

## **Troop 870 Committee Meeting**

**March 8, 2010**

7PM called to order by Carolyn Van Kirk, Committee Chair.

New Members Introduced: Charles Phillips, Joel, Luke and Scott (triplets!) from Pack 848, Leah Gallagher, son Jack from North Carolina, Tim Anderson, son Parker from Pack 95 and Rebecca Forrest, son Greg.

Welcome to all these new members.

Treasurer Report-Ali Muratore, For Audrey: Total is about \$9000 with some checks still going out for summer camp. Also, with no income to speak of for the rest of the year for the other things that cost us money, such as, the next round of training, two COH's, fall camp, Webelos Woods, and the Christmas party and the added expense of summer camp transportation, we will need a fundraiser to build up funds in the account again.

Outdoor Activities Committee Chair Report -Marilyn Hockenberry:

Summer Camp Report The 2<sup>nd</sup> payment is due tonight. The third payment will be due in May. Merit badge fees will be added to the third payment. Extra expenses for transportation also may be added to the third payment, but that has yet to be decided. What we know about the transportation cost is that it will be more because the trip is further thus requiring more gas and we will need to rent the vans longer. Therefore, we may need to come back and ask for more money for transportation from each person going.

Philmont- There will be a parents meeting March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Drivers list needs to be updated. Parents who are willing to be a driver for any campout, please add your name to the list going around, or if your name is already on the list, check the information for accuracy.

We need more Outdoor Activities Committee members. If you are interested in helping with this committee, please see Marilyn Hockenberry.

Senderling-Double Lake Report- Sign up is tonight. We will load on Thursday. This is a new thing for our troop; we have done it for fall camp, and found that we are able to leave promptly on the day of departure. So, on Friday, meet at 5:30 and be prepared to go then. Do not pack your Class A uniform on Thursday, as you need to wear it for travel on Friday.

Swim Test over spring break. If you did not pass the Boy Scout swim test with the troop last summer, you have an opportunity to do it before this campout. If you are not certified as a

swimmer with the Boy Scouts, you have to canoe with a certified lifeguard. We are meeting at Sam Sukkar's house on March 18<sup>th</sup> from 7-8, bring \$5 for pizza. His address is 3114 Acorn Wood Way in Bay Oaks.

Equipment Chair-Patrick Stepchinski: We have a new trailer!! It is new, with a fresh coat of paint and no bird mess on it yet! It is 60% bigger than the previous one. We still need graphics, but will need more money for this. The rest of the money we have left from the capital campaign will go towards replacing worn out ice chests and repairing patrol boxes. The trailer cost \$2500.

Fundraiser Chair-Mark Kuhlman: We are proposing a fundraiser where we will be selling an American Flag subscription service for \$40/yr to the residents of Pine Brook. We will put a 3' x 5' American flag in resident's front yards for the holidays of Memorial Day, Independence Day, Patriots' Day (9/11) and Veterans' Day (11/11). We will need everyone's participation to make it a success: assembling the flags, selling the subscriptions, installing the flag pole holders in the yards, delivering the flags the day before each holiday and picking them up the day after each holiday. There was much discussion about this, and there was a vote. The vote passed, we will do this project.

We have secured a storage unit for \$59.00 a month, for 10 months, the last 2 months are free, in which to store the flags.

Service Project Chair-Jed Login: A brief overview of service and how we do it within the troop was given by Jed. The parents were told that each scout needs 3 service hours before attending a long camp, such as summer camp or fall camp. NOTE: Members who have joined since fall camp are encouraged to earn their 3 hours before going to summer camp but are not required to do so.

The UBC Church clean up had a good turnout.

The Keep America Beautiful project was last weekend, but Jed does not have an update on that as of yet.

If you do not go to the Double Lakes camp out later in March, there are several opportunities for service. There is a bridging ceremony, Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at Bay Area Park. Contact SPL Brad Paul if you are interested in representing the troop and welcoming the Phillips' boys and Greg Forrest from Pack 848.

Also, that Saturday is the annual Trash Bash at Armand Bayou. Please attend if you are able.

Advancement Chair-Julie Lovelace: New Parents- Please return the info sheet inside of your red folder, filled out to Julie Lovelace. Also, if you have any questions, please email Julie.

6 boys have signed up for Scout Master Conferences for rank advancements on the last Monday of this month. We will need help with the Boards of Review, Jennifer will be sending out an email for volunteers. . This is a great way for parents new to the troop to get to know the boys and to hear directly what's going on with the program.

Merit Badge Chair-Ali Muratore: We need a volunteer to take over the Personal Management Merit Badge, as Mike Lovelace is unable to do it any longer, due to his many other obligations. Please see Ali if you are able to do this.

Training Chair-Sam Sukkar: NRA training coming up, if you are interested, email Sam.

Scout master and Assistant Scout-Master training also coming up, see or email Sam if you are interested.

The training spreadsheet was passed around, with parents looking at it and seeing what they have done and what they need to do. If you do an online training, please email Sam your certificate.

Uniform Chair-Anita Fluharty: New Troop t-shirts are here- see Anita if you want on. The cost is \$10.00.

Mike Lovelace- Scoutmaster

Summer 2011- We are going to Sea Base High Adventure camp in Florida in **June, 2011!** (June 16th (Thursday) through June 22nd (Wednesday). We will be on the Out Island Adventure trek. Scouts must be 14 by Sept 1<sup>st</sup> of 2011. Scouts who did NOT go to Philmont will have 1<sup>st</sup> priority. Space will be limited and there will be a \$100.00 deposit due soon. The total cost of the trip is \$725.00, not including the cost of transportation. We are not sure if we will be flying or driving. This will have to be worked out. Emails to come...

The meeting was adjourned by Carolyn Van Kirk at 8pm

The next meeting will be April 12, 2010.

Respectfully Submitted,

Adrienne Mucha

Committee Secretary