

Metro Lakes District Committee Meeting Report

September 11, 2008

7 pm – University Lutheran Church of Hope

Committee Member Attendance:

- Tim Jopek – District Chair
- Peter Johnson – District Commissioner
- Bill Doyle – Activities Chair
- Tom O’Mara – Camping Chair
- Noel Sagness – District Venture Advisor
- Ted McLaughlin – OA Chapter Advisor
- Doug Kleist – Development Chair
- Rick Zaczek – Webmaster/Recognitions Coordinator
- Nick Heille – Public Relations Advisor
- Steve Handeland – Nominating Committee Chair
- Cheryl Miller – Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner
- Jay Perry – Boy Scout Roundtable Commissioner
- Mike Rooker – Unit Commissioner
- Reed Bornholdt – Asst. District Commissioner, Richfield Area
- Mike Evano – District Committee Secretary/District Executive

7 pm – Welcome/Announcements:

- Reminders were made regarding the following:
- Roundtable Hang file information will be made available on the District Website, on the Roundtable tab.
- New Committee Breakout structure and Work plan format reviewed with Committee at large.
- New Commissioners/Committee Members welcomed:
 - Jay Perry – Boy Scout Roundtable Commissioner
 - Cheryl Miller – Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner
 - Reed Bornholdt – Asst. District Commissioner, Richfield Area

7:10 pm – Breakouts: Program; Development; Unit Service; Nominating Committee

8 pm – Breakout Reports:

Unit Service:

- Reviewed Commissioner structure, meeting format for new Commissioners
- CQU 2008 Status reviewed
- CQU 2009 Form discussed. Would like this to be available ASAP
- Update: Ann Varberg commended for great work as P/T 161 UC

Development:

- Dates, Presenters, Packets will be dealt with earlier this year.
 - Goal to have Unit dates and contact info BY NOV ROUNDTABLE.
 - Use November Roundtable as a Kick-off, involving food, prizes, training, etc.

- Invitations will go out in October and November to all Charter Org Reps and Institutional Heads to attend the Million Dollar Day breakfast, or to host a table.
- October Roundtable: Doug to man sign-in table in order to begin gathering dates/contact info.
- Further PR and advertising will be discussed at October Committee Meeting.
 - Goal to advertise “Support Scouting” in local papers, church bulletins, etc.

Program:

- Camporee plan details reviewed. Thanks to Troop 89 boy leaders, plan looks solid. Volunteer assignments/needs reviewed. (For full report, contact Tom O’Mara.)
- Discussed November “Cubs on a Roll” roller-skating event. Committee resolved to begin the advertising and pre-registration process.
- Webelos Woods was discussed, and brainstorming began. Committee has tabled detailed planning until after the University of Scouting formal Webelos Woods training.
- Training staff was not in attendance, but Committee hopes for an e-mailed report by 9/15. Hope to advertise further at October Roundtable.
- Initial discussion started regarding Feb. District Dinner: plans to approach Mt. Carmel (charter org for P/T/C 132) to host.

Nominating Committee:

- Identified several areas of need in volunteer structure. Discussed prospects for these areas.
- Made special point in report to Committee reminding everyone that prospects do NOT need to be current Scouters. In the search for new blood and fresh ideas, new people need to be involved.
- A few specific needs were discussed, including staff for: Camping Committee, Training Committee, and Development.

OTHER REPORTS –

Order of the Arrow:

- Chapter will assign election dates to Units, to help avoid confusion seen last year, and to promote Unit elections to those who have not traditionally had youth nominated to the Order.

Venturing Committee:

- First Venture Roundtable was conducted in September.
 - 4 youth, 6 adults in attendance, representing only 2 Crews; good but need more.
- Venture Roundtable will need more in the way of advertising: personal calls, e-mails, etc.
- Contact has been made with a few of our less active Crews, including the new Somali Crew, and more attendance may be coming. Hoping to get involvement from our Sea Scout Ship as well.
- Venture Youth and Adults are being encouraged to assist and partake in Leader Hospitality Tent at Camporee, to get the youth to interact with adults, give Venturing some visibility, and promote the program.

Public Relations:

- The need was discussed to tell our story and get our message out as much as possible. This cannot be a “District Only” function, but must happen at the Unit level. Everyone should promote.

Website:

- Additions: CQU tab, “Scouting. Good for Life” commercial, New Award (Metro Lakes Scouting Good for Life Award: to be given to 10 Scouters from ANY position in Unit or District), Eagle List, Videos
- Committee at large discussed the need for Scouters to contact the recognition chair (Rick Zaczek) if they are interested in nominating someone for a District or Council award (District Award of Merit, Silver Beaver, etc.) so that we prevent duplicated nominations. It was resolved to add such a warning to the District Website.

8:34 pm – Meeting Adjourned

Thanks everyone, for making this meeting a productive one!

See you next month: **October 9, 2008 – 7 pm**

Calendar Items coming in November/December:

November

03 District Key 3 Meeting -7:30am

06 Roundtable - 7:30pm - University Lutheran Church of Hope, 601 13th Ave. SE

06 OA Chapter Meeting - 7:30pm - University Lutheran Church of Hope, 601 13th Ave. SE

06 Unit FOS Contacts – Dates Due in December

13 District Commissioners / Committee Meeting - 7:00pm - University Lutheran Church of Hope, 601 13th Ave. SE

22 Cubs on a Roll – District Roller Skating Event

27 Thanksgiving

December

01 District Key 3 Meeting -7:30am

04 Roundtable - 7:30pm - University Lutheran Church of Hope, 601 13th Ave. SE

04 OA Chapter Meeting - 7:30pm - University Lutheran Church of Hope, 601 13th Ave. SE

04 2009 Centennial Quality Unit turn in – Talk to your Commissioner

11 District Committee Meeting - 7:00pm -University Lutheran Church of Hope, 601 13th Ave. SE

25 Christmas

31 District Awards Nominations Due