will be given out at this event. Award forms will be available at Roundtable and on the SED website at www.sedbsa.com.

CHEER BASKET FOOD DRIVE – The annual food drive with the Lion's Club on West Little York and Gessner will have a food drop-off at the December Roundtable.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA – This event honoring the military will be Dec. 14 at Veterans Memorial Cemetery. Scouts are encouraged to assist in selling the wreaths, and also to attend the ceremony to place the wreathes on the fallen soldiers graves. For information about selling wreathes, contact Becca Franco at francob@sbcglobal.net. Please don't forget to log these service hours.

SCOUTING FOR FOOD – The day to put out door hangers to advertise Scouting for Food is Jan. 25, and the day to canvas the homes to see if they have provided bags of food is Feb. 1.

YPT TRAINING – Youth Protection Classroom Training will be on Dec. 4th at SHAC's Cockrell Center. This was set up to train adults who are going to go to Winter Camp this year. Sign up by going to the SHAC website at www.samhoustonbsa.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CUB SCOUT LEADER POW WOW – The Cub Scout leader training event is at Davis High School, 12525 Ella Blvd., Houston, TX 77067. This is a learning extravaganza that all Cub leaders should consider attending. You can register on-line at www.samhoustonbsa.org/training. If you have questions, e-mail kathy Bozarth at kathy.bozarth@scouting.org. Several of our SED parents will be instructors.

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**: Klaus Oehring; 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.

ARROW OF LIGHT – The Order of the Arrow will put on the Arrow of Light ceremonies for Webelos Scouts transitioning to Boy Scouts at 7 p.m., Sat., Dec. 7, at Spring Creek Park in Tomball. There will be another ceremony on Jan. 11th. Both are at Spring Creek Park in Tomball. To get more information, please e-mail vc.communications@colonneh.org.

CUB HUB – Cub Scout Roundtable leader Bob Dunn pointed out that that Cub Hub was e-mailed to all Cub Scout leaders. It is a new marketing campaign for Cubs to inform parents how they can be involved on multiple levels in Scouts.

CLOSING – Neal Famer said he was watching a football game last Sunday on television when a car ad popped up. He thought the ad stated the purpose of Boy Scouts succinctly. The ad said: “We don't know where the road will take you, but we will be happy to get you there.”

This district 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,

- Neal Farmer
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Soaring Eagle District Nomination Committee ---

The committee, headed by Mike Kasper, had these people voted in as members of the SED Committee:

Paul	Anderson
Jonathan	Anderson
Jim	Anderson
Amber	Anderson
Wade	Bitter
John	Brogan
Brad	Canady
Jim	Cash
Ajey	Chandra
Lisa	Clark
Griff	Danheim
Mark	Danheim
Robert	Dunn
Rhonda	Elsner
Neal	Farmer
Susan	Flores
Becca	Franco
Tony	Franco
Steve	Hargis
Bobby	Hale
Daniel	Haymond
Mark	Hoffart
Beth	Kasper
Mike	Kasper
Kelly	Kenney
Dave	Kingdon
Cindy	Korenek
Karen	Lade
Alex	Lamar
Brent	Lane
Greg	Lueb
Laban	Marsh
Frank	McLane
Kevin	Meier
Richard	Merz
Jon	Metcalf
Cheryl	Moyers
Vickie	Oehring
Bill	O'Reilly
Wanda	Pinson
Alma	Pope
Linda	Porras-Purtle
Roger	Pruitt
Holly	Rice
McCall	Sessions
Marty	Stakes
Bob	Steubing
Karen	Thomas

Randy	Thomas
Julia	Thorman
Laurie	Tipley
Roger	Tipley
Thien	Tran
Sue Ann	Wake
Michael	Walker
Steve	Ware
Rich	Weiser

District officers voted in by the committee on Nov. 5 are:

Chairman – Neal Farmer

Vice-Chairman, Membership – Griff Danheim

Vice-Chairman, Programs – Becca Franco

Vice-Chairman, Finance – Klaus Oehring

Also, Vickie Oehring was appointed as District Commissioner.