

Cardinal District Committee Meeting

March 17, 2022

The meeting began at 7:00 pm by Zoom teleconference with 26 participants.

District Chairman's Remarks

BSA Bankruptcy – confirmation on proposed plan of reorganization/settlement began on 3/14/2022 and is expected to last several weeks. Official Tort Claimants Committee now recommends approval of plan after additional funds added to settlement trust (\$2.7 million) and additional youth protection requirements added. Procedures include: (a) hiring a Youth Protection Executive who has extensive experience in prevention of childhood abuse; (b) formation of a Youth Protection Committee composed of survivors, nominees of survivors that have experience in Youth Protection, BSA, Local Councils, and Chartered Organizations; (c) an update of existing policies (e.g., overnight stays, criminal background checks, consolidate practices and procedures); (d) procedures to disclose information in Volunteer Screening Database, and (e) prospective reporting regarding abuse. The proposed releases for chartered organizations were narrowed to give COs an incentive to contribute to the trust in exchange for release of liability. The claimants' vote on approval of the plan is now over 80%. The US Trustee filed an objection on 2/07/2022 that the bankruptcy court did not have the authority to approve/order releases of liability for non-debtor third parties. This is a big deal and could potentially wreck the entire settlement. The issue will have to be resolved by a higher court whatever the bankruptcy judge decides.

Council executive board meeting by Zoom call at noon on March 24, 2022.

The new Council President Chris Jordan met by Zoom with the district chairs on March 1, 2022. Chris discussed the bankruptcy case, the Council Membership Plan, Council marketing efforts, an update on recharter, plans for Scoutreach units in the council and districts (note: Scoutreach and financial assistance sometimes get used interchangeably, but they are not the same thing. Scoutreach involves units started by the council where not only do the Scouts receive financial assistance, the council will pay an adult to serve as unit leader). Commissioner service needs were also discussed. Chris asked everyone to review the new council website and provide feedback on any recommended additions, deletions, or changes. Lastly, Chris stated that the Council Key 3 planned to visit every districts' roundtables in 2022 (Chris participated in the Cardinal District Zoom Roundtable on March 3, 2022).

Gary Wilhelm's receipt of the DC Scouters Training Award and DC Key in 2/2022 got me thinking that we probably have many other folks that are eligible to receive one or both of those awards. The training award requires only two years tenure on DC with other training and participation requirements and the DC Key requires 3 years as an operating committee chair within a 5-year period along with other requirements.

We are still looking to fill the vacancy in Activities & Civic Service chair. We also need to fill out our Membership Committee and there is a need for a District Quartermaster.

District Commissioner Report

District Overview

Current District strength is 73 units
(27 Cub Scout, 36 Scout BSA, 7 Crews, 1 Ship and 2 Posts)

New Units

T-22G Feb 22 Raleigh (application submitted)
P-917 Feb 22 Apex (application submitted)

Anticipated New Units

T-444G Sep 22 Fuquay-Varina
T-391G Mar 23 Garner

Potential New Units

Ship 333

Current District health score is 4.16 (Up 0.03)

Virtual District Roundtable had 66 participants (53.5% of units represented)

District Recharter

70 District Units eligible to recharter

Working through deficiencies (missing documents)

1 unit not completed

Cannot recharter Explorer Post in current system

57 units posted

Unit Losses (3)

Anticipated losing one unit (T-224)

Did not anticipate losing two units (T-373G and P-373)

Cardinal District Recharter window closed on 31 Jan 22.

Recharter Overview: We rechartered roughly 8 out of 9 youth

Cub Scout retention 87.6%*

Scouts BSA retention 81.9%*

*1/3 of all of District losses are youth aging out of their respective programs

50 Cub Scouts aged out in 2022 and we anticipate 133 aging out in 2023

Top 3 District losses by age group

12 yr old Scouts BSA (1 in 5) 9 yr old Webelos (1 in 6) 6 yr old Tigers (1 in 6.5)

We need to focus on year-round recruiting across all ages BUT:

Greatest recruiting need for youth is 5-7 year old Cub Scouts

Unit Service

Unit Contacts (Simple Assessments):

10 commissioners recorded 176 unit contacts

YTD: 508 simple assessments

100.0% of District units have at least 2 simple assessments

Goal: 100% with at least 2 unit contacts

Detailed Assessments:

8 commissioners recorded 20 detailed assessments

YTD: 65 detailed assessments

89.2% of District units have had initial detailed assessment

Average Unit Health Score: 4.16 (up .03 from last month)

Goal: 100% with one (1) detailed assessment per year

Unit Service Plans (USPs)

YTD: 65 units with current USP

2 USPs completed

Cardinal District Commissioner Strength

Currently have 26 Registered Commissioners.

DC: 1

ADC: 5

UC: 14

RTC: 6

Still need minimum of 1 ADC and 6 UCs to meet recommended staffing requirements

Recruited one new UC (Laura Johnson), in process of onboarding now

Have 2 additional UC candidates being actively recruited

Units at risk:

P-201 needs youth

CM and CC participated in Position Specific Training

Pack wants to recharter, COR wants to retain unit

Moving in right direction; anticipate unit rechartering at this time

P-222 needs youth, new CM and CC

Have added several youth, aligned Troop is actively engaged

Pack will probably recharter, COR not involved

Moving in right direction, anticipate unit rechartering at this time

T-224 leadership not interested in continuing

Troop will not recharter, aligned Pack is concerned

P-244 leadership expressing concern

Leadership concerned with youth numbers and adult participation.

Looking to possibly merge with adjacent unit

Unit Issues

P/T-152 Charter Organization (Genesis UMC) have found new (separate) Charter Organizations

FSE and UC working with both units to complete Charter transfer

District Roundtable

Virtual District Roundtable on 3 March 2022

Total participation was 66 Scouters with 53.5% of District units

General Session: STEM

Poll among participants was to resume in person Roundtable in April

Commissioner Notes

Unit Membership Inventory

Working with FSE to conduct Unit Membership Inventories prior to start of recharter

Currently have 35/72 units received

Camp Durant: summer camp fee expected to be \$375 this summer

Internet Recharter Renewal 2.0 open now

13/70 eligible units have started recharter process

First draft of recharter review/turn in dates and locations have been published

Council has turned off pay on-line option for recharter

This also turns off pay on-line for on-line applications in application manager

Finance

No report

Membership

Have started planning recruiting events for spring – Garner/Fuquay/Cary-Apex.

Reaching out to vacation bible schools to distribute flyers on Scouting.

Communications & Marketing

Courtney working with Council Communications & Marketing Director to get updates on programs.

Camping and Outdoor Program

Camporee

1108 participants at this point

Still need shooting sports instructors/RSOs

Meeting that weekend to work on 18 month planning calendar of events

Activities & Civic Service Report

Need chair

District Pinewood Derby at St. Michael's on April 2, 2022.

Autism Awareness Day in Holly Springs on April 2, 2022– need Scouts BSA volunteers

Would like to restart Scouting for Food

Twilight Camp & STEM days in progress

Training

BALOO held last weekend.

IOLS in Fall & at summer camp, Position Specific Training in both June & Fall

Coordinating with other Districts (primarily Sandhills) so we do not run events on same weekends

Advancement & Recognition

11 new Eagles

Advancement reports will be run on last day of month

Need Cit in Society MB after 7/1

MB counselor registration starting 4/1

OA

Spring Powwow & Webelos OA Weekend 3/18-20

Conclave 4/22-24

Spring Inductions 5/20-22

Chapters will be supporting the Camporee with a Trading Post

Old Business

None reported

New Business

Bill Davis voted onto District Committee to correct inadvertent omission in Nominating Committee report in January.

Neil to send Tiffany an official Cardinal District Committee list

Open Forum

New logo completed & sent out

Family Scouting Executive's Remarks

Troops welcome to send out recruiting flyers to middle schools mid-May/June – contact Tyler

Scout cards have arrived & are available for pickup at Council

Next Meeting

April 21, 2022 by Zoom