



Crosswinds District Committee Meeting Agenda
White Plains United Methodist Church
January 6th, 2018 @ 9am
District Annual Business Meeting

Ben Freeman
District Chairman

Karen Goldstein
District Commissioner

Tyler Perkinson
District Director

- Ben Freeman
Tyler Perkinson
Gantt Edmiston
Tom Allen
Mike Thompson
Ed Walsh
Dona Dragon
David Gardner
David Crowley
Patrick Sperlein
Keith Biegert
Jim Fuller
Brian Lehrschall
Scott Simerly
Aric Lambert
Ken Griffo
Bob Gamble

Pledge of Allegiance – Ben Freeman lead the pledge of Allegiance

Welcome & Introductions – Everyone introduced themselves and mentioned one thing about them that people did not already know.

Time with Council/Video – Tom Wells & John Phares –
John Phares and Tom Wells talked about the full family of Scouting.

Commissioner Service – Karen Goldstein - Notes for commissioner topic:
Since the beginning of this year, there are two new ADCs and two new UCs were trained on Dec. 16. The goal in 2018 is for 6 simple assessments be accomplished for each unit and a detailed assessment completed on all the non-LDS packs and troops. More unit commissioners will be recruited to make the accomplishment of this goal easier.

District Nominating Committee Report/Election – Brian Lehrschall - We added Ken Griffo to the slate as well as William Paige and Martha Waltersdorf. Gantt asked about those with YPT lapses. Those affected were left off. Keith made a motion to accept. Motion carries (all in favor):

REPORT OF DISTRICT NOMINATING COMMITTEE
NOMINATIONS FOR DISTRICT MEMBERS AT LARGE
NOTE: The entity and action of this committee are guided by the crosswinds district bylaws.
NOMINATIONS
District chair: Richard Ben Freeman, Jr.
Vote chair: Brian David Lehrschall
Vote chair: Scott Houston Binsley
Vote chair: Edward Walsh
Vote chair: Karen Lu Goldstein
Recommended for district commissioner: Karen Lu Goldstein
NOTE: It is appropriate for the district chair to announce the appointment of the various committee chairs following the district election.

Finance Discussion for 2018 – Friends of Scouting – \$150,000 – Tyler and Ken presented the family FOS video and handed out pledge cards for our “clean hands” campaign. The overall goal for Crosswinds has not changed from last year. We are no longer holding our annual DCA event in the fall and will focus instead on the Council FOS breakfast. Crosswinds will get credit for dollars raised by “our” tables at the event.

Advancement in 2018 – Gantt Edmiston – 2017 = 107 Eagles in our district (council total was 489 or 22% of the total). Thank you for those that helped with our Boards. January or February could have more than 50 Eagles in one month! Status of eagle can be found on our council website always. All districts are now required to submit advancement online. The replacement is Scoutbook (advancement sync), OR, other management systems (troopmaster, packmaster)- Scoutbook Lite is a future option in mid-2018. 2017 we did not offer MB counselor training, due to ease of access for online training. GOAL for 2018 – offer more life to eagle training.

STEM for 2018 – Jim/Debbie Fuller – 2017 had one supernova award for the district. Several factors contributed. One supernova award has been submitted for 2018.

Outdoor ethics – No longer a LNT position... Orientation was held at district training in December. Regional Outdoor ethics at Camp in March.

Membership Goals 2018 – Karen Goldstein (Interim) - We plan to do our “spring” flyer earlier than normal to promote the Scout-o-Rama in late February. • For the fourth year in a row, our district has shown growth. When acquiring feedback from the crew advisors, there was a consistent concern voiced concerning needing new members. To implement this, we were able to acquire 700 camp cards which facilitated us giving 100 to each of the seven middle schools in our district, a gesture which was greatly appreciated as demonstrated by the reply emails which were sent. Our goal is to create flyers which will be distributed to the seven middle schools for the eighth graders. We are planning on holding an event at the Apex LDS church which will look similar to the JSN event we typically hold in Bond Park in the fall for the recruitment of new Cub Scouts.

- As many of you have already heard, a new membership policy is going into effect during 2018 to permit girls to register for Cub Scouts. Occoneechee Council is one of the councils who are participating in a soft-rollout of this program this month. Information has been disseminated to the non-LDS packs to determine interest in participating in this soft-rollout, but no pack at this time has indicated a plan to register girls now. The directive from national is that girls will form their own dens at all ranks of Cub Scouts except the AoL rank. These dens must have at least one female leader. Their program and activities can operate in tandem with any den of boys. Packs ARE NOT to be described as “Co-ed packs”, a description which makes it sound like the packs have boys and girls together in a den (not my words, nationals). In conjunction with this membership change, national is making more revisions to the YPT program which is planned for release this summer. It is planned to be called a universal YPT and the program will consist of several modules, allowing leaders to take as many as they choose or need.
- We also have goals of establishing a new pack in western Wake County where there is a large increase of subdivisions. We are also working to revive a post at Cary High School. We currently have 60 units, which includes a Hispanic pack at Kirk of Kildare and a Muslim pack and troop. We will lose Venturing Crew 809 as the LDS are dropping all co-ed units. National has decided to disband all Varsity teams around the country. We only had one at Peace Presbyterian Church, which will cease to exist. We will then have six venturing crews.

Activities and Civic Service/Scout-O-Rama 2018 – Aric Lambert – Has a committee of 5 to serve this area – focus on scouting activities. Making sure that potential partners understand our principles and guidelines for service. Current events – Scout-o-rama and PWD – Speaking with past chair about Scouting for Food district involvement/ where to go from here. Goal of 30 booths and currently have 27 commitments.

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2018 Scout-O-Rama
Scouting for Everyone**

The Scout-O-Rama is free for all ages

Learn more about Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturing, Sea Scouts, Explorers, and the Community!

Saturday, February 24th, 2018 from 9:30 – 3:30

@ Cardinal Charter Academy (*in the Gym*)

1020 St. Charles Place, Cary, NC 27513

Your chance to see what Scouting is all about

For more information contact Aric Lambert at

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District Camping 2018 – Scott Simerly – Camporee April 27-29 @ Durant – Registration opened in December with 200+ already signed up! We have great competitions in store. We will be limited to 6 or 7 campsites due to woodbadge. Chuck brought up the idea of offering a spring Roundtable discussion on camping opportunities that troops might not be considering for new adventures.

Training in 2018 – David Hooper (not present) – • Crosswinds district is improving its training program and schedule. The mega-training which occurred on Dec. 16 at Cary LDS church had 25 participants getting trained in the areas den leaders, committee chairs, SM Specifics, unit commissioners, and Outdoor Ethics trainers.

- A BALOO training which will follow the new overnight syllabus is scheduled for Feb. 16-17 at Optimist Farm. It is already on the Council calendar and is being promoted across the Council. Inquiries have already been received from other districts.
- The plan for 2018 is to consistently hold mega-trainings in May and December.
- We have developed a terrific training team which will be the backbone of giving quality training to leaders.

Order of the Arrow Report – David Crowley – First Ordeal chance will be in May at Spring Inductions. NOAC is coming up this summer and Youth slots are still available. We host CONCLAVE in 2019! Please get involved now so you will be ready to assist in the greatest event in 2019 at any NC camp! Donna added that unit elections are beginning to ramp up. Please make sure your units are prepared for the election team.

Venturing – David Gardener – Venture officer's association on Facebook (some crews are participating in this)

Chartered Organization Representative thoughts for 2018 – New adult applications not yet available. Only the COR needs to approve adults moving forward.

District Chairman Report – Ben Freeman – Please be on the lookout for volunteer district help. Thank you all for what you do to help Scouting in Crosswinds district.

District Director minute/Journey to Excellence 2017/18 – Tyler Perkinson – Discussed thoughts and points throughout the meeting.

Council Annual Business meeting January 25th/Next District Meeting is scheduled for February 15th