

Troop Committee Meeting – January 11, 2016

Attendees: Alejandra Salinas, Devin Nassif, Nancy Dorn, Andrew Dorn, Trip Jones, Bob Buchholz, Marc Taubenfeld, Robert McTaggart, LeAnne Langholz, Mojgan Withers, Kathleen Parsons, John Withers

Meeting Began: 7:03 PM

Devotion & Invocation: Trip Jones

Troop Committee Chair: LeAnne Langholz – December was full of service projects, which all turned out very well. Scouting for Food is in February, and another service project will occur in spring. Marc Taubenfeld has helped a lot with service projects, as well as leading Summer Camp and Greenery Sales. Bob Buchholz has done a lot of work related to troop trailers, addressing registration and vehicle inspection needs. Troop re-charter has been completed with 33 scouts and 37 adults registered. OA Pow Wow will be held in February. March is troop's Pal-a-Palooza campout.

Scoutmaster Report: Andrew Dorn – Thanks to Marc Taubenfeld for leading Vet to Vet, and to Bob Buchholz for teaching scout skills at recent meetings. Grayson McTaggart and Reece Dorn recently presented knife skills, and all scouts in attendance received a Totin' Chip. Next skills to be covered will be knots and lashings. Goal is for everyone to have a troop neckerchief by end of year, and this is an example of a life-long skill. Lexington campout was previously via bus; this time, suggesting 15-passenger vans. It is a 7 ½ hr drive, and will be a one-night campout. Sign-up list will be circulated at tomorrow night's meeting. Scouts may be limited at 20 for logistical reasons. Devin Nassif is coordinating a Swimming merit badge class at Town North YMCA. To make a class, at least 5 scouts are needed, cost will be \$15, and it will be a 1-day class. Scouts are required to have 1st and 2nd class swimming requirements completed before earning the Swimming merit badge. Ideas are being discussed for February campout. Bob Buchholz – Learning lashings leads to Pioneering merit badge, so this may be a good fit for that campout. Troop will look into Purtil Creek, Daingerfield, Longhorn, and Meisenbach, which are all good options for Pioneering.

Summer Camp: Marc Taubenfeld – Another Summer Camp payment (to be made by troop) is coming up. 4 or 5 scouts and 1 or 2 adults have committed to go. Dates are July 24th – 31st. KOA Campground is an option for staying overnight along the way, but troop would need to bring tents. During the last Colorado trip, stopping in Amarillo and seeing the Texas musical at Palo Duro Canyon was very popular with the boys.

High Adventure: LeAnne Langholz – High Adventure trip this year is Sea Base. The next National Scout Jamboree will be in 2017. Robert McTaggart – Jamboree is a very good experience. Groups of 36 scouts plus 4 adult leaders are needed, so we would need to coordinate with another troop. Bob Buchholz – In the past, Circle 10 contingent did a Jamboree trip including travel to NYC and Washington, DC. LeAnne – In past years, the troop has rotated between Philmont and Sea Base; does the troop want to work in Jamboree also? The troop may not have enough kids of required age for Philmont in 2017.

Friends of Scouting Fundraiser and Dinner: Trip Jones – Roger Staubach is speaking at this year’s dinner, to be held Feb 18 at Omni hotel. John Withers – In the past, the fundraising has been more effective if people are asked individually to contribute. Troop 80 may have a table at the dinner. John will discuss with a contact. Registration for the dinner is on <https://circle10.camp-master.com>.

Merit Badge Counselors: LeAnne Langholz – For some reason, district registrations did not process merit badge counselor applications. Unfortunately, adults will need to re-register as merit badge counselors again. Mojgan Withers – This will be addressed at the next advancement committee meeting. LeAnne – All adults are challenged to sign up as counselors for a few merit badges, and we should make sure to get all Eagle badges covered. Baron Hamman will be leading a Personal Fitness merit badge class.

Scout & Adult Leadership: LeAnne Langholz – Only 5 scout leadership positions are currently filled. Andrew Dorn – Two boys are in the process of signing up for positions. LeAnne – SPL should make a list of most needed positions. Boys need to be aware they won’t be able to advance unless leadership requirements are met. Devin Nassif is stepping up to Advancement Chair. Kelly Molen is helping with storage cabinet and supply room. Mojgan Withers – It is important to note the date that a new scout leadership position was approved.

Community Service: Committee discussed this year’s approach for Scouting for Food collections. Decision was made to allow scouts the option of bringing their own food or collecting from the community. LeAnne Langholz – Scouts may receive 1 service hour for collecting food, plus 1 service hour for delivering food to distribution center. North Texas Food Bank is the beneficiary. Kathleen Parsons – Will check with the church regarding details for Scout Sunday, which will likely be the 2nd Sunday of February. Service time is also to be confirmed.

Training and District Activities: Mojgan and John Withers – Oak Leaf Training will be held March 19th – 20th at Camp Wisdom. Older boys are needed to staff, and younger boys to attend. For staff, dates are March 18th – 20th. Boys who want to staff should contact John Shipes. (Contact info is on the district web site, www.westparkdistrict.org.) District Dinner will be held on Jan 24 at 6:00PM, at West Dallas Community Church. Meal will be catered by CitySquare’s culinary school, and program will be STEM-related. Circle 10 Council owns a mobile laboratory van, which may be at the dinner with activities for participants. Adults will be recognized. Tejas-Caddo District is putting on an Advance-O-Ree on Jan 30th at 7:30AM, all day, at Eastfield College. Camp-O-Ree has been changed to Cub-O-Ree, and will be held April 15th – 17th at Camp Wisdom. This will include Baloo training for Cub Scouts. Adult and youth volunteers are needed, and Troop 80’s help would be appreciated. District roundtable will be held on Feb 11th.

Other: LeAnne Langholz – Recruiting ideas are requested. Lexington will be a male-only campout, due to limitations at the ship. Completed adult leader forms should be turned in to Alejandra Salinas. Merit Badge Blue Cards should now be turned in to Devin Nassif. Merit Badge makeup day will be held in March; proposal to change procedure so that boys ask adults to attend the day, as needed.

Closing Prayer: Trip Jones

Meeting Adjourned: 8:45 PM