

Cardinal District Committee Monthly Meeting

February 16, 2023

The meeting began by Zoom at 7:00 pm. There were 28 participants.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the proposed minutes for the January 2023 Annual Business Meeting. The minutes were unanimously approved.

District Chair Tim Forrest discussed the importance of training for adult volunteers, with approximately 32% of adult volunteers not being fully trained for their positions. Tim also discussed networking for possible new units and the importance of sharing information about Scouting activities to non-Scouters.

District Commissioner Patrick Sperlein then gave the Commissioner's Report. The district currently has 71 units - 27 Packs, 36 Troops, 7 Crews, and 1 Ship – with a Unit Health Score of 4.16. 69 Charters have posted, and Commissioner staff are working with the last two units, Pack 23 and Crew 226. Three units did not recharter: Troop 23, Troop 413 and Pack 222. Three new units are expected to be chartered in the next three months: Pack 373 in Apex; Troop 444G in Fuquay-Varina; and Troop 391G in Garner.

As for Commissioner strength, Cardinal District presently has twenty-four registered commissioners: one District Commissioner; six Assistant District Commissioners; eleven Unit Commissioners; and six Roundtable Commissioners, with one new Unit Commissioner going through the on-boarding process.

As for Unit Service, there have been 247 recorded unit contacts with 100% of units having been contacted at least one time. Fifty-five units have been contacted at least twice (74.3%), and thirteen Commissioners have recorded contacts (54.17%). The goal is for 100% of units to have at least six recorded contacts and for 100% of Commissioners to have a recorded contact.

As for Detailed Assessments, sixteen Detailed Assessments have been completed (21.6%). The goal is for 100% of units to have completed one Detailed Assessment per year.

For the February 2023 District Roundtable, there were seventy-four participants from thirty-nine units. For the general session, there was a presentation on the Jewish Committee on Scouting. For the breakout sessions, Cub Scouts discussed "Getting the Most out of District/Council Cub Programs," Scouts BSA heard "Innovative Troop Meeting Ideas," and Venturing/Sea Scouts learned about "Leading vs Advising." The next Roundtable is scheduled for March 2, 2023; district adult recognitions will be presented during the general session. For the breakouts, Cub Scouts will hear about advancement policies and Scouts BSA will learn best practices for troop trailers.

The operating committees broke out for individual meetings for approximately twenty minutes. The operating committee chairs provided the following reports.

Finance – Ken Griffo discussed the 2023 capital campaign for the council and the Investment in Character campaign. Contributions can be made through grow.ocscouts.org. All district committee members are asked to make a contribution during the campaign with a goal of 100% participation.

Membership – Neil Smith and Tyler Perkinson advised that from the first of the year to the end of February, the district had almost doubled the number of new Scouts joining compared to the same period in 2022. Sixty-one youth had joined, with 39 Cub Scouts and 22 Scouts BSA. Tyler was still waiting to hear back from Pine Springs Preparatory Academy on the formation of a new pack at the school. Our new District Executive, Erin Shiflett, will be reaching out to any organization in the district with which she has a contact to explore possible new units. Tim Forrest advised he would distribute to the district committee the analysis done by Scott Fedorchak based on re-chartering information.

Communications & Marketing – No report

Camping & Outdoor Program – Donna Dragon reported on the upcoming District Camporee. The shooting sports are ready to go, but help is still needed with the cooking station for staff. Richard Connelly will serve as waterfront director. While registration is starting slowly, a number of units have indicated they will be registering. A reminder email will go out. 750 patches have been ordered. Troops are being asked to identify where they will be going for summer camp.

Activities & Civic Service – Courtney Trujillo reported that the committee had a good meeting. A Cub Scout Shooting Sports Day, Twilight Camp, and Fishing Derby are all on the schedule. NOVA Days is still up in the air. Discussion was had concerning alternate sources of supply for NOVA pins, etc. There was discussion concerning possible civic service projects for the district, such as adopt-a-highway, park clean-up, and some sort of Earth Day project. The committee is looking for more Scouts BSA civic service events.

Training - Eddie Wilson reported that 18 adult volunteers were trained at the IOLS session in early February, sixteen being from Cardinal District. He is looking to schedule Position Specific Training.

Advancement & Recognition – No report.

Old business - None

New business – Patrick Sperlein advised that Mike Pitney was ready to come on board as a new Unit Commissioner for the district. A motion was made to add Mike to the Cardinal District Committee as a member-at-large. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Open forum – No discussion.

Field Director/District Executive's remarks – Tyler and Erin advised that the portal for ordering Scout Cards was open. A Zoom meeting on Scout Cards is scheduled for March 8, 2023. Erin introduced herself to the district committee and was welcomed on board.

Next Meeting:

March 16, 2023