

## **Soaring Eagle District**

**District Committee Meeting, LDS Church, 10055 West Road**

**April 5, 2016**

### **Attending were:**

Matthew Podraza, Jim Cash, Mark Hoffart, Jennifer Ausmus, Laban Marsh, Becca Franco, John Brogan, Bobby Hale, Bob Steubing, Bobby Ausmus, Steve Ware, Ajey Chandra, Neal Farmer, Vickie Oehring and Cristal Razo

Attendees voted on the **new officers** for the Soaring Eagle District. Jim Cash conducted the election. They are:

District Chairman – Robert Ausmus

District Commissioner – Jim Cash

District Membership Chair – John Brogan

Vice Chair District Finance – Becca Franco

District Program Chair – Becca Franco (through June)

Committee Members at-large – TBD

### **District Members at Large** elected were:

Amber Anderson, Jennifer Ausmus, Robert Ausmus, John Brogan, Jim Cash, Ajey Chandra, Bob Dunn, David Elsner, Rhonda Elsner, Neal Farmer, Becca Franco, Tony Franco, Bobby Hale, Emiliano Herrera, Mark Hoffart, Bob Hohne, Sherwin Klemp, Tammy Koenig, Karen Lade, Greg Lueb, David Lizarraga, Judy Lizarraga, Laban Marsh, Mike Marquart, Vickie Oehring, Wanda Pinson, Tara Sal, Dennis Schmidt, Marty Stakes, Bob Steubing, Randy Thomas, Scott Thomas and Steve Ware.

Also, the **chartering organization representatives** from each unit were voted in as District members at-large. They are:

Jean-Robert Appolon, Paul Baird, Ryan Bardo, Karen Bargainer, Leah Blume, Charlie Cao, Elizabeth Celmer, Gail Clopton, Sarah Cluff, Benjamin Davila, Christopher Efird, Amanda Fong, Todd Gaudin, Angela Gonzalez, Michael Granberry, MacKenzie Haley, Jason Hughes, Kelly Klentz, Rachael Knapp, Jennifer Kurzy, Richard Merz, Brandee Mireles, Michael Olsen, James Pendergrast, William Schiller, Gary Thome, Zaida Villarreal and Ryan Wagley.

### **Opening:**

Pledge by Steve Ware, SED Day Camp Director

Prayer by Jim Cash, District Commissioner

Welcome by Bobby Ausmus, District Chairman

Song by Vickie Oehring

### **Introductions:**

Troop 277 Scoutmaster Matthew Podraza was in the audience.

### **FINANCE**

**Friends of Scouting** – The FOS goal for Soaring Eagle District is being worked on. We are currently at approximately \$11,000 raised. A goal had been set for \$39,000 for the District, but could be changed.

**Participation** – District has reached 100% of its participation goal with units signing up to man booths. The District booth will have the license point cards, if any unit needs to exchange higher denominations for distribution.

**Scout Fair Booklets** – The last turn-in for Scout Fair tickets is Thurs., April 7 (1% bonus) at the Backyard Grill (9454 Jones Rd., Houston TX 77065) from 7-9 p.m. This is the last time to turn in Scout Fair coupon books so that your unit can receive a check for those books at the Scout Fair.

Tickets also can be turned in at the Scout Fair from 9 a.m. to noon on Sat., April 16, at NRG Arena. Checks from the April 16 turn-in will be sent to units at a later date.

Soaring Eagle District so far has hit 76 percent of ticket sales goal, which is \$64,000 of \$88,000.

**District Fundraiser** – every 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday at Bahama Bucks, 12105 Jones Road. Enjoy a cool shaved ice or fancy hot chocolate or coffee and help the District, as a percentage is given to Soaring Eagle.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Membership chairman John Brogan and Mark Hoffart attended the March 31 Council Coordinated, and went to the membership meetings where they were told the No. 1 priority council-wide this year is getting new members.

John also reported that Mark Hoffart and Consuelo Worley had joined his District membership team.

**ACTION ITEM:** Bobby Ausmus asked to find two unit organizers who would start units, as we are looking to start units at St. Matthew's Catholic Church, 9915 Hollister, and the Harmony School of Science on FM 249.

The 2016-17 membership theme is "Rockets." There is a call for parents to come up with ideas related to the rocket theme, like the Houston Rockets, NASA, hobby shops, etc. John asks leaders to think about spring recruiting sessions. He would like for units to target kindergarteners for Tiger kids immediately after they graduate kindergarten. Also, Troops can target Webelos II-Arrow of Light Scouts who have not transitioned into a Boy Scout unit.

The membership committee planned to have a call-down on Wed., April 6. They want to talk to representatives from each unit that night, and introduce the new District leadership, introduce the SED Committee concept to the units, and ask each unit to create a membership chair. All unit leaders will be invited to the April 14 and May 12 District Rountables.

**A Troop Fair/Spring Rally** is planned for May 7 at West Road LDS Chapel at a time TBA. This event is transferring from Program to Membership and will be chaired by Amber Anderson. This is for troops, packs, crews and ships.

## **COMMISSIONERS**

**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.

Unit commissioners are requested to fill out reports of their respective visits at [my.scouting.org](http://my.scouting.org).

## **PROGRAM**

## **Scout Fair – April 17 at 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 from 3-6 p.m. on Sat., April 30, for team competition. Teams will consist of three Boy Scouts, and the teams must pre-register.

There will be an OA callout and Brotherhood ceremony at Camporee.

Archery and BBs will be available at WDYB

WDYB cost is \$25 per scout/parent and \$10 each additional adult

Camporee cost is \$20 per scout, \$10 per adult There will be access to the Tellepsen Shooting Ranges from 3-6 p.m. on Sat., April 30, for Camporee Troop TEAM competition.

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Registration is due at the April 14 Roundtable. The most-current BSA Health forms are required for all attendees.

## **Cub Scout Day Camp – June 7-11**

Camp director Steve Ware said that this year's Soaring Eagle Cub Scout Day Camp is at Jersey Village Baptist Church. Emiliano Herrera is the 2016 Soaring Eagle Day Camp Program Director. A WEBELOS AOL program has been added, with much more. This Year the goal is 100 percent participation of Soaring Eagle District's Cub Scout packs. This year's Day Camp theme is Wild, Wild, West. Pack Day Camp Representative have already been contacted. Be sure to respond.

The **District Picnic** – the only SED event in July – will be on Sat., July 23. It tentatively is scheduled for the Lion's Den of the Cy-Fair Lions Club at Bane Park, near West Little York and Gessner. A goal is to offer BB Gun shooting.

There will be Classroom Youth Protection Training is break-out sessions during the SED Roundtables on April 14 and May 12.

A BALOO training will be in conjunction with Bobcat Day in October on Oct. 8. All Cub Packs have to have a BALOO-trained adult before they can go camping.

Summer classes for the **National Youth Leadership Training** program are available for registration on-line at SHAC.org. NYLT is a way for youths to be trained in leadership techniques.

The **Program Preview**, a booklet that lists the Soaring Eagle District dates for the 2016-2017 calendar year, will be given out at the May 12 Roundtable.

**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.

**FACEBOOK** – The district has a Facebook page, called "**Soaring Eagle District**." On Facebook, go to that site and like it. We have more than 500 who have liked our Facebook page, and the goal is to get to 550. The District's Facebook page sports BSA-related stories from almost every facet of Scouting. Also, immediate information about the District can be found on the Facebook page. Hundreds of pictures of recent events around the district are being posted on the page by coordinator Neal Farmer. Units are encouraged to post photos from campouts, Eagle ceremonies,

**District Executive Minute**

Cristal Razo thanked the new leadership at the District Committee Meeting, and said she always wants to know the names of more people who can serve on the District level.

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,

-- Neal Farmer

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