

# Troop 870 Parents Meeting Minutes

June – 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by Joe Layden (filling in for Erich Klein)

## Flag Fundraiser:

Joe Layden Thanked everyone that helped with the Memorial Day flag distribution. We put out approximately 560 flags between residences and entrances.

There are still about 150 flags that need to have the caps put in and also a few flags to be replaced. Joe is looking at having another workday to finish this work – hopefully before Independence day.

The Independence Holiday is coming up (Friday June 30 & Friday July 7) and we still need additional volunteers to work it. There are currently 19 Scouts signed up and we need at least 25 per holiday. There are still some Scouts that have not signed up for their Holidays so please check the website and help out with Independence day. For any of the Holidays you can volunteer to be that Holiday's coordinator versus working a route. Please reach out to Joe if you might be interested in that.

It was also noted that many of the flag sleeves are starting to get worn out. We are looking for someone(s) to make some new ones. If you have, or know someone that has, a sewing machine that would be willing to help please contact Joe. It is a simple tube made with mesh fabric and the troop will supply the materials. Steve Bernay will check with his aunt to see if she would be willing to help make some. We could still use other people to help out.

## Volunteer Positions Needs and Updates:

**Outdoor Committee** – 12 Volunteers needed and we only have 4 or 5 now. The job entails helping plan & coordinate a monthly campout. Help the troop to participate in campouts by handling the required paperwork and planning for a monthly campout – you do not need to attend the event. This is a great starting position to hold. The more people that are on it – the fewer campouts each person has to plan.

**Boards of Review** – Volunteers are needed most every month and there is no training required. Chris Lupo discussed how this is a good opportunity for newer parents to interact with other scouts and see how the Scouts progress through the ranks. It basically entails meeting with the Scouts and discussing their Scout activities, get feedback on ways the Troop can improve. A large part of the Boards is to help the Scout become more comfortable speaking in front of a group. If you are interested contact Amanda Brown to volunteer (look for her emails at the beginning of each month)

**Flag Coordinator** – Mike Fincke has volunteered to take this position (after Independence day) for at least the next year. Thank you Mike.

**Flag Subscriptions** – Steve Bernay (Troop Treasurer) has volunteered to take this position over from Mike Marston. Thank you Steve.

## Camping:

The May campout had a record turnout (in recent memory at least) of Scouts. There were some minor issues that are being worked by the Scoutmaster and assistants.

Summer Camp is June 18-24 (depart on 17<sup>th</sup>), Camp Hale in OK. The Website (under Camping Info) has a list of recommended equipment for scouts to take. Tents are not required as they are provided by the camp. A cot is recommended and Joe had a sample cot to show. He reminded parents that the scouts need to have raingear just in case. The scouts will also need to have money for the following:

- Food & drink on the trip to camp Saturday ( lunch & dinner) – (breakfast and lunch on Sunday provided by Troop)
- Merit Badge fees which are paid at camp
- Drinks, snacks (ice cream) and souvenirs (\$30-\$50 was a suggested amount for this)

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- Food & drink on trip from camp (lunch) – Breakfast will be provided by the camp and they should be back home for supper

Medical part C will be required for this camp, Food allergies need to be listed on the forms. **If these are not turned in before the Troop leaves for camp your scout won't be able to go.** Check the email from Jennifer McBurnett which listed any scout/adult that still had missing forms.

**Troop 40th Anniversary:** discussion was had about having it on Saturday or Sunday – Sunday ended up having more support than Saturday. Current plan is to have a celebration and cook off at the Brookwood pool.

**Car wash fundraiser:** Discussion was had about having a Car Wash fundraiser. A local business has offered to provide a place to hold it and all proceeds would go to the troop. Majority of parents felt that our current fundraiser was enough (as it provides all the funds currently needed) and schedules were already busy enough. Parents did not support having a car wash (see comments later from the SPL – he does support a car wash)

## Eagle projects:

**Jay Hobstetter** presented his Eagle Project plan to the parents. He plans on building a Gaga Ball Pit and water cooler stand for the Seabrook United Methodist Church. He will be building it this Saturday, June 10, starting at 8AM. Breakfast, lunch and water provided for those helping. Construction will use PVC and treated lumber. It was suggested that PVC cutters would be quicker and easier than using a hack saw. Jay will send out an email this week with more details.

Chandra Finck provided an update to his plan (previously presented). Barring any unforeseen issues getting final approval from the Pinebrook Community Association, his project will happen June 21 & 22 (Wednesday and Thursday). It's during the week but is hoping many scouts will be able to come out and help. His project is building elevated walkway thru the wetlands in Pinebrook.

**SPL Announcements:** Chandra discussed the car wash and that he supported having it. He thought it was a good/fun troop activity where the scouts can just have fun (and wash some cars) without focusing on scout tasks and requirements. He thought the May campout was very productive and got most of the newer scouts thru their tenderfoot requirements. The scouts in general liked the campout for the canoeing, it was close and short but they would have liked more free time. He also announced that the Troop (Scout) plant competition would be next week and the scouts should bring their plant to the meeting.

## Scout Master Announcements

(Steve was absent but Joe passed on the following information)

Reminder that the Philmont 2018 Trek will need to finalize participants and begin preparations. An adult leader is still needed.

The troop purchased 6 new 3-man tents. Two would stay with the troop as loaners for new members or adults attending a campout. The other 4 are available for sale, \$100, to anyone wanting a tent.

Troop elections for the next 6 month term will be happening at the end of July

Al Estes discussed that new chuck box equipment, coolers and ice chests had been procured and labeled. He brought one of the ice chests had already been broken (missing a handle) after just 1 campout. Wanted to re-iterated that the scouts need to be responsible for THEIR equipment. He would be getting with the Patrol leader for each patrol that had broken/missing equipment to work out replacements. This would including sending them home with parts and that the scout would need to change out the parts.

Troop Triathlon will be Saturday August 19<sup>th</sup>. We will be needing MANY adult volunteers (20+) to help make it a successful and safe event. The bike route requires the most help as we position adults at every turn and major intersections to keep the scouts on track.

Meeting was concluded at 7:55pm  
Minutes recorded by Mike Marston