

Minutes for Troop 870 Parent Meeting on May 5, 2014

Mike Marston, Committee Chair called the meeting to order at 7:16 p.m.

Service Projects

Troop 870 Scouts require at least three service hours before they can attend summer camp or Philmont. If your scout still needs hours there are two upcoming opportunities. Note that this service hour requirement does not apply to new scouts in the troop.

1. Village Fair @ Walter Hall Park in League City on Saturday, May 10 Scouts will be picking up trash so bring gloves and wear your Class B uniform. Meet at 7 am at the Vendor area of the park.
2. Bay Area Turning Point Food Drive – June 20 & 21. Scouts can either work at Kroger asking for donations or in the food pantry warehouse. If you choose to work at Kroger you must attend a training session on Wednesday May 28 or June 18 from 5-6 pm. See Chris Lupo for more information about service projects.

Upcoming Campouts

Campout registrations open for Mission Tejas State Park on May 16-18. This campout will include a service project. Load-out will be Friday, May 16. Please contact Joe Layden ASAP if interested in attending.

Summer Camp

July 13-19 at El Rancho Cima. There is still time for new Scouts to register. The final payment for all Scouts is due on June 2. This year the merit badge fees will be paid at camp. More information about that process will be given closer to the departure for camp.

Philmont

May 17-18 Camp and Hiking at Lost Maples. Departure time is 3:30 am.

Eagle Project

Mike Lovelace introduced David Bauder who spoke about his upcoming Eagle Scout Project. He will be building a picnic area near the Brook Forest neighborhood pool. This area will consist of three picnic tables and gravel table pads and one trashcan to be used for parties, picnics during swim meets etc. The project is scheduled for Saturday May 24 from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm at 16245 Haven Park Dr. David needs about 15-20 scouts to help him complete this project. You should bring gloves, safety glasses and a water bottle. If you have a wheel barrow or shovel he requests that you bring that as well. If you have questions please email David at NxtMindReader@gmail.com.

Flag Fundraiser

There will be a Flag Workday at the storage area on May 10 from 10-2. We need at least four scouts and four adults to help organize and clean flags and poles. All Scouts should have signed up for two holidays this year for flag distribution. If you haven't signed up yet, please look for the email from Mr. Nguyen. For the upcoming Memorial Day holiday, the flags will be put out on May 23, starting around 4:30 pm, and brought back in on May 28.

Required YTP Training

The In-Person YPT training is required for long-term camps and Twilight Camp volunteers. There are three upcoming sessions if you need to complete this. The certification is valid for two years once completed.
Saturday, May 31 @ 11 am at Parkgate Community Church, Pasadena
Tuesday, June 3 @ 8 pm at Parkgate Community Church
Thursday, June 5 @ 8 pm at House of Prayer – CLC Blvd and Space Center

Troop Advancements – Ms. Galliker

Ms. Galiker outlined our general policy as regards timing of conferences. Scoutmaster Conferences are usually held the first week of the month and Board of Reviews are general held the second week. If your Scout completes a board of review they should receive their rank badge by the third week of the month. She also noted that Scouts should always wear their full Class A uniform when in a SMC or BOR.

Court of Honor

There will be a Court of Honor on May 19. An email will be coming from our Hospitality chair with more details.

Treasurer's Report

The troop is getting a lot of checks from the current flag fundraising program and getting ready to pay the balance of the summer camp payment. Ms. Croce noted that the books are always open for review if anyone should wish to see them.

Scoutmaster Announcements

Mr. Sambell spoke about the recent campout at Camp Brosig. He said they had a great turnout with good weather and the new Scouts were able to work on and complete many of their Scout rank requirements. He also encouraged parents to work with their Scouts on the pamphlet requirements.

Assistant Senior Patrol Leader Dominik Crucian

On June 16 the troop will not be able to meet at the church because of Vacation Bible School. Therefore the boys have requested that the troop have a fun day and meet at Sky-High Sports, a trampoline gym, as their meeting that week. A parent noted that now there is a new facility, Jumping World, open in League City which is much closer than Sky High Sports which is on the northwest side of town. A vote was taken to approve this change of venue for the 6/16 meeting, noting that the parents would prefer to have the boys go to the League City location.

Other Topics/Dates of Interest

May 19th Court of Honor

May 26 – No Meeting Memorial Day

June 2 – meeting at Bay Area Park for Canoeing. Scouts can begin to wear their Class B (summer) uniform
Except for SMC and BORs

August 2 – Troop Triathlon

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm