

**Soaring Eagle District
District Committee Meeting, LDS Church, 10055 West Road
Aug. 5, 2014**

Attending were Neal Farmer, Steve Ware, Bob Steubing, Bob Dunn, Erik Craig, Bobby Hale, Tiffany Riggs, Ajey Chandra, Robert Ausmus, Judy Lizarraga, David Lizarraga, Robby Lizarraga, Laban Marsh, Tim Girgenti, Bob Weening and Mark Hoffart.

Opening: American Pledge of Allegiance and Scout Law by Steve Ware.

Prayer by: Steve Ware.

FINANCE

On-line popcorn sales have begun. Erik Craig will be the popcorn kernel for the District, in charge of getting popcorn information out. Training for popcorn sales is 7 p.m., Mon, Sept. 15, at Foundry United Methodist Church.

Along with a \$10,000 gift from Mark Danheim's company, PointSmith Co., we have raised \$18,418 of the \$20,000 the Council assigned us to raise for the community side of Friends of Scouting.

On the family side of Friends of Scouting, we were asked to raise about \$47,000, and we have raised about \$29,243. We are exploring ways to raise more money for the Council.

Scout Fair ticket sales hit 100 percent of what the Council assigned us to sell, and we were the first District to hit 100 percent for 2014 with \$99,560.

MEMBERSHIP

DISTRICT FALL RECRUITING TRAINING – is set for 7 p.m., Thur., Aug. 14, at Roundtable.

Membership vice chairman Griff Danheim is working to get **adult volunteers** to assist with recruiting on the Cub Scout, Boy Scout and Venturing levels. Please let him know if you can serve on a membership committee.

The tentative dates for School Night for Scouting – where we recruit Cubs in the elementary schools – are Sept. 9 and Sept. 18.

Once we have dates, we will have flyers printed by Council to distribute to give to the elementary schools in our District. We need volunteers to get the flyers to the schools three weeks in advance of the School Night for Scouting at that venue.

REVIEW FROM PREVIOUS MONTHS: Since most principals in Cy-Fair ISD have disallowed Boy Talks during lunches within the schools, we are going to have to rely on other avenues of recruiting Scouts. We can:

- *Have Scouts wear their uniforms to school on the day of rallies.
- *Host a booth at Meet the Teacher in August before school opens, and host a booth at PTO meetings at night.
- *Have kids wear stickers on their clothing at school the day of rallies.
- *Have boys run flag ceremonies at their respective schools before school begins.
- *Send flyers advertising membership rallies to the schools to put in the Thursday folders that go home with kids.
- *Have a booth at the annual Fall Festival or Spring Fling at each elementary school, with the Pinewood Dery track or Rainutter Regatta set up.

The date for the **Belt Loop Bonanza** has been moved. We will let you know as soon as it is reset.

A recruiting tool we can use is to have Cubs raise and lower the flags at their schools. To that end, we plan to add training for color guards who start off the school day at their respective school's flagpoles, and will offer it to Scouts and non-Scouts. Please be on the look-out for that date.

We currently have 1,329 youths in the District, which is about 11 percent under what we had at this time last year when we had 1,692. We have 72 units, which is down from 83 last year at this time.

The best way to recruit for Scouts is to replace yourself each year with a friend, relative or neighbor.

COMMISSIONERS

Commissioners will meet briefly at 7 p.m., Thurs., Aug. 14 at the LDS Chapel at 10055 West Road and Wheatland. But there will be no formal Commissioners meeting, as the Commissioners will go into the Cub Scout Roundtable to support membership training that will occur there.

The Boy Scout Roundtable also will meet briefly at 7 p.m., and then also will attend the membership training at Roundtable.

Since our membership numbers are down – like they are throughout the Council – we want all who possibly can attend August's Roundtable.

Commissioners must be trained, or they will be removed as a commissioner by year's end. Check with Vickie Oehring at vickieoehring@yahoo.com for more information.

Vickie Oehring said **more commissioners are needed** for the district. Commissioners are trained to have sage advice for units only after unit leaders request the advice. Vickie can be reached at vickieoehring@yahoo.com.

Commissioners are asked to check with their units to make sure that the units have started recording Journey to Excellence points now, rather than waiting until November.

PROGRAMS TRAINING

Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills and **Scoutmaster Specific Training** will take place in Sept. 26 and 27 at New Kentucky Park, 21710 FM 2920, in Hockley, Texas 77477. All Scoutmasters must be trained when the unit turns in its re-charter in December. To register or for questions, please contact Bob Steubing at bsteubing@comcast.net.

Scoutmaster Specific Training will be Sept. 23 at a place to be determined.

Tiger Day is set for Oct. 4, at a place to be determined.

There was a concern that troops were not going to attend **Webelos to Scout Expo** in Oct. 24-25-26 at Camp Bovay. Please contact Bob Steubing at bsteubing@comcast.net so we can find out which Soaring Eagle troops will attend. This is where Webelos Scouts can camp and meet with troops in the area to decide which troop they will join the following semester.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEBSITE – The new Soaring Eagle District website is up and running and looks great. Go to www.soaringeagledistrict.net. Judy Lizarraga is the **new website coordinator**.

The **North Division Program Guide** for SHAC – which has the calendars for the five districts in the North Division (Iron Horse, Orion, Phoenix, Soaring Eagle and Tall Timbers) – will be available at the Aug. 14 Roundtable at the LDS Chapel, 10055 West Road at Wheatland.

The **Fun With Son** program for Cubs and an adult will be Fri.-Sat., Oct. 18-19, at Camp Bovay and Camp Strake.

Please send all updates for the website to the vice chair of your area. Those vice chairs are -- **Programs**: Becca Franco at francob@sbcglobal.net; **Finance**: Klaus Oehring at klausoe@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. Hundreds of pictures of recent events around the district are being posted on the page.

FIRST AID MEET – The **District First Aid Meet**, which will determine the two Boy Scout patrols that are sent to the Council First Aid Meet, will be from 8 a.m. to noon on Sat., Nov. 22, at a place TBA.

MINUTES – We also are looking for a new person to attend SED Committee Meetings each month to be **scribe** and take the minutes. We will double the current scribe's pay.

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,

- Neal Farmer
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