



Girl Scouts of Greater South Texas
SAN BENITO SERVICE UNIT MEETING MINUTES
November 3, 2011

Service Unit Meeting was held on Thursday, November 3, 2011-- 6:30 p.m. at Idea School, 2151 Russell Lane, San Benito, TX. In attendance, were:

Belinda Garcia , Gloria Rivera, Iltze Dahlman, Jany Barbosa, Jennifer Olguin, Joanna Pierson, Laura Coronado, Noemi Aguilar, Rosie Ramirez and Noemi (Hortencia) Garcia.

The meeting was called to order. There were no new troop leaders or guests at the meeting.

The prior meeting minutes were read by Belinda C. Garcia.

Monica Pequeno sent in the Treasurer's report. Our beginning balance was \$562.60. We deposited the Breast Cancer Awareness Rally money of \$246 and the donation of \$50 made at the rally. The ending balance is \$858.60.

PAST EVENTS:

10/15/2011-Event at Iglesia Cristiana Emmanuel-Jany Barbosa reported out.

The event was a mini bazaar with free food, drinks, book van, Christian music, etc. The presentation was only 15 minutes and the San Benito Service Unit received a donation of \$250. The donation was submitted to GSGST (per regulations) and will be disbursed to the San Benito Service Unit. This needs to be followed up. If anyone has any pictures they took of the event, please share with the group.

10/20/2011-Breast Cancer Awareness Rally-Joanna Pierson report out.

The event was a success. We had enough supplies for 4 stations, but we wound up with 6 stations and made the supplies stretch. Monica P helped with the registration, money that came in and attendance. Joanna needs to work on the report form for the event and make sure that all costs are recouped.

10/25/2011 – Cookie Training-Report out by Mimi Aguilar.

The event took place at the cafeteria in Idea San Benito from 6pm-8pm. The troops can place their orders from 12/1-12/12. Mimi will be providing a separate flyer/email with the important dates for the cookie sales.

10/14-10/16/2011 - Volunteer Conference

The conference was attended by Monica P, Mimi, Yesenia and Rosie.

RECRUITING RALLIES:

Report out by Cindy Moses.

The rally at Leal did not have a big turnout. Rangerville is trying to get started on a new troop. Landrum signed up 1 girl that is going to be in Rosie's troop.

Should we have rallies at the Jr. High level? It was decided that there should be some at Berta Cabaza, Miller Jordan, Riverside and IDEA. The dates of the rallies will be announced once they've been set up.

Need to make sure that Monica P's troop is available for the rallies.

GS UPDATES:

- The 100 year anniversary pin for the Girl Scouts has been made part of the uniform. All girls should have it on their vest/sash.
- The term Juliette has been retired and Girl Scout will be used in its place.
- GS National Proficiency Badges-These are new badges in the GS books for each level. Most can use the book for 2 years. Cadet's can use the book for 3 years. The badges tie in with the "journey" they are doing.
- ESA-Essential Safety Adult. This applies to 18 and older. The flyer was provided by email on 11/2/2011. The most important thing is that you can't have a meeting unless you have TWO ESA's.
- Gslearning.org-new website that provides training for leadership essentials.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

November Fall Product Sales-Report out by Jany Barbosa.

All funds must be in your account by 11/30/2011 to be drafted on 12/5. If you will not have the funds available, please notify Claudia that the money is not in the bank so that the draft can be postponed.

11/4-11/6/2011 – Fall Tent Camping. The event is sponsored by the Harlingen Service Unit for Daisies through Ambassadors. Cadets and older can stay Friday and Saturday nights. Juniors and younger can stay from Saturday morning through Sunday morning. Cost is \$5 and you need to bring your own tent. Mimi will be attending.

11/19-Leadership Essentials-This is free training for leaders. You can contact Terry to register.

11/20-Food Drive-The food drive will be on Sunday, November 20th from 1pm-7pm at the San Benito Wal-mart. Troops are asked to sign up for a one hour time slot. Contact Laura Coronado to sign up. This is a Service Unit event. There has to be someone certified in first aid in each time slot. The donations will be given to the San Benito Food Pantry. **NO TAGALONGS!**

***A reminder was made by Cindy Moses that all troop trips/activities require and Application to be filled out and submitted to her. All GSGST events do not require this form. For further details, please contact Cindy Moses.**

12/3 Holiday Under the Palms-event will be in Bayview and the registration fee is \$7.50 per girl, adults are free. The event will have the same celebrations as last year and run from 9-4. We are asking for volunteers to run the booths. The deadline to register is 11/18. Please contact Iltze to volunteer.

12/10 Cookies Rule-event will be at the Harlingen South High School from 9am-12pm.

12/1-Service Unit Meeting-our next meeting will be a Holiday Party starting at 6pm at La Playa in Harlingen. Cindy will call to reserve the back room.

2012 Mother Daughter Dance- Zulema had asked if this dance can continue with the 100 years theme so that the parade outfits can be reused. More discussions to following in coming meetings.

2012 Father Daughter Dance-the dance in Brownsville is tentative for 2/5. More details to follow in coming meetings.

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

12/10/2011 – San Benito Christmas Parade. The banner for the service unit will be ordered for the parade, cost is \$79. Rosie will set up a separate parade meeting to discuss the details. The theme is “Centennial”. For those of you that forgot, your decade list is below.

1910 - Rosie Troop 310
1920 - Zuelma Troop 422
1930 - Mimi Troop 495
1940 - Yesenia Troop 452
1950 - Janie Troop 294
1960 - Monica Troop 217
1970 - Veronica Troop 595
1980 - Iltze Troop 133
1990 - Noemi Garcia Troop 127
2000 - Darrick Troop 4163

Adopt a Troop Program-Cindy Moses is asking the troop leaders to donate 1 day, 1 hour per month to be the troop leader for the La Hermosa troop that meets at the Housing Authority. There are 13 registered girls and they can meet on Wednesday or Thursday from 4 to 5. The troops that help out will get an Adopt a Troop badge. Please contact Cindy Moses for further details.

OTHER NOTES:

- For your Girl Scouts-Awesome New website part of GSUSA. **A WORLD FOR GIRLS**
<http://www.girlscouts.org/for girls/>
- The Service Unit will start tracking attendance to the monthly meetings and reward points for attendance which will be rewarded.

Next Meeting: Thursday, December 1, 2011 @ 6:00 pm at La Playa in Harlingen, TX.

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