



Crosswinds District Annual Meeting Agenda
White Plains United Methodist Church
January 5th, 2019 @ 9am – 1pm
District Annual Business Meeting

Ben Freeman
District Chairman

Karen Goldstein
District Commissioner

Tyler Perkinson
District Director

Attendance:

Tom Allen
Mohamed Arafa
Keith Biegert
David Crowley
Donna Dragon
Gantt Edmiston
Ben Freeman
Bob Gamble
David Gardener
Chuck Gay
Ken Griffo
Kate Merritt
Desmond Miller
William Paige
Tyler Perkinson
Clark Sessions
Scott Simerly
Patrick Sperlein
Tom Stalker
Adam Van Stedum
Ed Walsh
Gary Wilhelm

Pledge of Allegiance – Group

Welcome & Introductions – Ben Freeman – Ben performed the duties of our flag. Ben briefly discussed several changes upcoming for 2019.

Commissioner Service 2019 – Karen Goldstein – Out of town (report/comments included) – Patrick gave details and report. Tyler displayed the JTE data for the year as of the end of November. The district will most likely achieve Gold. Ben gave an overview of the goals of the Polaris project. The group discussed keeping LDS youth and adults involved going forward.

District Nominating Committee Report/Election – Brian Lehrschall – Report/Slate Included – Keith Biegert moved to nominate the slate presented. Seconded by Ed Walsh. Unanimous vote to approve.

Finance Discussion for 2019 – Family Friends of Scouting – Ken Griffo – Ken discussed the importance of FOS and a quality presentation. We are focusing on a 100% participation goal this year.

Advancement in 2019 – Gantt Edmiston – Tom provided the eagle report – 2019 no eagles as of 1/5. 90 Eagles in 2018. We have 99 projects carried over that we know of that should be coming in to BOR. Expecting many finals to come in during the first of the year. Help is always welcomed for the first Thursday of the month. Gantt expressed our thanks for the LDS church helping us over the past 27 years with our Eagle BOR meetings. Gantt mentioned that Scouting will no longer be allowed to hold meetings and events in LDS churches. Clark was on the conference call with LDS leadership and elaborated on this directive. We have an opportunity to seek a new home for our BOR meetings. Please think about your home unit and where they meet to determine if that location could be good candidate for a new home. The Council MB counselor list is now available through Scoutbook. Key 3's of units are admins for Scoutbook and have access. 750 registered/Official MB counselors are now visible and can be reached for various merit badges. Re-registration for counselors is still May 1st of each year. Desmond mentioned and promoted the Council Eagle Banquet which will be held on the 26th of January.

Membership/New Unit development 2019 – Desmond Miller/Tyler Perkinson/Group – Tyler provided the year end membership status (included). Desmond asked the group to join in a discussion about how we plan to grow Scouting.

District Camping 2019 – Scott Simerly – Continuing the list of 500 places to camp/go. Continuing the district cookbook. The commissioners have been helping identify new places and activities to participate in. The female troops will need this type of information to get off to a good start. The district spring camporee will be held May 10-12 at Camp Durant. We will be sharing the camp with a special needs camporee and we are excited. The theme will be around the world in 80 games. Planning is well underway.

Activities and Civic Service – Vacant – 2019 Event preparedness – Please be on the lookout for a good candidate for this position.

Training/YPT in 2019 – Gary Wilhelm/Chuck Gay – Currently about 80% trained in YPT2.0, some units are 100%. Gap is in part due to those leaders who do not plan to re-charter. This number will grow as units' re-charter. The group discussed the message of the training as compared to others. Next training is the 15th, 16th of February (Baloo/IOLS) held at Olive Chapel Baptist church. Position Specific planned again for May and September (In planning stages). The new scouts BSA position specific materials are now available online. Keith Biegert added that the shooting sports committee needs additional trained range instructors and volunteers.

Order of the Arrow Report 2019 – David Crowley – Big year upcoming! We are opening our OA doors to venture crews and ships this year. We need help with election team members and signing up for those elections. A letter is going out to all units. There will be three opportunities to go through the ordeal. Please see lodge104.net for those three dates. The council and Lodge are hosting conclave for 2019, we expect about 1700+ youth and adults at our camp. This will be a great opportunity to showcase who we are and what we offer.

Chartered Organization Representative thoughts/needs for 2019 – Gantt added that October 1st the council started a support page via the website (bottom of the site, support@ocscouts.org). Questions can be answered this way. 150 “tickets” have been completed.

District Chairman Report – Ben Freeman – Thank you all for what you do for this organization.

District Director minute/Journey to Excellence 2018/19 – Tyler Perkinson – comments made throughout.

Council Annual Business meeting January 24th/Next District Meeting is scheduled for February 21st

Roundtable only on January 17th. No DC meeting.

Please send any district messages to be pushed out to webmaster@crosswindsbsa.org

District commissioner report

The goals for 2018 were not accomplished but we are continuing to show improvement on the unit service objective. We did train one new unit commissioner and our goal in 2019 is to add more trained UCs, meet after the Roundtables a minimum of 6 times and accomplish a detailed assessment on all the non-LDS packs , troops, crews, posts, and ship. We did complete 33% of the expected detailed assessments. One unexpected accomplishment was assisting unit leaders in completing the new YPT 2.0. As a district we worked hard to each out to units to assist them in getting their leaders current with their YPT. Also, as the LDS churches transition from chartering Scouting units, we assisted the Scouting units in the LDS community to make sure they had the appropriate ate number of leaders with current YPTs so their unit recharter would progress smoothly at national. As a district we were 100% on-time recharter during 2018 and all of the packs and crews, and all but one of the troops were at silver or gold in the Journey to Excellence. Goal for this year is 100%.

Membership

- For the fifth year in a row, our district showed growth in membership over the previous year. We did hold three events for prospective members, one of which was for the eighth graders for the crews. It was not as successful as had hoped but building the crew memberships is still a goal. Several of our packs have added girls to their Scouting program and we are currently looking at two charter organizations who are planning on chartering females troops.
- As the LDS units transition from being chartered by the LDS churches, we are planning on conducting a conference call to brainstorm some avenues which can facilitate the advancement of their members in Scouting, either by pairing up the units with a different charter organization such as businesses, or moving members into already existing packs and troops.
- In the fall of 2018, a new unit blitz was conducted with several contacts being made in the Cary, Apex, and Morrisville communities. We have some very positive possibilities which will be greatly needed as the housing growth continues in the western Wake county area.

Cub camp

The Cub Scout day camp will execute two changes - new location to Olive Chapel Baptist Church and changing the date to June 17-21. The participation numbers were down so it was felt the location could better serve Crosswinds district if it was located in western Wake county.

Training

Meet Gary Wilhelm, our very capable new district training chair. The goal continues to conduct two classroom settings for position-specific training during the calendar year. There is an overnight BALOO/IOLS training scheduled for Feb. 15-16 at Olive Chapel Baptist church. The new overnight BALOO training which was conducted in Feb. 2018 had 34 participants and was very well received.

(The following is a continuation from last year)

CORs and charter organizations

- It is vital that either Tyler or the DC meet with the CORs and IH of all of our charter organizations. We need to have all of our CORs understand their responsibilities which goes beyond simply signing adult applications.
- In speaking with different CORs, some good points were made by them. One, they want a higher percentage of youth who are affiliated with their church be registered in Scouting. When one COR made the statement that he felt a small percentage of the youth in their pack and troop were actually members of their church, he was informed that this is actually a fact in most of the packs and troops. Maybe we need to do a better job of recruiting and making our Scouting units more visible to the members of the charter organization and more involved.
- A great goal for all of our packs and troops would be to participate in a service project or a visible activity for their charter organization twice a year. These could be handing out bulletins, participating in services, doing clean-up around the facility, providing childcare for an event, etc.
- The interaction of CORs during 2018 showed improvement over previous years and there is greater communication between charter organizations and Scouting units, but all the above objectives continue to be relevant.

**District Traditional and Exploring Membership Status
1/4/2019**

District	Current Youth Status	End of December 2017	Plus/Minus vs. December 2017	Year End 2017	Youth Needed to Grow in 2018	Handcount at Office
Awahili	508	501	7	501	-6	
Impeesa	1889	1822	67	1822	-66	
Mawat	1116	1136	-20	1136	21	18 Explorers
Neuse River	1060	1184	-124	1184	125	
Shakori	1136	1134	2	1134	-1	
Black River	1664	1705	-41	1705	42	
Crosswinds	2179	2138	41	2138	-40	
Dogwood	910	954	-44	954	45	
Highlander	797	785	12	785	-11	
LaFayette	1039	1173	-134	1173	135	
COUNCIL	12,298	12532	-234	12,532	244	18
Learning For Life	1,386	499	887	499	0	
Total	13,684	13031	653	13,031	-652	18

14 New Traditional Units to Date:

Awahili: Post 16, Post 1010

Impeesa: Post 226, Pack 390

Mawat: Crew 451, Troop 404

Neuse River: Pack 308, Troop 308

Black River:

Crosswinds: Post 333, Crew 1040

Highlander:

Dogwood: Troop 615, Pack 8, Troop 8

Shakori:

LaFayette: Post 18

New Learning For Life Groups: Group 279, Group 280