

## Cardinal District Committee Annual Business Meeting

January 7, 2023

### St. Francis United Methodist Church, Cary, NC

The meeting began at 9:00 am. There were 23 participants in attendance.

The following agenda was presented:

- Approval of November 2022 minutes
- Council-wide Matters
- Nominating Committee Report & Vote
- District Commissioner's Report
- Appointment of Operating Committee Chairs
- Breakout for Operating Committees
- Operating Committee Reports
- Order of the Arrow Update
- Chartered Organization Representatives
- Old and New Business
- Open Forum
- Family Scouting Director Comments
- District Chair Remarks & Closing

A motion was made and seconded to approve the proposed minutes for the November 2022 District Committee meeting. The minutes were unanimously approved.

District Chair Neil Smith then gave a brief update on council-wide matters, to include the upcoming Council Business Meeting on January 26, 2023 and the status of the BSA national bankruptcy case.

First Vice Chair and Chair of the Nominating Committee Tim Forrest presented the report of the Nominating Committee. A motion to approve the report of the Nominating Committee as to Members-at-Large was made and seconded. The members unanimously approved the nominations for Members-at-Large and the following will serve as Members-at-Large for 2023:

Robert Ato	Susan Benton	David Bernath
David Boggs	Brian Bullard	William Casola
Larry Chandler	Kathy Connelly	Patrick Connelly
Richard Connelly	David Crowley	Donna Dragon
Gantt Edmiston	Steven Ennis	Brian Fahs
Scott Fedorchak	Laura Forrest	Beatriz Froom
Robert Froom	Jim Fuller	Don Gantt
David Gardener	Brian Gilbaugh	Timothy Gillespie
Karen Goldstein	Ken Griffo	Stephanie Hairr

Debra Hall	Mary Hampson	Steve Hanna
Christopher Harmon	Will Highsmith	Paul Huffman
Laura Johnson	Rick Kelly-Crapse	Bernice Kendall
Brian Lehrschall	Susan Long	Curt Lunchick
John Mahoney	Dennis McKinney	Chris Michaels
Jill Murfee	Desire Nazareth	William Paige
Allen Richardson	Gary Rodgers	Christine Preble
Scott Simerly	Kevin Sloop	Suzie Sloop
M. Neil Smith	Jody Snow	Patrick Sperlein
Tom Stalker	Thomas Taylor	Michael Thompson
Glenn Traylor	Courtney Trujillo	Ed Walsh
Gary Wilhelm	Charles Wilson (Eddie)	Graham Wilson

A motion to approve the report of the Nominating Committee as to District Chair and Vice Chairs was made and seconded. The members unanimously approved the nominations for District Chair and Vice Chairs and the following will serve in those positions for 2023:

District Chair- Tim Forrest

Vice Chairs- Greg McGrew Ben Freeman Tom Allen Christopher Harmon

The recommendation of Patrick Sperlein for District Commissioner was also approved.

District Commissioner Scott Fedorchak then gave the Commissioner's Report. The district overview for 2022 was as follows:

Current District strength is 74 units (29 Cub Scout, 38 Scout BSA, 7 Crews, 1 Ship)

There are five (5) new District units in 2022:

P-99 Oct 22 Cary

P-971 Dec 22 Apex

T-99B Oct 22 Cary

T-99G Oct 22 Cary

Three (3) new District units are anticipated in 2023:

P-373 Feb 23 Raleigh

T-444G Mar 23 Fuquay-Varina (Waiting on adult leadership)

T-391G Mar 23 Garner

As for dropped units, P-333 will recharter 1 Jan 23 to change to calendar charter year. All LFL and ScoutReach units have been moved to a new District. The Cardinal District End of Year health score is 4.21.

As for unit service for 2022:

Average Unit Health Score: 4.21

Unit Contacts (Simple Assessments):

Year to Date: 2,122 simple assessments

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

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

Detailed Assessments:

Year to Date: 96 detailed assessments

100.0% of District units have had a detailed assessment

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

Unit Service Plans (USP):

74 units with current USP

60 USPs completed YTD (81.1%)

As for rechartering at the end of 2022:

65 units (87.8%) have completed recharter process

Three (3) UMC units left to change Charter Organization and recharter

P-356                  P-391                  T-391

Five (5) units left to complete recharter

P-23                  P-444  
T-23                  T-373B C-226

Anticipate losing two (2) units

T-413

P-222

For Cardinal District Commissioner strength:

The district currently has 25 registered Commissioners.

DC: 1

ADC: 5

UC: 12

RTC: 7

24 out of 25 Commissioners entered a contact in Commissioner Tools. The district still needs a minimum of one additional ADC and six additional UCs to meet recommended staffing requirements. One new Roundtable Commissioner and one new Unit Commissioner were recruited this year.

Scott thanked the district for the opportunity for the honor and privilege to serve as District Commissioner for the past two years and introduced Patrick Sperlein as the in-coming Cardinal District Commissioner.

District Chair Tim Forrest announced the District Committee organization for 2023.

- First Vice Chair – Greg McGrew
- Vice Chair for Administration – Ben Freeman
- Vice Chair for Program – Christopher Harmon
- Vice Chair for Advancement – Tom Allen

The operating committee chairs for 2023 are:

- Finance – Ken Griffo
- Membership – Neil Smith
- Communications & Marketing – TBD (to be covered by Neil and Ben)
- Camping & Outdoor Program – Donna Dragon
- Activities & Civic Service – Courtney Trujillo
- Training – Eddie Wilson
- Advancement & Recognition – Tom Allen

The Chair and the committee elected not to break out to operating committees but to proceed to reports from the operating committees.

Finance – Ken reported there were no fundraisers going on at this time of year. Tyler provided information on other council fundraisers and the Investment in Character fundraising campaign. William asked if the council had considered a disk golf fundraiser, considering the popularity of the sport. Tyler advised there was already a disk golf tournament at Camp Durant which was not well publicized, but that a local tournament might be a possibility. Ken suggested a virtual 5K run as a possible fundraiser. The discussion then turned to Camp Cards, which are usually sold from mid-March to mid-May. The question was asked whether the sales period could be longer and there was discussion concerning how to improve camp card sales. Gantt opined that the Council needed a better fundraising product than Trails End, and the members concurred. Tyler advised the reason the Council continued its relationship with Trails End was Trails End had a better app for sales. Tyler advised he would relate the opinions about Trails End at the professional staff meetings the following week.

Membership – Tyler discussed how much of the recruiting effort directed to schools would be directed to private and charter schools due to the lack of cooperation and access from the Wake County Public School System. The need to recruit at community events was discussed. Neil discussed the need to come up with a plan/calendar of recruiting efforts to help units better coordinate their efforts with the district.

Communications & Marketing – Gary Wilhelm explained that the district presently has three means of communication: the district website; email; and the district and district committee Facebook groups. None of those are really outward looking. Other media such as Instagram and TikTok were discussed. Order of the Arrow youth representative Trevor Rubino provided insight on how youth use social media and his own use of social media to promote Scouting. Tyler referred to earlier efforts by Robert Froom to make sure units appear on Google Maps, and Neil indicated he would work on getting remaining units visible.

Camping & Outdoor Program – Donna reported on the upcoming District Camporee in March 2023 at Camp Durant. The theme is Wild West. The event will be re-named as a District Camporee and Cuboree to comply with BSA requirements for Cub Scout participation. Chris Harmon will serve as program director the Cuboree. Members were reminded that Short Term Camp Administrator certification for most folks was expiring in 2023. If you do not re-new your certification before it expires (a four-hour course), you will have to take the entire eight-hour course again for certification. While Council was slated to hold a renewal session on 14 Jan 23, that may be re-scheduled. Renewal training is also available remotely from National with sessions in January, February and March 2023.

Activities & Civic Service – Courtney reported that there is a full schedule of Cub Scout activities and events in 2023:

District Pinewood Derby	11 Mar 23
District Camporee/Cuboree	24-26 Mar 23
District Cub Scout Shooting Sports	10 Jun 23
District Fishing Derby	25 Jun 23
District Twilight Camp	13-16 Jul 23
District Hike	Sep 23

Training – IOLS is slated for early February 2023 but registration has not been opened yet pending paperwork being completed. BALOO is slated for early March and PST in late May-early June.

Advancement – Tom encouraged everyone to submit adult recognition nominations for all deserving nominees. In 2022 in Cardinal District:

- Cub Scouts earned 918 Ranks
- Scouts BSA earned 964 Ranks, 96 recommendations for Eagle Scout, and 3995 merit badges
- Venturers earned 1 Summit
- Sea Scouts earned 1 Quartermaster

Order of the Arrow – For Netami chapter, Brian Lehrschall reported that the chapter holiday party had ninety Arrowmen in attendance. Brian also reminded everyone that the allowable time between election and ordeal is now down to 18 months. Trevor advised he was working to update information on troop representatives. For the Ilau Machque chapter, David Bernath advised it looked good for the coming year. The chapter hoped to do a better job of recording information for the Roth Award. Brian noted that Netami chapter had received the Roth Award and three Founders Award recipients were from Cardinal District. The OA Cub Scout weekend is coming up. Both chapters expect to make concerted efforts to integrate the girl Scouts BSA troops into the OA.

Chartered Organization Representatives – CORs of council-registered units must be a member of the district committee. By virtue of their positions, CORs are members of the district committee and the council board and should attend and participate in those meetings.

There was no old business.

There was no new business.

An open forum was held. A recommendation was made that we should be recognizing first-time attendees at roundtables to give folks an opportunity to get to know one another. There was also discussion as to how Occoneechee Council should be more welcoming to council-registered units and not treat them as a “necessary evil.”

The District Director Tyler Perkinson offered his remarks. Tyler shared with the committee the new organizational chart for the professional staff in Occoneechee Council. Tyler’s new title is “Field Director” overseeing Cardinal and Northstar Districts. Another district executive is expected to be hired this year to work in Cardinal District.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:30 pm. The next District Committee meeting is on March 16, 2023 unless Adult Recognitions are held during the March 2023 Roundtable. The District Committee would then meet next on February 16, 2023. A decision on that will be made shortly.