

Crossroads District Committee Meeting
June 2, 2021

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

Bob L opened meeting at 7:02pm. May minutes were approved. Safety Moment was on weather-related safety.

State of the District: Focus on starting new units will be a high priority of the Council this fall, evidenced by the information shared by Bob L from the Council Nominating Committee and Matt from the professional staff meeting earlier in the day. Matt also showed the membership tally for June, which is our “low-water mark” after all renewals are posted and before heavy recruitment begins.

Nominating Committee: Bob reported that things are progressing on schedule for the district Nominating Committee and expressed his appreciation to all for their feedback and nominations given this cycle. We have a robust district committee and are always looking for additional help on the commissioner staff.

Finance: No report at present time.

Program: Due to time running short in getting necessary approvals, the Baden’s Basics camporee was postponed to the fall. The plan will be to host a daylong event in October, not to conflict with the planned Council Fall Camporee at Sabattis on Columbus Day weekend. Mike Cargill is also planning to soon put together a 12-18 month district events calendar, which will be coordinated with the rest of the council and district committees on October 19 via Zoom.

Training: Al Dominy reported that position specific training has improved to 53% of registered adults. With all but two charter renewals in and processed, the Youth Protection Training completion rate is now 97%. YPT modules have been updated effective June 1; partial completions were removed but full completions are not affected. More information will be coming soon on the IOLS/BALOO courses at Camp Rotary (Sept. 18-19) and Camp Woodland (Oct. 2-3). Both courses could use additional staff.

Adult Recognition: The Crossroads District Awards reception will be held on June 30 at Ryder Park behind the Town of Dewitt office buildings. Bill Thieke reported that the advancement committee reviewed the award nominations (over 20 were received), and his goal is to have all award recipients invited by June 15. Save-the-date information will be sent out to unit leaders on Monday (6/7), and a final planning meeting is scheduled for Tuesday (6/8).

Advancement: Adam Selsley reported that the advancement committee reviewed less Eagle Scout material this month than last and that data analysis will continue as unit renewals have completed. The district STEM coordinator was unavailable for this meeting due to a prior commitment.

Commissioners: Bob Schad called out again the need of additional commissioners to help share the workload of helping all of the units in the district. Any leader can be asked to serve as a commissioner for other units in their local area, or as a mentor to a newly-forming unit. In addition, membership recruitment is a year-round affair and should always be a high priority for all leaders, as we are all ambassadors of Scouting regardless of our official role and title.

Matt echoed Bob’s thoughts and thanked all in attendance for their positive attitude and commitment towards the Scouting movement. Positivity is infectious and your demeanor is indicative and representative of your feelings.

Bob Lombardi closed the meeting with a story about a contestant on The Match Game that was incredibly proud of his son’s Scouting experience... so much so that he brought it up on national television. The exposure we can generate just by talking about Scouting in our everyday conversation – and thanking those that serve in Scouting – is the best publicity we can generate. Continue to thank our Scouts and Scouters for all they do and be proud of Scouting in the community.

The meeting adjourned at 7:54pm

Submitted by:

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