

Troop 870 Committee Meeting
Monday, August 2nd, 2010

Meeting called to order by Kari Francis.

Adrienne Mucha is resigning her position as Committee Secretary.

Treasurer's Report- Audrey Muratore-

The troops ending cash is greater than \$9000. There is an extra cost for Philmont that is outstanding as of yet, will be 4 figures.

Flag status- we are + \$2378.82 for the flag fundraiser.

Walter Hall Park- we recently did a service project and were given \$250.00.

Kroger Letter- copies available tonight. Please tap into this resource for the troop. The letter is self-explaintory and this can be an easy way to earn money for the troop.

A motion was made by Audrey Muratore to install Kari Francis as Committee Chair; the motion was seconded by Patrick Stepchinski. The motion passed.

Kari is the new Committee Chair and we welcome her into this position.

Congratulations Kari!

A motion was made by Audrey Muratore to install Robin Barrett as Committee Secretary. Jennifer Crucian seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Robin Barrett is the new Committee Secretary and we welcome her into this position.

Congratulations Robin!

NYLT cost has increased from \$200.00 to \$225.00. Discussion about the amount the troop will subsidize for each scout attending.

A motion was made that the troop will pick up one half of the increased amount, which is \$125.00.

The motion was seconded by Marilyn Hockenberry.

The motion passed.

Summer Camp Synopsis- Mike Fodroci- Scoutmaster in charge at summer camp-

The troop went to Skymont camp, in central- eastern Tennessee. The campers were gone full 9 days, 4 days of travel and 5 days of camp. 29 scouts, 6 adults attended.

The consensus among the adults was that the camp was good, food was good, weather was good, and facilities were good. Skymont will be upgrading it's facilities this next year.

Staying at the First Baptist Church in Meridian, Mississippi was a very positive experience. The church opened it's doors to us and we are very appreciative. There was discussion about sending a token of thanks from the troop. Suggestions were flowers, a fan for the church, something for the rec. center at the church. No decision was made at this time.

Scoutmaster report- Mike Lovelace

The scoutmaster conferences (SMC) are being held today, 1 week early, due to Senior Patrol Leader (SPL) elections and Troop Organizational Workshop (TOW) next week, August 16th. Tonight, there is one scout having the SMC. Several have cancelled due to illness and band. We will attempt to get these cancelled SMC's done this week, so these scouts can have their Board of Reviews (BOR) on August 16th.

At the meeting on August 30th, Bernie Roan, who is Chief Counsel for NASA, will talk with the scouts (parents are encouraged to attend and observe) about what the impact of being immature and inappropriate on the internet might be on one's future. There will also be an officer from HPD present to talk about driving and using a cell phone. This will be a very educational meeting, and all are encouraged to attend.

This Thursday, August 5th, the troop will do the opening ceremony for Pete Olson's Town Hall Meeting. Jared Dalpe is coordinating this flag ceremony and will speak to the boys about it tonight. The meeting is at San Jacinto College, 8600 Spencer Highway, Pasadena. Monte Blue Music building, Corbin Recital Hall.

Attending can also help satisfy a requirement for Citizen in the Community or Communications merit badge.

There is a service project on Saturday, August 7th. Tyler Najarian has sent out an email. We will be meeting at UBC at 0530, and carpooling up to New Waverly, to help out in a bike ride for the Autism Foundation. If your scout wants to go, we currently have 3 drivers. If you have any questions, please call Mike Lovelace.

On September 11, 2010, we will have Troop Triathlon #2. We are renting the Brookwood pool, and each leg of the race will begin and end at the pool. We need coordinators for each leg of the race, swim, bike and run. There will be lifeguards at the pool, so the family is welcome to come and swim. Tessie Bauder volunteered to handle refreshments. She will need helpers, so please contact her if you are able to help out. There will be a \$10.00 for each scout participant, these monies will help pay for the renting of the pool, and the refreshments.

Brad Paul will be presenting his Eagle Scout project to the committee this evening.

Summer Camp- there was one negative interaction between 2 scouts at the very end of camp. The scouts involved were not first time scouters. It is important to remember that, as a troop, we should strive to get along and be loyal to our troop members. Mike met with the parents, and the scouts were counseled, and will be doing additional service hours. These service hours are not to count as requirements for advancement or for fall camp.

There will be 4 Board of Reviews (BOR) on August 16th. If you are a registered adult, you can participate in the BOR. If you need to register, please see Kari Francis, she has the forms. Fill out the form and give it to Mark Kuhlman.

Registered adults need to do training- Fast Start, This is Scouting, YPT and Troop Committee Challenge. You can do these online, then email a copy of your certificate to Sam Sukkar.

We have 2 Eagle Court of Honors scheduled. Please plan on attending. Families are welcome:

Jared Dalpe, August 14th - Saturday at UBC at 3 pm.

Nick Mucha, August 28th, Saturday, at UBC at 3pm.

Outdoor Committee- Marilyn Hockenberry- We are going to the LaPorte Wave Pool on August 14th, from 10:30-1:30. The registration forms need to be filled out. No monies are needed to be turned in with registration, but you scout will need \$5.00 for admission and money for snacks and lunch. We are planning to have drivers available from UBC, however if you want to drop your child off at the pool and pick him up there, you can. If you are available to drive scouts from UBC to the wave pool and back to UBC, please make that notation on the registration form.

Tessie Bauder- Lake Livingston fishing and canoe campout will be September 24-26th. Registration forms will go out on August 16th, and need to be turned in by August 30th. Scouts can also bring bikes with helmets.

SHAC Jam- College Station- October 8-10th. We prefer to register the troop together. Please decide if your scout is going by August 23rd, and give payment to Cheryl Paul or Lisa Phillips.

The troop has already ordered the rockets for the Guinness Book of World Records-rocket launch. If you want to participate, you can buy the rocket from the troop at a cost of \$10.00. Exact person to give the payment to is TBA.

If OA scouts attend the Jam, there will be an opportunity to do a 1-hour service project. Please have your scout let Daniel Muratore know he will be there.

Health Form Chair- Erica Stepchinski- Erick thanked Cheryl Paul and Marilyn Hockenberry for taking over organization of the camp forms in her absence. She is back and in action now.

Merit Badge Chair- Allison Muratore- Personal Management merit badge to be begun by Mr. Layton and Mr. Stepchinski. If the boys signed up to do this merit badge need information, please email one of them.

We need more merit badge counselors. If you are interested, please let Allison know.

Discussion –

Flag fundraiser:

The 9/11 holiday needs a Holiday Coordinator. This person will get to the storage unit and open it up, so that the flag placers can come and pick up the flags. They will also pass out the route maps and be at the storage unit when the flag picker-uppers bring the flags back.

We also need a Response Team, which will be available to respond to any problems anyone putting out or taking down flags may have, for example: can't find the sleeve in the ground, the flag pole is bent, etc.

Please let Mark Kuhlman know if you are signed up to do this holiday and are able to help with one of these two tasks. Also, if you do one of these tasks, you will not be putting out and picking up flags.

Mark will be sending out instructions for putting the flags out and taking them down via email.

We also need volunteers to help with flag holder install for new customers. Date TBA, but probably the Labor Day weekend. Email Mark Kuhlman if you are interested.

We also need volunteers to make another round to the houses that have not subscribed. We will concentrate on the houses that line busy streets. Volunteers please email Mark Kuhlman.

Equipment Chair- Patrick Stepchinski- Please put your name on all items that go to camp or on campouts. There are items in the garage that have been unclaimed. If you are missing something, look there.

Service Chair- Jed Login

Tour de Autism- Scouts are signing up tonight.

The Kemah family we provided service to has donated 2 sleeping bags to the troop. One has been given to a scout; there is another one available. If your scout needs one, please let Jed know.

Eagle Scout Project Presentation- Brad Paul.

This project will help the people of Seabrook, and whoever runs or walks on the pathway. Brad is a member of the Cross Country team at CLHS, he runs on this path and there are 2 areas that get flooded when the tide comes in or it rains. His project will consist of raising 2 areas on the trail by 6 inches.

The tentative date for his project will be Saturday, September 18th. The project will encompass 2 days. Day one will be in a garage, cutting materials needed for the build up. Day two is the build up, on Sept. 18th. No rain date scheduled as of yet. He will need as many scouts as possible for each day. He will provide water, easy-ups for shade and snacks. There is a bathroom available in Pine Gully Park. Scouts should bring hats, sunscreen, boots, gloves wheelbarrows and tools. Scouts will meet there and have a ride home provided.

Materials are provided by Pine Gully Park.

On October 11th, there will be a Star/Life to Eagle Session. Please plan on attending if your scout is a Star or Life scout.

Respectfully Submitted,

Adrienne Mucha, Committee Secretary

