

Parent Meeting Minutes January 8, 2018

7:07 Meeting called to order by Erich Klein

Troop Update

**No Meeting on January 15th in observance of the Martin Luther King Holiday*

**Next Meeting January 22nd*

**Board of Reviews will be held Monday Jan. 22nd. Volunteers are needed. Please let Mrs. Brown know if you can volunteer. No experience necessary.*

**Court of Honor COH set for January 29th*

**Scout Sunday is Feb. 11th when we make Cobbler or Man Crepes and serve our sponsoring organization UBC Church. We will need as many hands on deck to make this a success and show our appreciation for all that they do to support troop 870.*

Flag Update..Mr. Fincke

**Sign-ups for the flag Holidays will be coming up soon. Please continue to be on the lookout for dates and holidays so you can sign up for the holidays that are best for you and your family.*

**Our troop generously agrees to subsidize long term camps provided that each scout participates in one workday shift and two holiday to support our flag fundraiser.*

**Flag Workday Volunteer Needed..responsible for coordinating two workdays during the spring with shifts in the morning and*

afternoon on each day. This allows for each scout to lend a hand in preparing the flags and routes and any additional needs pertaining to the flags.

**Flag Fundraiser Color Copies. Mr. Richard Coker has volunteered to make our subscription copies. Troop 870 would like to extend our thanks for helping with this.*

Flag Fundraiser..Leadership for the scouts. We are looking for a parent and scout for each flag holiday. Together they will coordinate flags for the specified holiday.

Volunteer Update

**Troop 870 IT Lead/Webmaster Mr. Marston is looking for a replacement. *Duties for this position include managing photos for our website, working with our youth webmaster(scout as a leadership position) in making sure the calendar is current. Additionally, this position manages the online flag subscription orders. For information you may contact Mr. Marston who can help you with any questions you may have.*

**Hospitality- Troop 870 would like to thank Mrs. Bernadette Bennet For coordinating our Court of Honor receptions for the past several years. We now welcome Josie Oghomi and Vivian Shan who will be co-leading this position and want to extend our thanks to both of them as well.*

**A special thanks to our current advancement and attendance coordinator Mrs. Brown who will be ending her service in this position and transitioning her position to two new volunteers. Mrs. Patricia Denson will be coordinating advancements and Mrs. Renita*

Fincke will take the lead in coordinating attendance for our troop. A big thank you to each of you.

Epicurean Night Coordinator 2019..Mr. Rodriguez is our current coordinator for this fun evening of service. He has done this for the past 5 years and would love to have another person to transition into this position for next year. Any questions can be directed to Mr. Rodriguez or Mr. Sambell.

Camp Update

**Winter Camp at Clements Scout Ranch was cut short by the brisk cool weather. Most of our scouts managed to dodge the stomach bug that made its way around camp.*

**January Campout..Troop 870 will be going on a backpacking campout Jan 13-15. Look for more information via email regarding loading out etc.*

**High Adventure Campout: Reveille Peak in Burnet texas will also be this weekend. Look for additional emails from Mr. Estes for those who are signed up to go.*

****February Campout "Camporee" will Actually be March 2-4 @ Camp Brosig in Sealy Texas. More information to come as we get closer.***

**Summer Camp Emerald Bay Catalina Island January 8th was the deadline to choose which trek you will go on. Camp fees for the traditional are \$900.00 and this includes the cost for the airfare. For other programs fees may be slightly different so please make sure you are aware of your selection and fees. These are paid to Mr. Rich Bourns who will be coordinating this camp.*

**Summer Camp Next payment due March 2018*

** Summer Camp Fundraisers will be taking place to help each scout earn money towards camp. The first fundraiser will be a combined service event on January 20th we will be Mulching at Brookwood Park. In order to earn money toward camp each scout will need to attend and participate the full duration of the mulching project. William Anguiano will send reminders as we get closer to the date.*

Service Projects

**Cole Klein will be doing his Eagle Project Feb. 2nd and 3rd. He will need adult volunteers to help cut wood on Friday Feb 2nd and scouts to help build on Saturday February 3rd. Please look for emails with final details for this project.*

**Seafarers -Troop 870 delivered 46 boxes to the seafarers who were most appreciative and even sent a letter of appreciation to our troop.*

**Scouting for Food will occur Sat Jan 27th when we knock on doors asking for donations. Feb. 3rd will be the day we collect the donations. Class A uniforms are to be worn for this service event.*

**Epicurean Night- Tues April 3rd. 6:30-9:00pm at Space Center Houston. This is perhaps one of our funnest events to help with. Our troop is in charge of taking out the trash during the event. We find that we always have enough volunteers so there is a nice balance of work and visiting around. We need both scout and adult volunteers for this event.*

Announcements

Senior Patrol Leader Zach Sambell & Scout Master Steve Sambell

**Philmont will begin training as a group in February.*

**Tents: Alps Zephyr 3 with ground cloth currently sold out!!*

** Troop 870 in the process of re-ordering these tents. The cost will be \$150.00 thanks to those who already purchased their tents.*

** Troop elections will take place on Monday January 22nd*

**We encourage all scouts to participate in electing our new troop leaders.*

** If your scout needs leadership for the next term encourage them to start thinking about what positions they are interested in.*

**NYLT is National Youth Leadership Training Next session will be held in the Summer. Anyone interested and eligible is encouraged to sign up as soon as it is open as it fills up very quick.*

Meeting Adjourned 8:03pm