

Metro Lakes District Committee Meeting

January 15, 2009

7 pm – Mayflower Congregational Church

7 pm – Welcome/Announcements

7:15 pm – Committee Breakout

8 pm – Committee Reports:

Program:

- Advancement –
 - Eagle Preview preparations are underway.
 - The District would like to form a book/list of Eagle Scout projects, not only for use to aid/inspire at Eagle Previews and Roundtables, but would make a great resource for the Centennial.
 - The goal would be to maintain a living database that is added to every year.
 - Suggested that we use Facebook to gather information. Build a group called “Minneapolis Eagle Scout Projects” and let people upload documents, photos, etc.
- Activities –
 - Urban Orienteering: Jan 17
 - 4 Dens/3 Packs participated
 - Scouts from T-196, T-042, and Minnehaha Falls OA Chapter helped mentor
 - Pinewood Derby:
 - No update.
 - Slide-a-Ree: Further planning will follow.
 - No update.
 - Webelos Woods: April 18
 - Promotions should be made directly to Webelos I Cubs.
 - Each Troop needs to provide 2 Staff.
 - GOAL: Ensure Crossover in 2010
 - Evening program involving Order of the Arrow could be a great potential for not only an OA Callout Ceremony but also a Cross Over Ceremony for 2nd Year Webelos
 - Spring Camporee?
 - Will report in Feb.
 - **Priority:** Web. Woods.
- Training –
 - New Chair: Doug Kleist (Starts in April)
 - Training: @ WB Breakfast – Jan 24 (for Cubs and Cmmt. Members.)
 - CCC: Jan 31

Unit Service –

- Recharter:
 - Most Troops/Crews have completed step 5, and several have dropped off paperwork already.
 - 9 have no contact; 7 are okay
- CQU: It was emphasized that this effort is to promote direct contact with all our Units.
 - February Rountable: Commissioners will man a station. COME EARLY!
 - Ideas for completing effort: 2008 and 2009 CQU Forms should be made web ready to promote early involvement on unit and commissioner part. Could be made to automatically update with 2008 statistics.
- Slide-a-Ree?

Membership –

- School Choice Fair:
 - Contact info gathered for over 30 families, mostly Kindergarten age or going into K in 2009.
- FYR 2009:
 - Fliers should be sent to schools ASAP
 - Jan School Choice Fair to have more of an impact
 - We need FYR TEAMS (formal August Training) Name badges could be used to identify those volunteers who step forward to assist, as recognition.
- **Membership Committee Action Item:** Begin formal FYR plan for 2009
 - Identify prospects for **FYR Team**
 - Decide a theme (if relevant)
 - Begin breaking units up into areas for efficient contacting by Team members

Development –

- Pack 56 = Goal/Growth!
- 50% Booked
- Book/Present by MARCH

Other Reports:

Venture –

- 4 Units (3 Crews) went dog sledding at Tomahawk.
- New Unit: Crew to Focus on Aviation. First event Feb 21.

Nominating Committee –

- Each Committee Member should think about at least three people (outside of current District Committee and direct contact Unit Leadership) that might be good prospects for one of the following areas of District Service:
 - Membership
 - Training
 - Webelos Woods
 - Friends of Scouting
 - Nominating Committee
- **ONGOING Committee Action Item:** Come with three prospects to give to Steve Handeland

Public Relations –

- Keep promoting by simply telling your own Scouting story.
- Use: Boys' Life, Facebook, MySpace, YouTube, local papers, Religious Publications, etc.
- Videos are great, and can be uploaded and presented via District Website or YouTube.

Order of the Arrow –

- Ceremony Staff Weekend Changed
- OA Elections: Chris Landin – Looking for Unit Dates, will assign.

8:49 – Adjourned!

Thanks for another great meeting!

See you all at the District Dinner!