

**Soaring Eagle District
District Committee Meeting, LDS Church, 10055 West Road
Dec. 2, 2014**

Attending were Neal Farmer, Bob Steubing, Bob Dunn, Robert Ausmus, Tony Hensdill, Kelly Kenny, Steve Ware, Mike Walker, Todd Running, Daniel Lawton, Mark Hoffart, Greg Leub, Bobby Hale and Vickie Oehring.

Opening: American Pledge of Allegiance by Steve Ware.

Prayer by: Steve Ware.

FINANCE

Our goal is to sell \$105,418 of popcorn after selling about \$96,000 last year. Tony Hensdill said that we have met our goal, going slightly over. Boo-ya!

For Friends of Scouting, our goal is to raise \$67,947 in the District, and we are at \$46,983 – 69.2 percent.

We need to get Blue and Gold dates from each Pack in the District and Courts of Honor in the spring from each Troop so we can schedule Friends of Scouting visits. Please e-mail Tony Hensdill with your meeting dates at jose.hensdill@scouting.org.

We plan on having a fourth Patron's Dinner this February or March. The idea is to invite area businesses to buy tables, which will allow us to raise less money from families in the District. Klaus Oehring is working on this project and could use some volunteers.

A speaker has been asked to headline the event, but there has not yet been confirmation. The goal is to sell 8-10 tables at \$2,000 each to area businesses, and sell seats to Scouters who want to attend the dinner near cost. We are hoping to have the event again at Gyrodata, off of U.S. 290 near Cy-Fair High School. We also will recognize a Business Partner of the Year for Soaring Eagle District at the gala.

Klaus is looking for volunteers to host and sponsor tables for the Patron's Dinner.

MEMBERSHIP

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.

We currently have 1,532 youths in the District; our goal is to get 1,693, or one more than last year. We have 72 units, but could drop four – Troop 479 at St. Timothy Lutheran, Pack 27 at Danish Elementary School, and Pack 1028 and Troop 1028 at Carverdale Community Church. That will leave the District with 68 units.

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

COMMISSIONERS

Commissioners will conduct the check-in for **Re-Charter turn-in** at the Dec. 11 Roundtable at the LDS Chapel, 10055 West at Wheatland. There will be stations that committee chairmen go to, including one for computer assistance, turning in money, Friends of Scouting, Upcoming events, etc. The session is modeled after a turn-in session in Atlanta that has been a vast improvement on getting people in-and-out quickly.

The last turn-in for re-charters through the district is at the December Roundtable. All re-charters are due to the Council by Dec. 15.

Please enter your commissioner visits on the UVTS section of scouting.org.

District Commissioner Vickie Oehring was happy that 11 from Soaring Eagle District have signed up for **Commissioners' College** on Dec. 6 at SHAC.

Commissioners must be trained, or they will be removed as a commissioner by year's end. They will not be removed from Boy Scouts. Check with Vickie Oehring at vickieoehring@yahoo.com for more information.

PROGRAMS

TRAINING

There will be **Classroom Youth Protection Training** at the December Roundtables. All Cubmasters and Scoutmasters must be YPT trained within the last two years in order for the unit to re-charter. You also have to have the classroom YPT in order to attend Winter Camp, Cub Scout Day Camp and Summer Camp in the state of Texas.

The **District First Aid Meet** is Sat., Jan. 10, at Jersey Village Baptist Church. Two patrols from the District First Aid Meet will advance to the **Council First Aid Meet**, which is Sat., Feb. 14. There also will be **First Aid and CPR certification classes** at the Council meet.

Please let Mike Walker – the District's risk management person -- know if you will participate so we can plan for the event. Contact Mike at mikekim001@aol.com.

Pushmobile has been moved to Sat., Dec. 13, at the LDS Church on Mills Road. If you register before Dec. 11, cost is \$7 per kid or \$42 per team. If you register on race day, then costs are \$10 per participant and \$60 per team.

The easiest way to register is to attend the Dec. 11 Roundtable. Event coordinator Tammy Koenig will be able to take registrations. Make checks payable to SHAC.

Forms are available at the Dec. 11 Roundtable, and on the District's website at www.soaringeagledistrict.net. Each racer must have a copy of his health form attached to the registration form. Only one form is needed per race team.

Check in is 9 a.m., with the opening ceremony at 9:45 a.m. Racing begins at 10 a.m. You can contact Tammy at tkoenig.scouting@gmail.com.

Units are asked to commit at the November Roundtable to bring food to the December Roundtable for the **Cheer Basket** project. The Cheer Baskets are given to needy families in the area, as selected by the nurses in Cy-Fair ISD. Cheer Baskets will be delivered starting at 9 a.m. on Sat., Dec. 20. Please sign up to deliver the baskets via Becca's e-mail at francob@sbcglobal.net.

District Awards will be given at the annual **District Dinner**, which tentatively is set for Jan. 24 at the LDS Chapel on Eldridge Road. Ticket sales will be at the December and January Roundtables.

Please nominate people for the District Award of Merit, the Soaring Eagle Award (which is the blue neckerchief), the Charter Organization of the Year and the Family of the Year. Forms to nominate are on the District website. The SED Awards Selection Committee meets on Dec. 17 to select the winners.

CAMPOREE is March 20-23, with Mike Marquart leading the event again this year, assisted by the District's Order of the Arrow members. The OA will be trained and then take over the Camporee in 2016.

Webelos Do Your Best campout is scheduled for April 25-27. Save the date.

Under **advancement**, Greg Leub pointed out that 55 Eagle projects have been approved in 2014, with 48 Eagle Boards of Review conducted do far. At least two more reviews will be scheduled.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRASH BASH is set for Sat., March 28, where participants will take buses and go to places on White Oak Bayou and clean the area. Coordinator Todd Running would like for people to donate door prizes for the kids who participate. Contact Todd at toddrunning@sbcglobal.net.

Boy Scout Roundtable at 7 p.m., Thurs., Dec. 11, will have **outdoor cooking** in Dutch ovens, led by chef supreme Bobby Hale.

Anyone who wished to volunteer for Cub Scout Day Camp in June, please contact Robert Ausmus at rdausmus@me.com.

If you Pack came to WTSE in October, event coordinator Bob Steubing has **decorated feathers** for the boys. Contact Bob to receive those items at bsteubing@comcast.net.

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

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 klaussoeh@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.

Scouting For Food is in January, and we need to get a District chair for that event. Putting hangers with instructions on how to donate to the food bank on doors in the area is scheduled for Sat., Jan. 24, and the date to go around and pick up the bags of food requested from the door hangers is Sat., Jan. 31.

Closing ceremonies at Camp Strake will be from 3-6 p.m., Sat., Dec. 13. This event is open to the public. Winter Camp will be at Camp Strake Dec. 26-30, but visitors will not be allowed. So Dec. 13 will be the last time you can visit the camp before it is taken over by the development company that purchased the land.

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.

DISTRICT EXECUTIVE’S MINUTE – Tony Hensdill asked everyone to push getting the re-charters done. All units can be assisted if they bring the re-charter to the Dec. 11 Roundtable at the LDS Chapel, 1055 West Road.

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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