

## Minutes for Troop 870 Parent Meeting on June 9, 2014

Mike Marston, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m.

### Service Projects

Recycled cans gathered from the League City Music Festival raised \$142.00. The Bay Area Turning Point Food Drive project is June 20 -21. Scouts will be collecting donations at Kroger and/or working at the food pantry warehouse. Each patrol will select its own shift; Scouts should let their patrol leader know if they can participate. If you choose to work at Kroger you must attend a training session on June 18 from 5-6 pm.

### Summer Camp July 13-19 at El Rancho Cima.

- \* The final payment for all Scouts was due at this meeting, but can still be given to Jennifer McBurnett.
- \* Medical forms, including parts A, B, and C must be current and given to Becky Forrest by June 30. If you are attending summer camp, please make three copies of medical forms, only two are necessary otherwise.
- \* Campers who have chosen merit badges that require an additional fee will be contacted this week. Please check your camper's badge selection and note any requirements or merit badge fees required. These fees will need to be paid at camp, so parents will need to send the appropriate amount with their child.
- \*Tents are not required at summer camp.
- \*Cots and footlockers are not required but are highly recommended. If you don't own one already, they are available for rental at camp. Cost was initially given as \$7 for the week, but must be confirmed, as the camp guide lists the price at \$10. Parents can also ask to borrow a cot or footlocker from other Scouts who won't be attending summer camp this year, such as the Philmont group.
- \* A list of recommended items for camping is on the troop website. (Not all these items are required for summer camp)  
The troop is renting one 12 -passenger van, but will need 4-5 more vehicles to drive to camp. The final list of drivers will be determined by June 23 meeting.  
Ruben Grafe will be the SMIC for Summer Camp. He is looking forward to the trip and encourages parents to contact him as soon as possible if they have special information about their Scout he should know.
- \*Troop will leave Sunday morning, July 13, camp check in is @1:00. Return - Saturday, July 19.
- \* Parents may send cash with their Scout to spend at the camp store. Most snacks are priced at \$1-\$3, and there are also other Scout items to purchase. Not required to do this, but most Scouts do enjoy having a treat from the store in the evenings.

### Scoutmaster Announcements/ Steve Sambell

Reminded everyone to label everything that gets sent to camp, and encouraged Scouts to pack their own gear for camp so they are aware of what is in their bag. If they don't help pack it, they will have no idea where things are. Patrol leader elections are ongoing for the week. Mr. Sambell also requested current patrol leaders to talk to their ASMs about their experiences as leaders. The election for Senior Patrol leader was postponed as the four eligible Scouts for this position have

schedule conflicts in the fall, and have not yet committed to run. This position does require strong meeting attendance and about an hour a week of preparation.

#### Assistant Senior Patrol Leader Dominik Crucian

June 16 – No regular meeting, instead the troop is planning an outing to Jumping World. The cost is \$13 per person for 7-9 pm. Scouts must provide their own transportation to the facility which is located at 100 Gulf Freeway N. in League City. The troop must also ensure that at least one adult is attending for every 5 scouts under 13. Scouts should wear Class B shirt and athletic type shorts, and closed toe shoes and socks. No denim is allowed. A waiver was provided and will also be sent in an email. SMIC – Jim Hobstetter.

#### Flag Fundraiser

A work day will be held on June 22 to rework some of the neighborhood entrance areas and to build about 100 additional flags. The next flag project day is Fourth of July. Flags will go out on Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup> and be brought in on July 6. Please make every effort to have all flags delivered during the four hour allotted period. If the flags are not put out at a consistent time, the troop gets phone calls/complaints from residents. The troop will also provide spray paint and templates so that Scouts can reapply the fleur de Lis marking for flag locations.

#### Leader Meeting

Discussion re the need to purchase a large trailer to replace the smaller trailer currently used by the troop. The new trailer, 6x12, will cost approximately \$3500-4000. The smaller trailer will be sold, preferably to another troop. If any parent knows of a trailer dealer or any possible discount available to Scouts, please contact Mike Marston or Steve Sambell.

#### Other Topics/Dates of Interest

June 16 - Troop outing to Jumping World—in lieu of meeting

June 16-20 – Twilight Camp

July 14 and July 21 - No Meetings due to Summer Camp

July 28 – In lieu of the regular evening meeting, the troop will meet at 12:30 pm at the NASA Neutral Buoyancy Lab at Ellington Field. You must be an American citizen to participate. Please contact Mike Lovelace no later than July 21 if you plan to attend so that the required security check can be performed.

August 2 – Troop Triathlon

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm