

Crossroads District Committee Meeting
May 5, 2021

Attending: Mike Cargill, Peter Demlein, Al Dominy, Rob Fredericks, Kathy Kaffenberger, Thom Kubicki, Matt Lacy, Bob Lombardi, Terry Richmond, Adam Selsley, Paul Szemkow, and Shalinda Young.

Bob L opened meeting at 7:05pm. April minutes were approved. Safety Moment was on histoplasmosis.

State of the District: Bob discussed the current state of charter renewals for our units, plus the upcoming work of the district nominating committee. We will be gaining territory from the former Ontario District as of the new district cycle on July 1, with 7-10 units, some district-level volunteers, and an extension of territory to our north. The plan will be to incorporate these units and individuals into the current Crossroads District nominating committee process and present a complete/combined slate in June. Camp work events have been scheduled for Woodland (May 8) and Sabattis (June 4-6). Free registration is required for the Sabattis work weekend to ensure proper food and social distancing preparations.

Consent Agenda: Kathy Kaffenberger moved, and Peter Demlein seconded the provided consent agenda. Motion passed.

Training: Al Dominy reported that the percentage of position trained leaders as of 4/27/21 is 52%. Youth Protection Training amongst trained leaders is 95%. He noted that 26% of current registered leaders still need to have their unit's charter renewed by 4/30/2021. Upcoming dates include NRA Range Safety Officer training (May 15), Basic Rifle Shooting (May 16) and Basic Shotgun Shooting (May 22) courses at Camp Woodland. NYLT will also be at Camp Woodland August 8-13 (registration deadline 7/31), and Woodbadge dates announced for 2021 (August 20-22 and September 11-12). *Al reported at the committee meeting that the training percentages above have improved since 4/27.*

Fundraising: Kathy thanked all those on the district committee that have given to the Friends of Scouting campaign. As of now, 93% of the committee has given, with only two individuals needed to show 100% participation by district staff. Several phone calls were made to unit leaders with a poor response. Please contact Kathy with any connections you may have with unit leaders to ensure more presentations are scheduled. Presentations are tentatively scheduled for unit end-of-year gatherings in June. Matt will send out list of units with FOS presentation dates for the committee to review.

Popcorn & Communications: Matt shared Rob Clark's request for information as to where unit leaders primarily receive their information for popcorn news and updates. Rob has agreed to serve as the Council Popcorn Chair for the 2021 sale.

Program: Mike Cargill discussed the postponement of the district's Spring Camporee to a one-day event on June 12. The Towpath District will be partnering with us on **Baden's Basics**, an event to help new Scouts BSA members advance through their early ranks. The activities committee is finalizing location, and information will be sent out once done.

Commissioners: Bob and Matt discussed the recent Roundtable presentation by Scouters from the Twin Rivers Council on community-based membership recruitment. Bob encouraged all to not lose the momentum and positive energy shown by the presenters, and will be establishing a steering committee to discuss how and where to focus our energy to replicate their efforts here. Matt will work to post this and future Roundtables to the council YouTube channel for on-demand presentations.

Advancement: Adam reported that data analysis for our district contradicts the national trend the transition period between Cub Scout and Scouts BSA member is not a "mass exodus" point. Members recruited early into Cub Scouts are much more likely to stay in the program for the duration than those that join later in the program if given care and attention by not only their leaders, but positive role models from Troops in their circle of influence. Adam also discussed the ongoing rewrite of Life to Eagle materials and progress made on the STEM subcommittee. The district's STEM coordinator will be reaching out to units and will be able to share a standalone presentation for use at a future Roundtable.

Adult Recognition: The deadline for district-level awards has been extended to May 15. We have received a few more nominations, plus one District Award of Merit nomination.

Bob noted that 14 months ago we were looking at "a light at the end of the tunnel." We didn't know it was attached to a freight train, but as we look again (knowing that more and more is coming back to normal), lighter and brighter days are before us. Embrace this new light and excitement in bringing the light of Scouting back into our communities – we know they need it!

The meeting adjourned at 7:50pm

Submitted by:
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