



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®



Crosswinds District Committee Meeting Agenda  
**White Plains United Methodist Church**  
January 9, 2016 @ 9am  
District Committee Business Meeting

Ben Freeman  
District Chairman

Kevin Sloop  
District Commissioner

Tyler Perkinson  
District Director

Pledge of Allegiance –

Welcome & introductions of guests at their first Committee meeting – Ben

District Nominating Committee Report/Election- Brian Lehrschall – Brian led election of new slate of DC members. ALL PASSED. See district website for question.

Finance Goals for 2016 – Edward Walsh – “Family FOS is going to be a tough sell for some units after being stuck with left over show and sell” Jerry – Three presentations before Christmas and all three were UP!! Great work Jerry and Becky! Total Finance goal (includes special event) \$158,000 – Family (\$110,000), Special Event (\$20,000), Major Gifts (\$25,000), Community (\$3,000). Hit total of \$158,000 raised this year (2015)!

Advancement Goals for 2016 - Gantt Edmiston – As of Jan 1<sup>st</sup> we have significant Boy Scout requirement changes. Service hours now must be 50% conservation related. Scout is now a rank and all rank advancements have a religious element to them. We (crosswinds) are moving to 100% Internet advancement, paper must still be turned in. Allows to keep your census accurate among other perks. You don't have to use any particular program to complete.. Example - scoutbook, troop master.. etc. CUBSCOUTS: Pins and belt loops have never been recorded unless you have done it. This will allow you to retroactively do this. Chrome and Firefox have made things easier. Explorer below “10” will no longer work. ----- Eagle Coach Training – there is an official (not required) training course.. Not held at roundtable due to time constraints. More info coming. MAY – MB counselor recharter must be have training on your scout record by May 1 or you will not be a registered counselor. To be a registered counselor you must also have YPT training that will not expire during current registration (Through April 30 2017.) EAGLES – We are losing 6 of our eagle producing units (LDS) bringing 1 in. This will change our goals for 2016 for Eagle advancement. Crosswinds holds project proposal PRE reviews to create uniformity in standards. Tom – 133 eagles in 2015! We always like to have help from those sending youth to be reviewed. Gantt always sends invites to help at least a week before. While it is not a race.. our number of eagles was over 25% of the council!! We are gold in JTE advancement as of the end of November! Cub Scout advancement well into Gold. BS is a little bit lower but still gold.

STEM Goals for 2016 - Jim/Debbie Fuller – Expand the number of unit stem coordinators and make sure they have the training needed. Nova/supernova training as well. Doing a STEM curriculum at day camp once again! Scouting.org has a STEM site for those who are not well versed. We are happy to visit and discuss stem at the unit level. “STEM Scouts” is currently piloting in a few councils. More details to come. Stem is most widely used in the Cub level.. we are expecting the troops to adopt as the youth age up.

Membership Goals for 2016 - Karen Goldstein – We finished the year UP 4.8%!! (1<sup>st</sup> in Council) We are encouraging “bring a friend”. Crosswinds is losing about 300 scouts in the LDS switch. We will begin the year at about 1750 youth as compared to just over 2000 in 2015 (January). Pack 205 has built back to an operational status and David Crowley is doing great things to build that pack. Pack 218 is threatening to fold, will most likely re-charter. Farmington woods might be a good nearby school to start a Spanish initiative at

the Kirk. Two goals this year to expand more packs in Morrisville, as well as establish a pack in the Hindu temple in Morrisville. Brian mentioned a join event in Morrisville for 1<sup>st</sup> graders to complete his ticket. Tyler mentioned the ability to get materials to join scouting in other languages. Tiger roundup potentially in the spring made to mirror our fall join events. Recruiting is a year round thing.. let's not forget that as we go through the year.

Activities and Civic Service Goals for 2016 – Chris Meyer – Brian is our camporee chief. District PWD is on the way, rules out on website. The kibbles are heading up Scouting for Food again. We are looking to improve our numbers this year for donations. Lazy days will be in same location again around the town hall (we need to discuss further as to our involvement). We are continuing to structure our district honor guard.

District Camping Goals for 2016 -Scott Simerly – Last year we worked hard on “places to camp” and “where to get equipment”. Visiting roundtable breakouts to promote. We are working on re-energizing those lists so that people know where to get it. We plan to link with the OA and their camp promotions team to sync info. Continuing to work with Scoutmasters on where Troops are going to summer camp. Encouraging multiple units to go to camp together. Working on the website for any possible improvements. Gantt removed the 2<sup>nd</sup> Facebook page. Colonial camporee at Reeves April 22-24, planning then for 2017. We will be promoting our camp properties and all of the great things that can be done outside of summer camp.

Training Goals for 2016 – Lu Little – Brian filled in – MEGA training to be held in March/April (date not set as of this meeting). “Trained leaders” list handed out. Lots of things happening in March (group). Is there a training that we don't currently hold that would be beneficial to hold? Ben and Lou discussed the importance of having dates set earlier. Tom discussed the district camporee being scheduled simultaneously with the Canoe and paddle craft safety course for the third year. National considering making this training (and possibly others) mandatory with any canoe use. We are potential looking to hold annual trainings for these new policies. We are working to solidify our future training committees and structure.

Order of the Arrow Report – Bob Gamble – We plan to work through this year similarly to past years. Lack of people signing up for election teams. We sent a letter to units with the expectation of participation from units. We have received some help from the letter. The letter came into question as to its appropriateness. (Discussion was taken off line). We are continuing to build our overall ceremonies teams. The lodge achieved GOLD status for a second straight year. Bob is looking to step down at the end of the year. A replacement will be determined between now and then.

Venturing – David Gardener – Tom Stalker discussed the need to strengthen the current crews that we have and to not create any new Crews.

Popcorn – Megan & Val –

Chartered Organization Representative Comments – Ed: Please keep in mind that many Scouters do not use electronic tools to submit paperwork and find out about new events. Don't forget print marketing. Scott: Crosswinds was recognized many times at the district chair dinner in Raleigh (Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>). Came away with a lot of positive energy about being even greater after improving in few slight areas.

District Chairman Report – Ben Freeman – We couldn't do the things we do without your talents. We are first for a reason.

District Director minute/Journey to Excellence update – Tyler Perkinson – Tyler thanked the group for their passion for Scouting. Then handed out pledge cards for 2016 FOS.

Call for Adjournment -

Next District Meeting is scheduled for February 4<sup>th</sup>