

## Parent Meeting Minutes February 5, 2018

7:08 Meeting called to order by Erich Klein

### ***Troop 870 February ..Heads Up..***

*\*Roundtable February 8<sup>th</sup>..Thursday at House of Prayer Lutheran Church by Randalls. This meeting is open to anyone who is interested in attending. They will discuss various events at the district level.*

*\*Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> Focus on Skills to prepare for Camporee Meet at the shed at UBC from 8:00-10:00 email reminder will be sent.*

*Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> is the Deadline for turning in forms if you plan on participating in the Overnight trip aboard the Lexington in Corpus Christi. This event is scheduled for...April.*

*\* Our next Campout is March 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>..Camporee*

*\*Financial Aid available for summer camp. Deadline is quickly approaching for submitting your request with appropriate signatures. Please refer to the email from Rich Bourns for more information.*

*\*Remember Each scout is eligible for troop subsidy toward summer camp provided that the scout participates in our flag fundraising program and volunteers a minimum of 3 hours. The service portion of this requirement re-sets after each Long-term camp.*

*\*Elections were held January 22<sup>nd</sup>*

*Robbie Anguiano is our new SPL*

*GaGa Oghomi ASPL Quartermaster      Gage Lupo ASPL Service*

*Christoper Shan ASPL of Meetings      Christopher Colling ASPL Camping*

## ***Flag Update..Mr. Fincke***

*\*Special Thanks to Mike Marston and Joe Layden who have been instrumental in the success of our Flag program and to our newest volunteers Mr. Gensler who will lead our first workday on April 28<sup>th</sup> and to Mrs. Bernay who will be coordinating our flag subscriptions*

*\* As always, we appreciate the volunteers and scouts in making sure to sign up and volunteer for one workday shift and two holidays.*

*\*First Come First Serve! Please make plans to sign up early for your workday and flag holidays especially if you need a specific shift or holiday to work. The troop caps the total numbers for each shift and Holiday so getting it done early allows you to get your first choice.*

*\* Workdays will be April 28<sup>th</sup> and May 5<sup>th</sup>*

*\* Each workday will have a morning shift beginning at 8:00 and an afternoon shift beginning at 1:00...Please check the website for the signups which will be posted soon.*

*\*In an effort to make sure our workdays are a success, we will have a "Prep-Ahead Work-day" All families are encouraged to help even if its just 30 minutes. More hands make for light work!*

*All are welcome. More information and dates for the prep-ahead day will be coming.*

*\*Sign-ups for the flag Holidays will be on our website in March. Please continue to be on the lookout for dates and holidays so you*

*can sign up (on the website) 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 holidays to support our flag fundraiser.*

*\* Our troop would appreciate signups done by April for planning purposes.*

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### ***Volunteer Update***

*\*Thank you to Marilyn Gorham for doing the shopping for our Scout Sunday Cobbler and Cookout.*

*\*Thank you also to Chris Bauch who will be our new Webmaster IT lead.*

*\*We welcome all volunteers. If you are available even for brief periods of time we always have a need for volunteers to serve on Boards of Review, driving kids to and from camp, helping to lend a hand at any of the volunteer service projects.*

*\*Our troop will need drivers for our April Campout aboard the Lexington in Corpus Christi. This is a great opportunity to volunteer.*

### ***Camping Update***

*\*February Campout "Camporee" March 2-4. The campout has been moved to Camp Karankawa in Sweeny, Texas.*

*\*April Campout will be on board the Lexington in Corpus Christi. Sign ups will end Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> Make sure to include the waiver and registration fee of \$65.00*

*\*Summer Camp Next payment due March 2018*

*\* Summer Camp Fundraiser: There will be another mulching opportunity available to help raise money toward your summer camp fees. This will be scheduled for the end of February and open to the first ten scouts to sign up that have not already participated in the previous mulch fundraiser. Please look for an email from our ASPL of service, Gage Lupo. Additionally, please note that any scout can participate and earn service hours though.*

### ***Service Projects***

*\*We have had many service projects over the last 4 weeks all of which have been well attended and our scouts have represented our troop well.*

*\*Next Service project will be the mulching at the end of February.*

*\*Scouts are also welcome to help with Push-mpbile contest on Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> at Gateway Church..full Class A.*

*\*Trash Bash will be March 24<sup>th</sup> More info. To come. We will look to secure the use of the canoes to help us clean along the banksnear Armand Bayou*

*\*Epicurean Night- Tues April 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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.*

***Robbie Anguiano SPL and Steve Sambell Scoutmaster  
Announcements...***

*\* Camporee is our next Campout in the weekend of March 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>.*

*\* There will be a total of 3 Saturday skill sessions to prepare for camporee. All Scouts are encouraged to attend. These will focus on a different skill each week.*

*\*Scouts will meet at the shed from 8:00 to 10:00*

*\*Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> focus is in lashings and First Aid*

*\*Feb 17<sup>th</sup> Focus is firebuilding*

*\*Feb 24<sup>th</sup> focus is on knots*

***\*Blue Card Procedure***

*Mr. Sambell reviewed the method by which each scout is to obtain blue cards and work on merit badges.*

*\*1<sup>st</sup> Scout contacts their merit badge counselor to check and verify availability to serve as their counselor.*

*\*Once the counselor agrees, the scout will email Mrs. Denson requesting a blue card and notifying her of the counselor who will be working with them.*

*\*Check out or obtain the merit badge book*

*\* Once you have your blue card and signatures by your counselor you may begin working on your badge.*

***Announcements cont..***

*\*We are in the process of ordering more tents: Alps Zephyr 3 with ground cloth. These will be available for \$150.00*

*\*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 it open as it fills up very quick.*