

**Soaring Eagle District  
District Committee Meeting, LDS Church, 10055 West Road  
May 3, 2016**

**Attending were:**

Bobby Ausmus, Becca Franco, Bob Steubing, Scott Thomas, Judy Lizarraga, Vickie Oehring, David Lizarraga, Jennifer Ausmus, Laban Marsh, John Brogan, Jim Cash, Mark Hoffart, Bobby Hale, Steve Ware, and Cristal Razo ,

**Opening:**

Pledge by Bobby Ausmus, District Chairman  
Prayer by Jennifer Ausmus, District Popcorn Kernel  
Welcome by Bobby Ausmus, District Chairman

**Opening Exercises**

Call to Order	Bobby Ausmus
Pledge of Allegiance, Scout Promise, Scout Law	Bobby Ausmus
Invocation	Jennifer Ausmus
Welcome, Introductions	Bobby Ausmus

**Action Items from Previous Meeting**

2 New Unit Organizers	John Brogan
Still seeking volunteers to join the Membership Committee as New Unit Organizers	
Suggestion to collect up Boys Life and Scouting magazines and put Join Scouting (beascout.org) stickers on them and leave them in doctor, dentist and clinic waiting rooms.	
Report on Visits to Potential New Units	John Brogan, Steve Ware
St Matthews Catholic Church will be the new home of Pack 771 moving from Reed Elementary.	
This new pack will be able to recruit from Holbrook, Frazier, Reed and Bane Elementary schools as well as the church congregation. There is also interest in a troop and Joe Roman is interested and has congregational ties to St Matthews.	

**New Business**

Presentation of New District Personnel	Bobby Ausmus
Personnel not previously elected were officially elected by acclamation, John Brogan present	
Luke Albrecht will take over Enterprise Risk Management Chair from Mike Walker	
Justin Ryan will take over the Scouting for Food Chair from Mike Walker	
Note that Mike Walker is moving to Angola for three years thanks to Chevron and has served the district very well and has already made inquiries about Scouting in Angola. Mike will continue to mentor as needed as his phone number and email have not changed. We wish Mike the very best.	
Committee Member Registration	Bobby Ausmus
An audit of the district roster will be conducted and all not registered will need to fill out form.	
Journey to Excellence Reporting Assignments	Bobby Ausmus
JTE was reviewed by line item and each area was discussed with focus on responsibility.	
District Executive Cristal Razo to get access for all committee positions for reporting capability.	
Unit by unit JTE assessment will be due in June from the unit commissioners	
Posting of Committee Meeting Agenda and Minutes	Bobby Ausmus
In an effort to draw more members to the website, the agenda and minutes will be posted to the website in place of blast to the subscribers. This will begin after Website Training is completed on May 4 and posters are granted access.	
Powder Horn Announcement	Bobby Ausmus
Bob Steubing reported on the success of the latest Powder Horn and the importance of attending.	
District Committee Scribe	Bobby Ausmus
Bobby put out a call for a scribe and several candidates were to be contacted.	
Fun with Son Representative	Cristal Razo
District needs to appoint a Fun with Son Representative to recruit personnel and attendees.	

Website Content Training

Becca Franco

Council Webmaster, Darlene Scheffler, will be conducting training May 4 6-8 pm at West Rd Chapel. This is for all the Chairs and content managers for the district website.

## Reports from the Floor

Calendar Review

District Committee Members

Upcoming events are

May 7 Join Scouting Fair

June 7-10 SED Day Camp

Summer events will be July 23 District Picnic

May 12 Classroom YPT will be held at Roundtable

May 19 will be Council Coordinated at Cockrell Center – anyone not able to attend their position will need to send a proxy. Becca Franco will not attend Council Coordinated to conduct district FOS presentations.

May 21 Cub Leader Specific and Chartered Organization Representative training will be offered in Kingwood – see the SHAC Training Calendar

Volunteer Recruitment

District Committee Members

Everyone needs to be on the lookout for volunteers to support district function

Roundtable Attendance

Roundtable Commissioners

Unit Commissioners need to promote and invite their unit leadership and adult members to attend

Roundtable WITH them. Cub roundtable attendance is starting to grow and it is the plan to bring back rank and position breakouts. Attendees would like a calendar of breakout subject focus. District Commissioner Jim Cash will need staff, so let Jim know if you are passionate about a rank or position and want to train and help out.

## FINANCE

**Friends of Scouting** – The FOS goal for Soaring Eagle District has been set at \$28,385 (Family \$19,385 and Community \$9,000) We are currently at 52% with 7 presentations remaining and the LDS campaign. Bobby, Jim and Becca will meet on the LDS campaign strategy.

## Scout Fair

**Participation** – [District has reached 100% of its participation goal](#). Troop 1944 won first place overall for outdoor booths and first place for district for outdoor booths. They also won third place overall for outdoor booths. Pack 1177 also won an overall place for indoor booth and first place district for indoor booth for their voting booth educational and actual voting booth replica. The Soaring Eagle District Booth was one of the best decorated and manned and our district had to spill out into other district areas that were not filled. Thank you to all the volunteers who came out and made Soaring Eagle District look amazing at Scout Fair 2016.

**Booklets** – Soaring Eagle District hit 86 percent of ticket sales goal with \$76,860 of \$85,400.

## Membership

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 Scouts that have not transitioned into a Boy Scout unit.

The membership committee facilitated a call-down on Wed., April 6 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 were invited to the April 14 and May 12 District Roundtables.

## 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**

Events were moved to local locations due to severe weather warnings.

Camporee was hosted by Jersey Village Baptist Church

WDYB was hosted by Fairbanks United Methodist Church

All events were conducted except camping and shooting sports.

Webelos got to cook their own lunches with Chef Bobby Hale and participate in Sling Shots.

Camporee had a record 14 entries in the Dutch Oven competition and were treated to BBQ.

#### **Cub Scout Day Camp – June 7-11**

This year's Soaring Eagle Cub Scout Day Camp is at Jersey Village Baptist Church. Steve Ware, Day Camp Director and 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 back. [More updates in Day Camp kick-off meeting.](#)

**District Picnic** – the only SED event in July – Sat., July 23. It tentatively is scheduled at the Lion's Den of the Houston-CyFair Lions Club at Bane Park, near West Little York and Gessner. [The goal is to offer BB range at this year's event.](#)

A BALOO training will be in conjunction with Bobcat Day in October on Oct. 8.

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. 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,

#### **Closing Exercises**

Review Action Items      Scribe

Scouter's Minute          Bob Steubing shared thoughts on citizenship and how voting is not just a right it is a duty for all Americans.

This Soaring Eagle District Committee will meet the first Tuesday of each month, except for July (District 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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