

Soaring Eagle District

District Committee Meeting, LDS Church, 10055 West Road

January 6, 2016

Attending were, Vickie Oehring, Neal Farmer, Laban Marsh, John Brogan, Bobby Hale, Bob Steubing, Mark Hoffart, Judy Lizaragga, Bob Dunn, Marty Stakes, Becca Franco, and Tony Hensdill.

Opening: Welcome by Tony Hensdill
Pledge by Bob Steubing.
Prayer by Tony Hensdill
Song by Vickie Oehring.

FINANCE

Friends of Scouting -- District met the \$33K Family goal in late December but remains about \$4,000 short of Community goal. We raised \$40K of the Council set goal of \$44K putting us at 94% for 2015.

FOS 2016 Kickoff has been very successful with District Committee meeting 8% of the \$42K goal currently set by Council. This goal will be revised due to the redistricting of some of the LDS units out of Soaring Eagle District. Estimated to reduce to \$23K for 2016.

District Fundraiser – EVERY 1st Wednesday at Bahama Bucks on Jones Road

Enjoy a cool shaved ice or fancy hot chocolate or coffee and help the District!

MEMBERSHIP

Membership vice chairman John Brogan will be attending the Key Leaders Conference this Saturday at Cockrell Scout Center to fully prepare for his duties.

SED needs approx. 110 Scouts to reach goal of 1,693. Last year this time we had 1,692. We have 75 units in the district but that will reduce to 51 units (est. 328 youth) with the LDS departure. New membership goals will be established after the finalization of the redistricting effort.

DEFECTIVE RECHARTERS due to Top Leadership Training can be remedied at University of Scouting February 13.

3 packs are in lifesaving status. Each need leadership assistance from district volunteers to help them stay viable.

John will be working to get **adult volunteers** to assist with recruiting on the Cub Scout, Boy Scout and Venturing levels. It was reported that 85% of all Boy Scouts were Cub Scouts. This will drive the plea to the District's Troops to reach out and assist and support the Packs of the District.

A **Troop Fair/Spring Rally** on May 7 at Foundry United Methodist Church, 8350 Jones Road, is planned. This event is transferring from Program to Membership and will be chaired by Amber Anderson. Program will continue to lend all needed support.

As Cy-Fair ISD has disallowed Boy Talks during lunches within the schools, we are going to have to continue 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 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.

COMMISSIONERS

Acknowledgements were extended to Vickie Oehring for her service to the District as District Commissioner.

Due to the redistricting of the LDS Units, Bobby Ausmus, will be moving to Big Cypress District with his son's unit and will not be available to serve as the SED District Commissioner. Council is still in the process of searching for a new District Commissioner for SED.

As part of this discussion, Council is still conducting a search for the next Soaring Eagle District Chair and that person will then conduct a search for the next Finance Chair.

COMMISSIONERS NEEDED – The commissioner core is critical during this transitional period for the district. The units in lifesaving status and the schools that no longer host units are prime targets for commissioners to act as ambassadors and mentors of Scouting to make sure that Scouting is available to any youth in Soaring Eagle District that wants to participate.

BOY SCOUT ROUNDTABLE – New program agenda will be published to encourage units to attend Roundtable. New topics are being pursued.

CUB SCOUT ROUNDTABLE – MySCouting.org tutorial and Q&A will be the focus of the January Roundtable. Pushmobile clinic will be the breakout

PROGRAM

Arrow of Light Ceremony – January 9, 2016 – 6 pm at Spring Creek Park

Alternate weather location St Elizabeth Anne Seton Catholic Church (Jackrabbit Road)
Bring Chairs ----- COATS due to weather in the 30s

Arrow of Light Ceremony – January 30, 2016 – 6 pm TBD

Alternate weather location St Max Catholic Church (West Road)

SED Awards Dinner, Saturday, January 23, 2016 – 7 pm

St Maxmillian Kolbe – Kolbe Hall, 10135 West Road

District Scouter recognition event. Theme is Puttin' on the Ritz and heading up the decorating/dinner committee is Karen Lade. Rhonda Elsner will be at January Roundtable to take monies and distribute dinner tickets. \$25/person and \$175/table.

Final selections will be done 1/6 and notifications of selected Scouters will go out to their unit nominators along with dinner flyer and ticket instructions.

A slide presentation of 2016 in Soaring Eagle is in progress, please send photos with event, date identification to Becca Franco or Neal Farmer.

Pushmobile, March 5, 2016 Mills Road LDS Chapel

Tammy Koenig, Chair. Pushmobile packet will be available on SED Website.

A pushmobile clinic will be at the January and February Roundtables breakouts

Trash Bash will be, April 2

Trash Bash is where people in our geographic area meet at Bang and clean up area waterways, such as White Oak Bayou, and receive a T-shirt and a lunch. The district is represented by Todd Running.

SCOUT FAIR – April 17 – Reliant Hall

CAMPOREE/Webelos Do Your Best – April 29-May 1 at Camp Bovay Camporee Area. There will be access to the Tellepsen Shooting Ranges in the afternoon. There will be an OA callout and Brotherhood ceremony at Camporee.

DAY CAMP – June

Steve Ware, Director

Steve is looking for a few good cowboys and cowgirls to help make this year's Day Camp a rip roaring western success.

RELIGIOUS EMBLEMS COORDINATOR – Judy Lizarraga is the **district's religious emblems coordinator**. Each religion has its own religion award, and Judy will coordinate those for Soaring Eagle. John Wesley UMC will be starting a God and Country class.

WEBSITE – The SED website is now hosted by Council as are all the District Websites. 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:** TBD; and **Membership** to John Brogan at jtbrogan001@gmail.com.

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 by Neal Farmer.

State of District, Tony Hensdill

The major changes coming to the District gives us great opportunities as we look to the great volunteers to make this happen successfully. We must encourage all unites across the district to support and strengthen the district and lend leadership from the top down. To encourage the Troops to support the Packs and all the units to support the District endeavors.

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,

- Becca Franco
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