

Cardinal District Committee Meeting

August 18, 2022

26 members were in attendance.

District Chairman's Remarks

District Chair Neil Smith welcomed everyone to the August District Committee meeting and thanked them for their attendance. A motion was made to approve the proposed minutes for the May 2022 meeting. After a second and opportunity for discussion, the minutes were unanimously approved.

Cardinal District had three very successful district Cub Scout events this summer:

Twilight Camp at Optimist Farm in June

NOVA Stem Days at Pine Springs Preparatory Academy in early July

Fishing Derby at Harris Lake County Park in late July.

Deep appreciation was expressed to Courtney Trujillo, Debra Hall, and Erin Shifflett, who were essential to these three events. Thanks also to Jason Trujillo for the support he provided for the events as well as all Cardinal District Scouters who helped with the events.

Neil reported on the BSA bankruptcy case. The US Bankruptcy Court in Delaware entered an opinion on July 29, 2022 concerning BSA's proposed plan of reorganization under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. In largest part, it was a favorable opinion. Judge Silverstein found the plan to be made in good faith and to provide for 100% compensation of direct abuse claimants. She also found the settlements with four big insurance companies, which added roughly \$1.6 billion to the settlement trust, was proper. Judge Silverstein also found the third-party releases of councils and chartered organizations to be proper with one big exception. She found that the proposed releases for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, which was to contribute \$250 million to the settlement trust, were too broad to the extent the releases could apply to sexual abuse outside the Scouting program. Judge Silverstein refused to find the trust distribution procedure was "fair and equitable," basically deciding she did not have to decide that issue, at least not now. She did say that the final confirmation plan would have to give the settlement trustee power to weed out fraudulent claims, a big point for the non-settling insurance companies. In conclusion, Judge Silverstein put the ball back in BSA's court to see what plan they can finish working out in light of the court's rulings.

Late last Friday, BSA announced that it would move forward with a reorganization plan that does not include the \$250 million from TCJCLDS, and, with that change and a few others, expect the revised plan to be quickly confirmed by Judge Silverstein. Abuse claimants' attorneys seem generally pleased with that result because it may force TCJCLDS back to negotiations, and the church reportedly has \$100 billion in assets. BSA hoped to have the revised plan approved at a hearing on August 24th, but one of the insurance companies is objecting saying it needs more time to review the revised plan. It seems realistic to expect a confirmed plan within the next few months, and then the appeals can begin.

Girl Scouts USA have settled their trademark infringement claim against BSA. The district judge granted summary judgment for BSA and dismissed GSUSA's suit earlier this year, but GSUSA had appealed. The

settlement finally resolves the case. We still need to be careful in our communications not to accidentally cause confusion between the two programs.

As most of you know, earlier this year the General Conference of the United Methodist Church decided not to re-charter any Scout units. UMC-chartered units were given until October 2022 to pursue one of three options: 1) enter into an affiliation agreement with their church and become a council-registered unit (CRU); 2) find a new organization to serve as the chartered organization with the possibility of entering into facilities use agreement (FUA) to continue to meet at the church; or 3) possibly be chartered through a Parents of Scouts Group/Group of Citizens (PSG/GC) temporarily. Some councils have already decided they will not do CRUs because of the administrative burden. Occoneechee Council Executive Board was to meet on August 25, 2022 to decide that issue for our council, but that meeting has now been canceled in light of an agreement between UMCGC and BSA to extend the deadline until December 31, 2022 because the form affiliation agreement has not been finalized. Our Commissioner's Staff has been tasked to be in touch with UMC units to determine before August 19, 2022 what course they are planning on taking as well as to get an inventory of substantial assets (vehicles, trailers, bank accounts, etc.) so that Council can assess what will be involved if those units should become CRUs. This date may also slip.

Some units are exploring the possibility of creating nonprofit corporations through the North Carolina Secretary of State and seeking exempt organization status through Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code with that new entity to become their chartered organization. There was some language in a communication BSA put out in September 2021 that indicated that PSG/GC should not incorporate and seek exempt status. Charles Flowers shared this week a communication from the North Georgia Conference of the UMC to its churches suggesting that an option is to create an umbrella nonprofit 501(c)(3) entity to serve as chartered organization for multiple units; the units would then enter into FUAs with their churches to continue to use the facilities. However, also in that communication is the statement that churches are not prohibited from simply re-chartering their units and continuing as before. Mr. Flowers has advised that he is to meet with Bishop Fairley, head of the NC UMC Conference, to discuss whether that is an option for NC churches. This is obviously a fluid situation.

First Vice Chair Tim Forrest has agreed to serve as Chair of our Nominating Committee again this year. Tim will be reaching out to folks to serve on the committee. If you are interested, please let Tim know within the next week or so.

District Commissioner Report

District Overview

Current District strength is 72 units
(27 Cub Scout, 36 Scout BSA, 7 Crews, 1 Ship and 2 Posts)

New Units

None this month

Anticipated New Units

P-971 Sep 22 Apex (Waiting on adult applications)

T-444G Sep 22 Fuquay-Varina (Need adult leaders)
T-391G Mar 23 Garner
P-99, T99B, T99G Cary

Potential New Units

None this month

Current District health score is 4.22 (unchanged)

District Highlights

Cub Scout Summer Program

*District Twilight Camp (registration 54 participants)

*NOVA/STEM Day (registration 30 participants)

23 Cub Scouts completed 115 NOVA awards

*District Fishing Derby (registration 80 participants)

District Recruiting Event July 13th

Apex, Garner and Holly Springs

Advertising the events solely through school email system was NOT effective.

Upcoming District Recruiting Events

Fuquay Varina (14 Sep) and Cary (21 Sep)

FSE getting permission to hand out fliers in targeted schools

Cardinal District Commissioner Strength

Currently have 26 Registered Commissioners.

DC: 1

ADC: 5

UC: 12

RTC: 6

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

Unit Service

Unit Contacts (Simple Assessments):

Seven (7) commissioners recorded 146 contacts

Year to Date: 1321 simple assessments

100% of District units have at least six simple assessments

Goal: 100% with at least five (5) simple assessments5) unit contacts

Detailed Assessments:

Two (2) commissioners recorded 2 detailed assessments

Year to Date: 83 detailed assessments

98.6% of District units have had initial detailed assessment

Average Unit Health Score: 4.22 (Unchanged)

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

Unit Service Plans (USP):

71 units with current USP

33 USPs completed

Current USP review with units will be completed by August EOM

Unit Issues

P-971 waiting on adult applications to complete new Charter

Units at risk:

P-222 (Down to three Cub Scouts after AOL crossover)

T-614 (down to two active Scouts)

Anticipates getting healthy with large AOL crossover from aligned Pack in Spring)

District Roundtable

District Roundtable on 4 Aug 2022

Hybrid Roundtable

Participation: 43 Scouters

In person 30 Scouters

ZOOM 13 Scouters

Commissioner Notes

Working with UMC Chartered units to determine intentions

25 August Council board meeting canceled considering extension of deadline to 31 December 2022

Reports from Operating Committees

Finance

The council held a local golf tournament August 8, 2022 at Prestonwood; attendance was down slightly.

Membership

Cardinal District was just shy of 4% growth year over year. For the remainder of the year, any new applications will not pay 2022 Council fee but must be submitted by paper application.

Brand new units before year-end will register through end of next year.

Council leadership met with Superintendent of Wake County Schools about approaching elementary students.

FSE Tyler Perkinson has been meeting with private schools to arrange recruiting talks with their students.

Three new units with the Muslim American Society are expected in the next month.

Communications & Marketing

The flyer is almost complete for upcoming recruitment events.

Camping and Outdoor Program

Council Camporee – no ask from this group other than assistance with assigning units to sites.

District Camporee – Mar 24 -26, 2023. District Key 3 has strongly suggested we invite Cub Scouts.

MLK weekend in (13-15 Jan 2023) has been booked for Klondike Derby at Durant. Units will cook for themselves; staff will cook together.

Activities & Civic Service Report

Units participating in summer activities are encouraged to get their info in.

Spook-a-ree is coming up in October (21-22 Oct 2022).

Scouts will be participating in Asian Festival on 17 Sep 2022.

T204 held a Scouting for Food drive, collecting over 1500 pounds of food to be distributed to local food banks.

T202 and P202 developed hygiene kits and made a donation for Eastern Kentucky Relief.

Training

IOLS planned for 21-22 Oct 2022 at Camp Agape in Fuquay-Varina. Enrollment will be limited to 25 participants, and staff has been recruited.

Position Specific training may be 2nd week of November 2022.

There will be a large training event at Camp Durant on 1 Oct 2022. University of Scouting will be held on 5 Nov 2022 at Pine Springs Preparatory Academy. The district is going to poll for interest in doing mini-IOLS segments, 1 per month, during Scouts BSA session at Roundtable.

Advancement & Recognition

64 Eagles YTD, 1 Summit Award

Recognition committee will start meeting soon.

MBC renewals are at about 60% of prior years. Proposal may be coming from council on limiting the number of MBs a counselor can teach.

Advancement reports are still not accurate. One issue is that Eagles are showing in both Troop & Crew if dual registered.

Cyberchip will be slowly phased out for Star & Life ranks and will be replaced by online videos.

Citizenship in Society is now a required merit badge for Eagle rank.

Ian Fuller will be awarded National Medal for Outdoor Achievement.

Eagle Coach training will be offered soon, perhaps via Zoom,

Commissioners

Options for UMC units

- Affiliation Agreement/Council Registered Units

- Find new chartered org and sign FUA with current UMC church

- Move to new traditional chartered organization

- Establishing new nonprofit organization of parents/citizens

Old Business

Recharter program from last year will be used again. The registration period will open 1 Oct 2022, but it is strongly suggested that units not submit their re-registrations early since Scouts cannot have advancement shown from time to submission to the beginning of new year and you will be unable to add new Scouts. Re-registration/re-charter will automatically post 31 Dec 2022 if everything is done

correctly. It is much more important to be correct than to be early since the council Registrar will not be able to correct errors as she has done in the past.

New Business

No new business

Open Forum

Gantt thanked Neil for his summarization of the BSA bankruptcy as well as thanks to our volunteers for everything they do.

Family Scouting Executive's Remarks

Klondike Derby may be bigger than we anticipated. Tyler will be submitting a budget. Tyler thanked the committee for everything the group does.

Next Meeting

The next district committee meeting will be on 15 September 2022 at 7:00 pm via Zoom.