

Soaring Eagle District Committee Meeting Minutes – 12/1/15 – West Road LDS Building

Attendance:

Bobby Ausmus, John Brogan, Ajey Chandra, Bob Dunn, Becca Franco, Bobby Hale, Tony Hensdill, Mark Hoffart, Laban Marsh, Vickie Oehring, Tara Sal, Steve Ware, and Bob Weenig

Opening Exercises:

--Welcome: Tony Hensdill, District Executive (Neal Farmer, District Chairman was unable to attend)

--Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Steve Ware

--Invocation: Offered by Bobby Ausmus

--Song: Led by Vickie Oehring

Finance:

--Bahama Bucks (located at 12105 Jones Road) is partnering with Soaring Eagle's Friends of Scouting campaign. They will donate a percentage of each transaction occurring within the specified timeframe. Please support this initiative, and enjoy a delicious treat the first Wednesday of every month between 6:00pm and 9:00pm.

--Tony Hensdill informed the committee that the district has met 90% of its 2015 FOS campaign goal. The district needs to raise an additional 4,000.00 in order to meet the goal.

--Tony Hensdill officially kicked-off the 2016 FOS campaign and distributed pledge cards. The district committee members in attendance pledged and/or contributed nearly \$2,800.00. The 2016 campaign is now underway, and the district is in need of FOS presenters. Please consider volunteering as a presenter by contacting Tony Hensdill or signing up at the next Roundtable on December 10th.

Membership:

--The committee extended a hearty thank you to Steve Ware as he wraps up his service as Membership Chair. The committee welcomed incoming Membership Chair: John Brogan.

--As a reminder, membership initiatives are not the exclusive responsibility of the membership committee. Every scout and scouter possesses the responsibility to share the message of scouting.

--As new units emerge, the need for New Unit Organizers and Unit Commissioners from the district are imperative. Please consider volunteering in these two important duties.

Commissioners:

--Ajey Chandra, North Division Commissioner, thanked Vickie Oehring for her service as our District Commissioner. Ajey announced and welcomed Robert Ausmus as our new District Commissioner.

--The district is always in need of more Unit Commissioners. Please spread the word and volunteer.

--There will be a Recharter Turn-In at the December Roundtable on December 10th.

Program:

--The dates have changed for the upcoming Arrow of Light ceremonies sponsored by the Order of the Arrow. The new dates are January 9th and January 30th. Locations will be finalized in the near future.

--The annual Cub Scout Pushmobile will not be held in December as usual. The new date is March 5th, and it will be held at the Mills Road LDS building.

--Webelos Do Your Best will be held on April 22-24 in conjunction with the District Camporee. The location will be finalized in the near future.

--The annual District Dinner will be held on January 23rd at St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic Church at 10135 West Road. The Soaring Eagle Award, the Partner in Scouting Award, the Family of the Year Award, and the District Award of Merit are presented at the dinner. Nominations for these awards are due at the December Roundtable on December 10th.

--Soaring Eagle District partners with the Cy-Fair Lions Club in a charitable program called Cheer Baskets. Baskets of food are donated to families in need during the Christmas season. Soaring Eagle is providing baskets for 60 families. This is a great opportunity for units to perform service. Contact Becca Franco for more information on how to get involved.

--Soaring Eagle Shirt: scouts and scouters have the opportunity to show Soaring Eagle pride by wearing a district t-shirt. The shirts cost \$10.00, and participants in district activities can choose to have their shirts stamped with an emblem from the activity. Contact Becca Franco for more details.

--Our 2016 Scouting for Food chairman is Mike Walker. Check the district website for more details.

--The district is planning to hold a Spring Troop Day on May 7th. Contact Becca Franco for more information.

--The December District Roundtable will be held at the West Road LDS building on December 10th at 7:00pm. Several awards will be presented during the combined opening session. The Boy Scout Roundtable will focus on cooking. Yummy!

Annual Business Meeting:

--Robert Ausmus represented the District Nominating Committee and conducted the annual business meeting.

The At-Large members of the District Committee were unanimously voted in. The positions of District Chair and District Finance Chair are not filled at this time. The nominating committee selected candidates to fill the positions of District Chairman and District Finance Chairman. However, the candidates are unable to accept these positions. The District Nominating Committee will reconvene and begin the process again.

Closing Exercises:

--Tony Hensdill adjourned the meeting.