

Cardinal District Committee Meeting

September 15, 2022

There were 20 committee members in attendance by Zoom.

Remarks by the District Chair

District Chair Neil Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the August 2022 meeting; the minutes were unanimously approved.

Neil gave a brief report on the status of the BSA National bankruptcy case. On September 8, 2022, US Bankruptcy Judge Silverstein issued an order confirming BSA's Chapter 11 "third modified fifth amended" reorganization plan. Generally, any appeal of that order has to be filed within 14 days, so we don't know yet if there will be any appeals. There probably will be, but those could be resolved, at least at the district court level, by the end of the year. BSA also has to pick and announce an "effective date" for the plan's implementation. But assuming the confirmation is not successfully appealed, that basically means that all the outstanding abuse claims are now channeled to the settlement trust and abuse claimants cannot pursue those claims against the individual councils or chartered organizations. Part of the plan deals with what BSA's obligations will be concerning youth protection, and most of the details as to how that will be implemented remain to be worked out. It is still critically important that we as Scouters at the district and unit levels comply with all the YPT policies, to include staying current on our YPT certifications. Many councils have already adopted policies requiring that a Scouter's YPT certification must not expire during the coming calendar year for that Scouter to re-register and that unit to re-charter. That may yet be a policy adopted by Occoneechee Council. Our district YPT certification compliance is at 95.5%, with a few of those out of compliance being district committee members.

As for issues involving United Methodist Church- chartered units, a revised affiliation agreement was released on August 27, 2022. The changes appeared to be that the affiliation agreement now contains no provisions concerning the transfer or ownership of property and equipment used by the Scouting Unit, and, while the affiliated organization (the church) has to cover the scout property stored at its facility under its insurance, the church can turn around and ask the scout unit for reimbursement for the cost of that insurance. Councils are also supposed to provide the units with policies and procedures concerning "financial reporting and asset management." The Occoneechee Council Executive Board will meet on September 22, 2022, and the big item on the agenda is a vote on a resolution as to whether the council will agree to accept council-registered units. As we have discussed before, some other councils nationally have elected not to accept council-registered units, probably due to staff limitations and the cost.

The Council's annual Friends of Scouting luncheon was held on September 14, 2022. Over \$2.2 million in contributions were made or pledged.

Our annual Cardinal District Business Meeting will be on Saturday, January 7, 2023 from 9:00 am until noon at Saint Francis United Methodist Church in Cary. Thank you to William Paige for arranging a meeting location. We look forward to finally having the opportunity to meet in person in 2023.

Our First Vice Chair Tim Forrest is again serving as chair of our District Nominating Committee, and the committee is already at work. Tim stated that the membership of the Nominating Committee would be similar to last year and invited anyone else who wished to be considered to contact him. The committee expects to have its first meeting in a week. The committee would be contacting all district committee members to determine if they wished to continue to serve and in what capacity. The Nominating Committee will also be looking for additional members from the community, such as business and religious leaders. Contacts will begin in October. Tim asked operating committee chairs and members to be thinking about what they wanted to do.

Gantt Edmiston advised that it would be helpful if the Nominating Committee inquired whether a Scouter's registration was primary to the District Committee or multiple with a unit. He advised that Scouters registered solely through the District Committee will not be able to pay their annual registration fee until the Nominating Committee's report has been approved at the January 2023 annual business meeting and the approved report has been received at Council.

District Commissioner's Report

Scott Fedorchak provided the District Commissioner's 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-99	Sep 22	Cary
T-99B	Sep 22	Cary
T-99G	Sep 22	Cary

P-971	Sep 22	Apex (Waiting on adult applications)
T-444G	Sep 22	Fuquay-Varina (Waiting on adult leadership)
T-391G	Mar 23	Garner

Current District health score is 4.23 (Up 0.01)

The September Hybrid District Roundtable had 86 participants.

District Highlights -

Unit Kick-off events have been successful.

District-wide, we are 5.5% increase in membership over this time last year.

P-10 first time with a Lion Den - will have two Lion Dens this year

P-224 was an at-risk unit last year - received 24 applications at their kick-off

P-614 doubled in size - first time ever that they will have full Lion and Tiger Dens

Upcoming District Recruiting Events

Fuquay Varina (14 Sep 2022), Cary (21 Sep 2022)

Unit Service in August –

Unit Contacts (Simple Assessments):

Seven (7) commissioners recorded 111 contacts

Year to Date: 1,439 simple assessments

100% of District units have at least six (6) simple assessments

Goal: 100% with at least six (6) unit contacts

Detailed Assessments:

One (1) commissioner recorded 1 detailed assessment

Year to Date: 84 detailed assessments

98.6% of District units have had initial detailed assessment

Average Unit Health Score: 4.23 (+0.01)

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

Unit Service Plans (USP):

71 units with current USP

10 USPs completed this month

40 USPs completed YTD (56.3%)

Expect USP completion numbers to go up significantly this month with scheduled recruiting, ILST and NYLT events.

Cardinal District Commissioner Strength –

Currently have 24 registered Commissioners*.

DC: 1

ADC: 5

UC: 12

RTC: 6

24 out of 24 Commissioner have entered a contact in Commissioner Tools

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

Unit Issues –

Waiting on adult applications to complete new Charter

P-971

P/T-99B&G

Identified at risk units

T-413 Troop Committee voted to not recharter in 2023

*SM and CC are stepping down, no one willing to step up

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

P-393 (CM stepped down, no replacement ID'd)

T-614 (down to two active Scouts)

* Anticipates getting healthy with large AOL crossover (8) from aligned Pack in Spring

District Roundtable –

District Roundtable on 1 Sep 22

Hybrid Roundtable

Total participation: 86 Scouters

50% of District units represented

In person - 54 Scouters

ZOOM - 32 Scouters

General Session:

Wood Badge Beading (4 Scouters)

Recharter 2022

Next hybrid Roundtable will be 9 Oct 22

Council will be doing a Council wide ZOOM Roundtable on 3 Nov 2022(focus on Recharter).

District Commissioner Notes –

Still working with UMC Chartered units to determine intentions prior to 22 Sep Council board meeting

UMC North Georgia Convention elected to allow UMC units to recharter

No word yet if UMC NC convention will allow

Recharter 2022 –

Will be on National recharter webinar on Saturday 17 Sep to get latest changes/updates

Once units electronically submit recharter, no changes can be made until recharter posts on 31 Dec 22

Units cannot add additional Scouts or Scouters to rosters

Recommend that units NOT submit recharters until Nov at earliest

Currently planning to cancel Oct turn-in opportunities

Gantt advised that there may be a modification to the system that will allow new Scouters and Scouters to be registered during the re-charter period.

Reports from Operating Committees –

Finance – no report

Membership – FSE Tyler Perkinson reported for the committee. Only two families attended the recruiting event in Fuquay-Varina on Sept. 14, 2022. With the poor turnout for the spring recruiting event which was also advertised by e-flier, this demonstrates that the Wake County Public Schools e-flier system does not work and is ineffective in reaching parents. Recruiting is otherwise going well and the district is on pace to recruit as many Scouts as last September. For the upcoming recruiting event in Cary on Sept. 21, 2022, Tyler asked everyone to share the Facebook announcement for the event from the district's Facebook page. Gantt also advised that Council would be sending out a postcard to every Scout asking them to recruit a friend this fall.

Communications & Marketing – no report

Camping & Outdoor Program – Brian Lehrsall reported for the committee. Tom Stalker advised that registration for the Council Camporee in October would end on Friday, Sept. 23, 2022. The camporee will be devoted to fun scouting activities. District program chairs have been asked to assist in getting

the units for their districts into their campsites. With the camp ranger being out for illness, folks are asked to help keep Camp Durant in good condition. Neil also relayed that a request for help with the Council Spook-o-ree in October has gone out from Courtney Trujillo, and everyone is encouraged to help if possible.

Activities & Civic Service – no report

Training – Gary Wilhelm reported for the committee. IOLS is scheduled to be conducted at Camp Agape, Fuquay-Varina, on October 21-22, 2022. However, a tree fell on the large shelter that was used for previous training, and Gary will need to check to make sure the training location is still NCAP-compliant. Position Specific Training will be held in person in early November.

Advancement & Recognition – Tom Allen reported for the committee. For the year to date, Cardinal District has had 71 Scouts earn Eagle rank, one Venturer earn the Summit award, and one Sea Scout earn Quartermaster. Scouts BSA have completed 654 rank advancements and 2,844 merit badges. For Cub Scouts, 133 Scouts have earned Arrow of Light and 728 rank advancements have been earned.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

There was no new business.

Open Forum

Gantt advised that Occoneechee Council has outsourced the processing of new memberships to a third party. This was to have taken effect on Sept. 1, 2022, but has not happened yet. There was also discussion concerning the hybrid district roundtable format.

Family Scouting Executive's Remarks

Tyler Perkinson again asked everyone to share the Facebook post for the upcoming Cub Scout recruiting event. He also advised that popcorn sales were underway and asked everyone to support that fundraising effort.

Next District Committee Meeting

The next District Committee meeting will be on Thursday, Oct. 20, 2022, at 7:00 pm by Zoom call.