

Troop 870 Parent Meeting Minutes December 7, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Mike Marston at 7:09 pm.

December Campout – The camp is scheduled for December 12-13 at Pine Gully Park. Webelos are invited to attend this camp. Campers will be working on basic Scout skills and Camporee prep. There is still time to sign up, please email your registration to Steve Sambell as soon as possible. Camp equipment loading will be on Friday at 6:00 pm and campers will meet at UBC 8:00 Saturday morning for departure to the camp.

Philmont Hike Prep – There is also a Philmont practice hike scheduled for 7:00 am Saturday morning. Hikers will make their way to Pine Gully camp and then hike back on Sunday (weather permitting) please contact Joe Layden asap if your Scout is planning to participate in this hike.

Meeting Date Change/Holiday Party – There will be no meeting next Monday, Dec. 14. Instead, the troop will meet on Thursday, Dec. 17 to celebrate the holidays, or Rama-Hana-Kwanz-Mas. The troop will provide pizza and troop members will be assigned other treats to bring. Please look for an email from our Hospitality Chair regarding this. The party will be held in the Fellowship Hall. We would like to begin a bit earlier than usual, at 6:30.

Seafarer Box Drive – Each year at the holiday event our troop participates in the Christmas Gift Box program for the Houston International Seafarers Centers. Scouts are asked to donate small items as gifts for seafarers who come through the Port of Houston during the holidays. Our ASPL – Service, Samuel McBurnett, has sent an email detailing what each patrol should bring. Please try to bring several each of these items as we are trying to completely fill these boxes. We have some donated empty boxes, but if you have some shoeboxes you can bring please do so. You will also need to bring wrapping paper, tape and scissors so that your Scouts can help in filling and wrapping the boxes. The finished boxes will then be delivered by Scouts (we will need volunteers – and they will earn service hours) to the local Seafarers Center on Saturday.

2016 Summer Camp – The Scouts have decided to attend Buffalo Trail Scout Ranch <http://buffalotrailbsa.org/btsr/> in West Texas from July 17-23. An email including registration forms will be sent in the next few weeks for Summer Camp. This is so that the troop can begin to finalize the lists of campers and travel costs (train tickets) and camp costs can be confirmed.

Open Committee Positions – We need all Parent to help us with the various committees within Troop 870. Currently we are looking for parents or other family members that would like to help with the following:

Merit Badge Counselor Coordinator – Includes keeping an up-to-date list of qualified merit badge counselors so that the boys can find someone to help guide them through badge requirements.

Outdoor Committee Members – Helping to plan and coordinate the logistics of our monthly campouts. This is a great way to learn about the workings of the troop.

Flag Fundraiser Coordinator – Coordinates the four Flag Days for the troop assigning routes and makes sure the flags are kept in good condition.

Committee Chair – Ensures that leaders and committee members have training opportunities, interpret local and national Scout policies, work closely with the Scoutmaster in preparing Troop Committee meetings, presides over monthly unit meetings.

While we know that everyone has many obligations we do need all parents to step in and help where they can. Any Scoutmaster, Chairperson, or current committee member will be glad to provide you more information about these volunteer positions. Thank you.

Calendar

Monday – Dec. 14 NO TROOP MEETING

Thursday, Dec. 17 – TROOP HOLIDAY RAMA-HANA-KWANZ-MAS PARTY 6:30 PM - Last meeting in December.

DEC 26-31 – NYLT Winter session. To attend must be First Class and 13 years old

January

Monday, January 4 - Troop Meeting

January 22-24 - Campout – The San Jacinto District Camporee at Camp Brosig

Adjourned at 7:41PM