

Metro Lakes District Committee Meeting

March 13, 2009

7 pm – Mayflower Congregational Church

7 pm – Welcome/Announcements

7:15 pm – Committee Breakout

8 pm – Committee Reports:

Program:

- Advancement – (no report; carried over from January)
 - 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 –
 - Pinewood Derby:
 - Plans are well underway.
 - Volunteers are needed in several areas:
 - Check-in: up to 8 volunteers needed.
 - Software: 2 people are needed to run software (some pre-training req.)
 - Running the race: 4-5 people are needed to help support the race, by running cars, starting races, “crowd control”, etc.
 - Set-up begins at 8 am.
 - Concessions will be handled by Pack 711
 - Awards will be given to Scouts placing in 6th through 1st place.
 - Registration will assign each Scout a number, and numbers will be used to announce race, with a separate
 - Webelos Woods: April 17-19
 - Mailing to go out to Webelos, Cubmasters, Committee Chairs, Web. Den Leaders, & Scoutmasters
 - Each Troop needs to provide 2 Staff; 5 Troops have committed to attending event as campers/helpers.
 - Nick Heille will be guiding a morning parent nature walk around Rum River.
 - Evening program will feature both a Webelos Crossover/AoL Recognition and an Arrow of Light Call-out for Scouts attending.
- Camping –
 - Webelos Experience: October 10-11, 2009
 - District Representative: Bill Doyle
 - Many Point Orientation: Saturday, March 14
 - Cub Camp Status: 4 Packs Registered; need more!
- Training –
 - Roundtable will be hosting sessions of New Leader Essentials and Cub Specific Training in April
 - Training: @ WB Breakfast – Jan 24 (for Cubs and Cmmt. Members.)
 - CCC: Jan 31

Unit Service –

- Recharter:
 - 7 Packs have signed on to the system
 - 2 Troops are still awaiting final items to complete their Charters
- Unit Commissioners should plan on presenting Charter Certificates to Orgs. in April, preferably at a visible meeting of the Organization.
- 2009 Unit Goal Setting is still underway for Centennial Quality Unit.
- District Nametags
 - Estimated Price Range: \$6-\$8
 - Possible to have nametags position specific (training, Unit Commish, etc.)

Membership –

- Plan to publicize “8 Summertime Pack Events” as part of Spring Recruiting
- FYR 2009:
 - Earlier Start
 - Plans to gather Fall Recruitment dates by May
 - Gather team of Volunteers to coordinate Public School Open Houses
 - We need FYR TEAMS formed in Spring (formal August Training)
 - Name badges could be used to identify those volunteers who step forward to assist, as recognition.
- April RT: Start gathering FYR Dates, and publicize Summer Events/Tigermania
- May RT: Gather rest of FYR Dates, form FYR Team (FYR Department?!)
- **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 –

- 100% Units scheduled.
- Just under 50% of Goal.

Other Reports:

Nominating Committee –

- April Slate has been formed.
- Two new members of the Nominating Committee have been recruited.
- **ONGOING Committee Action Item:** 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

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 –

- OA scheduled to staff Webelos Woods
- May Conclave plans underway

Webelos Transition –

- Out of our 128 eligible Webelos II, we have verbal confirmation for 61 crossed over
- Reports from Council only show 29 new applications received
- **ACTION ITEM:** Paperwork for transitioning Webelos **MUST** be received no later than 3/31

8:50 – Adjourned!

Thanks for another great meeting!

Next Meeting: April 9