

**Soaring Eagle District
District Committee Meeting, LDS Church, 10055 West Road
Jan. 6, 2014**

Attending were Vickie Oehring, Neal Farmer, Tiffany Riggs, Laban Marsh, Mark Danheim, Steve Ware, Bob Dunn, Wanda Pinson, Bob Steubing, Bob Hohne, Ajey Chandra, Randy Thomas, Paul Tyllick, Bob Weenig, Jon Metcalf, Mike Kasper, Greg Lueb, Steve Hargis, Mike Marquart, Rich Weiser, Becca Franco, Mike Walker and Klaus Oehring.

Opening: Welcome, Scout law and pledge by Bob Steubing.

Song was by Vickie Oehring.

Items of immediate importance discussed were Fundraising, District Dinner, District First Aid Meet, and changes with Unit Commissioners.

- 1) A committee was formed to decide how to raise money for Friends of Scouting for the district that the Council will ask SED to obtain. Ideas are to have a scaled-down Patron's Dinner, have a Mini-Golf Tournament at Top Golf, and/or have a Gunshoot tournament. The District Committee gave the Fundraising Committee the ability to make final decisions about the money-raising ideas. The committee is Neal Farmer, Paul Tyllick, Steve Ware, Ajey Chandra and Becca Franco.
- 2) District Dinner is Sat. Jan. 25, at LDS church, 12310 New Hampton Dr., Tomball. Tickets are \$20 each, but there is a \$20 disco unit if you purchase a table, or \$140. All tables are eight seats each. This is a change in venue from the previous announcements.
- 3) The District First-Aid Meet will be Jan. 25, at a venue TBA. Troops will be given first-aid problems at the meet that they will have to solve on the spot. Contact Mike with questions at mikekim001@aol.com. The two troops that qualify from this event have until Feb. 10 to register for the Council First Aid Meet on Feb. 15.
- 4) District Commissioner Vickie Oehring wants to have Unit Commissioners meet at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month, at the LDS Chapel, 10055 West Road. This is the same venue and some of the same time that the Cub Scout Roundtable will meet. The plan is for the Commissioners to be finished in time for the 7:30 p.m. start of the Boy Scout Roundtable.

COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONERS NEEDED – Vickie Oehring said more commissioners are needed for the district. Vickie can be reached at vickieoehring@yahoo.com.

PROGRAMS

TRAINING

University of Scouting is Sat., Feb. 8, at the new Ben Davis High School in Aldine. (This is not Jeff Davis High School in HISD.) Every adult on every level of Scout leadership can be trained at this event. To preregister, go to the SHAC website at www.samhoustonbsa.org.

PUSHMOBILE – Pushmobile was Dec. 14, and was very successful. Congrats to co-chairs Karen Lade and Lisa Clark.

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.

DISTRICT DINNER – The Soaring Eagle District Dinner for awards 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.

CHEER BASKET FOOD DRIVE – The annual food drive with the Lion's Club on West Little York and Gessner was the best the Lions Club has done, officials said. The Lion thanks the district for the assistance, saying they could not have had such a successful event without our participation. They said 52 families and 284 people were serviced.

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. The hangers are currently available through Judy Lizaraga or SED Executive Tiffany Riggs. Also, we ask that units sign up through Judy so they will not hit the same neighborhoods. Contact Judy at judy@jdmit.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MERIT BADGE TRAINING – Scouter Bob Steubing will conduct a merit badge counselor training session for adults at 7 p.m., Mon., Jan. 27, at Troop 1177, which is Foundry United Methodist Church. There is no cost. To contact Bob, please e-mail bsteubing@comcast.net.

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 district’s second Arrow of Light ceremonies for Webelos Scouts transitioning to Boy Scouts at 7 p.m., Sat., Jan. 11th, at Waller Park, next to Cook Middle School in the Willowbridge subdivision. It is best to park at Cook Middle School and walk to the park. Other parking is on the street in front of homes, but that might not make up popular withy the neighborhood if we all park on the streets. If there is inclement weather then the event will be moved to St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic Church on West Road at Wheatland. More than 30 Webelos II boys have registered for the cross-over to Boy Scouts. To get more information, please e-mail seceremonies@yahoo.com, or call OA advisor Bob Hohne at 713-582-9113, or call OA advisor Marty Stakes at 281-851-7936.

CAMPOREE – Mike Marquart and Troop 1177 is heading up the SED Camporee, which is March 28-30 at Spring Creek Park in Tomball. Registration materials are available by e-mailing Mike at michaelmarquart@yahoo.com.

RE-CHARTERS – District Executive Tiffany Riggs congratulated District Commissioner Vickie Oehring on her work on getting re-charters in to the Sam Houston Area Council. Tiffany said that more than 90 percent of the re-charters will turned in on time and error-free, which meant Vickie and her helpers did a lot of significant explaining at turn-ins.

SED DISTRICT EXECUTIVE MINUTE – The Friends of Scouting season has started, Tiffany Riggs pointed out. The district will have a calendar out at Roundtables for units to sign up for presentations. There also is a need for Scouters to make presentations.

This Soaring Eagle 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. We also are looking for a new scribe to take these minutes for the district.

Sincerely,

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