

Troop Committee Meeting – September 14, 2015

Attendees: LeAnne Langholz, Doug Trotman, Bob Buchholz, Kathleen Parsons, Mojgan Withers, Nancy Dorn, Andrew Dorn, Marc Taubenfeld, Trip Jones, John Withers

Meeting Began: 7:03 PM

Devotion & Invocation: Trip Jones

Minutes: August minutes were approved following the last meeting, and will be posted to the troop's website shortly.

Scoutmaster Report: Andrew Dorn – Troop has 9 new scouts. If a scout gets a friend to join, he is eligible to receive a Recruiter patch to wear on his shirt. Mojgan Withers – Circle 10 Council is sponsoring "Recruit a Friend and Win" campaign, which includes prizes. Andrew Dorn – William Taubenfeld, Calum Taylor, and William Trotman did a great job last week with TFCs. For this weekend's campout, making sure there is a lead climbing instructor available. Trailer will be pulled by Baron Hamman or Trip Jones. Packing checklist will be written and posted to the troop website. Bob Langholz will serve as the new Eagle Chair. Currently, 3 boys need Eagle advisors. Bob is recruiting two more advisors. Preparing for Life to Eagle meeting.

Quartermaster Report: Bob Buchholz – Trailer will be checked before this weekend's campout to make sure it is ready to go.

Campouts: LeAnne Langholz – A new Campout Chair will be recruited. Campout this weekend will be two nights at Trevor Rees-Jones, Pine Cove campsite. Climbing tower is reserved through noon Saturday. A tour permit is needed; can be done online. Rappelling can be done for the Camping merit badge requirement. Mojgan Withers – Swimming may be possible for TFCs to meet their rank requirements. LeAnne Langholz – More parent involvement is needed on campouts, especially from parents of younger scouts. Parents must complete Outdoor Leadership Training prior to attending campouts. USS Lexington will need to be reserved soon, once Campout Chair is named. Circle 10 Experience has been reserved and paid for 15 scouts and 5 adults. Final count will need to be firmed up in October.

Advancement: Mojgan Withers – Eight additional merit badges have been awarded since last month. Boards of Review dates have been changed; calendar on the website is still to be updated. New dates are Sep 27, Oct 31, and Dec 5. Court of Honor will be moved from Oct 3 to Nov 7, and possibly at an earlier time. More merit badge counselors are needed; Alejandra Salinas is the coordinator. (Interested parents can email her at alesalinas1@yahoo.com.mx.)

Training: Mojgan Withers – Intro to Outdoor Leadership will be offered Oct 23 – 25 at Trevor Rees-Jones. West Park Day of Training will be held Oct 3 at HPPC. Den Chiefs should attend. (Den Chiefs are needed for each elementary school.) Training will include Life to Eagle and Merit Badge Counselor. At least one adult attending each campout needs to have completed Hazardous Weather training, which is

offered online, and only takes 20 minutes to complete. Troop Committee Challenge is online training (“troop functions 101”). Courses are 20 minutes, and meet a requirement for the troop’s Journey to Excellence.

TFCs: Doug Trotman – Good turnout at first meeting. Three older boys are involved in teaching rank requirements, but more are needed. Boys were encouraged to bring their packs for a check this week, also a teaching opportunity for the parents.

Greenery Sales: Marc Taubenfeld – Planning to start sales next Tuesday, although materials have not arrived yet. A prize (TBD) for the top seller will be awarded. Shipping costs for some items were raised slightly, by either \$1 or \$2. Popcorn sales will be discussed again at this week’s meeting.

Recruiting: LeAnne Langholz – Troop is forming a recruiting committee. Email will be sent with information on a committee meeting.

Service Projects: Kathleen Parsons – Possible upcoming projects include Vet to Vet, Second Saturday Shoreline Spruce Up at White Rock Lake Park, and Angel Tree. Mojgan Withers – BSA changes in some rank advancement requirements include service hours.

Other: Diane Egenes has volunteered to manage registration and medical forms. (Marc Taubenfeld has medical forms for all scouts who went to Summer Camp.) John Withers has a very concrete Eagle project idea, involving ground mulch at the TR Hoover Neighborhood Center near I45 and 175; John would serve as Eagle Advisor for this project. Trip Jones is going to write some troop history “sound bites”, and is looking into starting a small troop band to play on campouts. Troop’s trailer needs a title change; Bob Buchholz will address. Troop needs to start thinking about Summer Camp. The possibility of going to Colorado was discussed. The troop has a “uniform exchange” available for scouts who may need items.

Closing Devotional: Trip Jones

Meeting Adjourned: 8:17 PM