

January 4, 2010 Parent/Committee Meeting

Troop 870

OA Callout- Members of the troop were “Called out” or announced for membership to the Order of the Arrow. The scouts who were called out were:

Joseph Sukkar, Gavin Love, Andrew Kuhlman, Devon Login, Matt Mucha, Daymond Crucian, Farzam Farahani, Alec Fluharty, Michael Fodroci, Joe Godwin, Tyler Najarian, Ryan Ramirez, Kevin Riegert, Alan Stepchinski.

The meeting was called to order by Carolyn Van Kirk.

Treasurer Report- Audrey Muratore: The end of December balance is not final/reliable, due to fall camp and Philmont. We are also still receiving money from recharter.

Thanks and appreciation for everyone who contributed to the Capital Campaign Fund. As of now, we have received \$2735.00 in donations, with an additional \$535 in pledges, which will bring us to a total of \$3260!!!

Equipment Chair- Patrick Stepchinski: Has been researching trailers. Currently talking with Pasadena Trailer, looking at a 6 X 10 for \$1995 + fees and a 6 X 12 that is \$150.00 more.

The church will write a check out of the Capital Campaign Fund for the trailer. It is okay to use any extra money for other items the troop needs.

Any donations over the cost of the trailer will be spent on additional equipment including a propane bottle holder, trailer signs and graphics, ice chests, etc.

Troop Advancement-Julie Lovelace: 5 scouts tonight having Scout Master Conference. Parents needed to volunteer for Boards of Review next week.

There will be a Court of Honor later this month. This is a celebration where the scouts will get up on the stage and receive their rank advancement. Their parents will accompany them on the stage and their mother gets a pin.

Outdoor Activities-Marilyn Hockenberry: Summer camp- Will be at Skymont Scout Camp in Chattanooga, TN on June 27-July 3. The scouts will leave June 26th and return July 4th. There are two options for the campers...

Regular camp- attend merit badge classes, cost is \$270. 3 payments of \$90.

Cumberland Adventure- High adventure- 3 days of backpacking, day 4 repelling, class 3 rapids on day 5. Cost is \$390, 3 payments of \$130.

Philmont- The trek is full. There are 10 scouts (Paul, Davis, Eaton, Stone, Ludovice, Ramirez, Roan, Van Kirk, Najarian and Spencer) and 2 adults attending (Davis & Spencer).

Parent meeting, the first will be next Monday, January 11, 2010. Please come if your scout is going. There will be much information provided monthly. Attendees will be getting into condition and shape with Ali Muratore's help.

Cheryl Paul- The final day to register for Bastrop State Park Camp out (1/22-24) is tonight. There will be teams of 4 scouts, the Philmont scouts will be together, and other scouts will be kept in patrols. Map and compass basics will be gone over tonight.

Double Lake Campout (3/26-28) vs. Trash Bash (3/27) - the PLC met, and it was decided to keep the Double Lake campout the same date. If you are not going to Double Lake and want to do the Trash Bash, you will have the opportunity to do this with the troop.

Health Forms-Erica Stepchinski: Please turn in forms by the end of January. You don't need new insurance form unless your insurance has changed.

Service Project-Jed Login: Epicurean Event- February 4th, 6:30-9:30. Signup sheet will be at future troop meetings. Scouts need to be able to stay until 10:00.

Clear Lake Park Crawfish Festival-April 2010, will let PLC discuss.

Recharter-Bernie Roan: Going great, "a flawless year." About 8 people haven't handed in form yet. If you haven't gotten a form from Bernie yet, please see him. Also, he has sent out an email requesting data on your scout, please fill out and send back to him.

Training Chair- Carolyn Van Kirk (In Sam Sukkar's absence): University of Scouting – February 13th is one day of training for leaders. It is a lot of fun and offers valuable information. Attendees go online and sign up for classes. Contact Sam Sukkar for more information. If you go and don't have any idea of what classes to take, please talk to Mike Lovelace. He has several classes from which he would like to have the information.

Report from Scoutmaster-Mike Lovelace:

Ideas for Eagle Scout Projects: Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge (located across the ship channel) has significant needs: Planting plants and trees; building trails, benches and tables.

Also, see Daniel Muratore about Hornaday Project information if you decide on a project at a nature center.

Daniel Muratore was also named the Order of the Arrow's Lodge (which is equivalent to the Sam Houston Area Council for OA) Chairman of the Native American Committee.

Next week, January 11, 2010, there will be 15-20 Webelos visitors.

So far, we have three commitments - little brothers - bridging this spring:
Layden, Love and Brown.

Fundraising-Mark Kuhlman- Suggestion by Kari Francis, a good idea. The scouts to put American flags in the yards of customers on various patriotic holidays. The troop would have to maintain the flags and stands, purchase the flags and stands, customers would subscribe- like the newspaper, scouts would go out on holidays- or the day before and day after- to put the flags up and take the flags down.

Report from Committee Chairman-Carolyn Van Kirk:

Scout Sunday is February 7th; the service to attend is the traditional service at 9:30am. It is important to attend and show UBC members that there is a Scout Troop associated with UBC.

UPDATE: SM's note: At the Scoutmasters' meeting on January 10th, it was decided that we would cook Dutch oven cobblers for the people leaving the 9:30am service (at 10:30) and the people arriving for the 11am service. The troop will then attend the 11am service. Those scouts not wishing to sit through that service will clean up the fire and ovens. **Scouts will need to arrive at 9am and will be dismissed at noon.**

District Award Nominations are due at the next round table, which is February 4th, 2010. Turn in any nomination to Carolyn Van Kirk, or in the scout shop. The district gives an award to whoever is nominated. Last year, Craig Ness won an award.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15.