

GPST Service Unit Meeting
7 PM, First Presbyterian Church, 1701 Crosby, Portland, Tx
March 7, 2011

Attendees: Maggie Wagner, Angela Reinhart, Vivian Armstrong, Melissa Donka, and Tami LaBonne

Treasury: \$650.11

Business:

1. How to get girls to stay? Retention issues discussed. Ideas were marketing to get girls to join, inviting Non-GS members to events, work on communications.
2. There is a problem with submitting information to Laura Rebello for posting on gsgst.org, so submit to Maggie Wagner and copy to Laura. Laura is Director of Communications, but also interim fund development.
3. May brings the Power of the Purse. If you know of anyone who wishes to donate a purse or handbag, let Council know. This is a way for the Council to raise money with silent and live auctions. It will be held at the Ortiz Center and is for adults only. It will be catered and you will have to pay to get in. Probably \$50/person or can reserve a table (Unknown amount). This is taking the place of Salsa Fusion. Troops can make a purse or tote. Maggie to get more information from Belinda.
4. Patches are still available for the Ice Rays event. Go to Council and give information to get them.
5. Sleeping with the Sharks event April 29th-30th, 6PM to 8AM. Deadline April 25th. 442-3538.
6. Angela Reinhart interested in getting a Pancake Supper event at First Presbyterian Church to facilitate meeting the church members, since we use the facility for meetings. Girl Scouts can help with Bible Camp at First Presbyterian this summer.
7. Girl Scout Sunday was March 6th, 2011.
8. Girl Scout Birthday March 12th, there will be an open house at Council, and you can draw for a discount.
9. Go Team event March 19th at Camp Zephyr, deadline has passed.
10. Training opps:
 1. March 24th Leadership Essentials – Hilltop, CC
 2. March 31st Levels – Hilltop, CC
 3. March 26th CPR/First aide (\$22)
 4. Contact: jkenkel@stx.rr.com
11. La Bahia Goliad trip \$15 registration, deadline 3/18, Late registration add \$10. Contact Angela DeLaGarza 361-722-9244.
12. Mentor for retention. Vivian A. has mentoring group. Glen Oak therapeutic Riding Center works with autistic kids. The center needs girls to walk with the horses or brush them when not being ridden. The girls would not ride. Email to volunteer T, W, Th chthorse@yahoo.com. 5:00 & 6:00 classes. Arrive 15 minutes prior to time. 361-937-3991.
13. No update on T-shirts for the SU.
14. Cookies: please turn in the evaluation form to Angela Reinhart. SNAP system problems, and not a long enough pre-sale before Booth sales are some of the feedback so far.
15. April 9th Annual conference. SWAP meet for girls, theme: Candyland. Meeting will take about 1 hour, recognition of adults and girls. If being recognized food is free, if not cost is \$15 adult, \$10 kids. Locale: Fairgrounds in Robstown.
16. Troop leaders not returning need to let Maggie Wagner at Council know ASAP.

17. Easter SU Event to be held on April 10th from 3-5PM in Taft at the Blackland Museum. Troops need to provide an Easter Basket/Bag per girl for Portland Christmas for Kids – no chocolate, please.
18. Scouting around CC this summer as possible SU event.
19. End of year thoughts: Schlitterbahn has GS days, or Aransas Pass Pool.

Next Meeting: April 11th, 7:00PM, First Presbyterian Church, 1701 Crosby, Portland, TX