

**Soaring Eagle District
District Committee Meeting, LDS Church, 10055 West Road
February 2, 2016**

Attending were:

Jim Cash, Becca Franco, Vickie Oehring, John Brogan, Bobby Hale, Bob Steubing, Judy Lizaragga, Bobby Ausmus, Steve Ware, Ajey Chandra, Bob Weeing, Tony Hensdill, Chris Laycock, Cristal Razo.

Opening:

Welcome by Jim Cash, SED District Commissioner

Pledge by Steve Ware, SED Day Camp Director

Prayer by Bob Steubing, SED Training Chair

Song by Vickie Oehring, SED District Commissioner Emeritus

Introductions:

Jim Cash, SED District Commissioner

Cristal Razo, SED District Executive (cristal.razo@scouting.org)

Chris Laycock, North Division Field Supervisor

Tony Hensdill, Outgoing SED DE and new SHAC Scout Fair and Popcorn Sales

FINANCE

Friends of Scouting -- Interim FOS Chair will be Chris Laycock, North Division Field Supervisor until a SED Finance Chair is selected. Cristal Razo, SED DE will be coordinating presentations by emailing spreadsheet of unit dates and times for the presenters to sign up. FOS 2016 Kickoff has been very successful with District Committee meeting 8% of the \$42K goal currently set by Council. This remains the goal contrary to report in January minutes that the 2016 goal would be revisited due to the redistricting of some of the LDS units out of Soaring Eagle District and estimated to reduce to \$23K for 2016.

The breakdown is \$32,000 Family and \$10,000 Community. Based on 2015 this should be obtainable.

Scout Fair Booklets – Kickoff was held Thursday, January 28 at The Foundry. Erik Craig is chairing again this year for SED. Sales began February 1. First 5% turn in will be March 3rd. SED met the Sales Participation goal 100% with 19 units registering to see booklets. Units may still sign up to sell booklets and Unit Commissioners are encouraged to check on the units they serve to make sure they have opportunity. **Scout Fair Booth Participation** will produce 10% for units and the deadline for booth sign up is March 26th.

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 attended the North Division Leadership Retreat this past weekend and reported on it being an invigorating experience. SHAC will be focusing on membership and retention in 2016. North Division's Chair, Debbie Rollinson, has been promoted to new SHAC position of VP of Membership and Retention and along with SHAC Director of Field Services, Marty Sepulveda, spoke at the retreat. While SHAC is 1% down in growth we are still well above National at 3.5% down. There is a lot to do in 2016 to get Scouting to more youth in our communities.

- Tall Timbers (Conroe ISD) has been a restricted school access district for a while and shared creative workarounds
 - Using businesses to distribute BeAScout.org flyers esp on no-tax weekends
 - Establishing a district followup process for BeA Scout leads

- Discussion included putting BeA Scout at school supply displays
- Ordering Peer to Peer cards from SHAC for specific unit recruiting
- March/April Roundtable Leader Specific and Conducting Den Meeting breakouts
- School Website – electronic flyers access shows improvement this month
- Use the STEM/NOVA program to get access into the schools

Retention: Do a specific onboarding of new adults and provide training as needed year round.

DEFECTIVE RECHARTERS – there are still 34 defective recharters that must be addressed.

John is continuing work 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 West Road LDS Chapel, 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.

COMMISSIONERS

Jim Cash is the new SED District Commissioner and is looking for more hands.

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. February will have a special speaker on the Lone Star Trail and its opportunities.

CUB SCOUT ROUNDTABLE – . Pushmobile clinic will be one of the breakouts

PROGRAM

District Award Dinner was held Saturday, January 23 at St Maximillian-Kolbe Catholic Church. Decorations were spectacularly done by Karen Lade. Registration by Rhond Elsner. Catering by The Backyard Grill. Many deserving adults were recognized along with Partner of the Year, Houston-CyFair Lions Club and Family of the Year, the Lizaraggas. Awards will be presented at Roundtable for those who were not able to attend the dinner.

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 7-11
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. Location will be finalized this month.

TRAINING – Bob Steubing, SED Training Chair reported there will be the following in February:

2/6 BALLOO at Bear Creek Park – joint venture with Mustang District. Signup SHAC website

2/13 – University of Scouting – Council Website

2/24 Scoutmaster Specific – location tbd – contact Bob Steubing

2/26 IOLS - New Kentucky Park – contact Bob Steubing

Bob will be working with Becca Franco and others to put on Cub Specific Training this spring.

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. She will be attending Scout Sunday, Feb 7 at St Maximillian-Kolbe Catholic Church for their religious awards ceremony and invited Cristal Razo to attend with her.

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. **Commissioners:** Jim Cash at 440jim@gmail.com; **Program:** Becca Franco at francob@sbcglobal.net; **Finance:** TBD; and **Membership** to John Brogan at jtbrogan001@gmail.com. There will be a top leadership training on the website scheduled with SHAC Webmaster Darlene Scheffler.

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.

District Executive Report

Cristal Razo thanked everyone for coming out tonight and looks forward to working with the district to meet expectations in each of our respective areas.

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.

Sincerely,

- Becca Franco
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