

Metro Lakes District Committee Meeting

October 9, 2008

7 pm – University Lutheran Church of Hope

7 pm – Welcome/Announcements

- Commissioners were encouraged to attend University of Scouting, not only to help serve, but also to make contact with Unit leaders and secure CQU info.
- Also, everyone was encouraged to spread the word about U of S: Oct. 25, 8 am
- Paul McKitrick was recognized as taking on the Regional Training Coordinator and the new configuration of that “area” (aligned now by Team, reflecting Council operating Teams) was explained to the Committee at large.
- Time was taken to review of few of the general notes concerning the committee, and look through the packets provided to each committee member before breaking out into operating committees.

7:15 pm – Committee Breakout

8 pm – Committee Reports:

Program:

- Activities –
 - Pumpkins: Information was discussed regarding an activity involving Scouts helping distribute pumpkins to people in Kenwood. A real estate agent in Kenwood used the pumpkins were used as a thank you to Kenwood residents who helped raise money for homeless youth during a garage sale in March. Troops were recruited for the event.
 - Urban Orienteering: Jan 17
 - Volunteers were discussed and planning should begin next month.
 - Cubs on a Roll: Nov 22
 - Will be held at Rollergarden and handled within the host-unit, open to the District.
 - Slide-a-Ree: Further planning will follow.
 - Proposed to be an open sliding and snow fun event for anyone interested.
 - Webelos Woods: April 18
 - Committee Resolved to start advertising immediately.
 - Plan:
 - Form Patrols of Webelos – Boy Scout will serve as Patrol Leader
 - Activities will reflect standard Camporee events: Archery, BB, Pioneering, etc.
 - Staff needed for approx. 8 stations; boy lead, adult supervised
 - (Staff development meetings prior to the event will be a must.)
 - The potential of combining efforts with other Districts (specifically non-geographic Districts/Scoutreach) was discussed.
 - 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
 - Next 3 Camporees have hosts!
 - Spring/Web Woods 2009: T/C 132
 - Fall 2009: T 262 (Ft. Snelling)
 - Spring 2010: T 33

Unit Service –

- CQU: It was emphasized that this effort is to promote direct contact with all our Units.

- 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.

Membership –

- We showed growth in September for total youth membership!
 - Boy Scouts are low, but Venturing is way up!
- Follow-up Efforts taking place in October to help grow units that need help.
 - Fliers produced to help support 120/132/24 in October efforts, as well as P727.
- 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.
- **November 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 –

- November Roundtable will host FOS Training
- FOS meeting will be held at Council to prepare goals and talk strategy
- Dates and Presenter Names should be gathered by Nov 15th

Other Reports:

Venture –

- Venturing Roundtable Commissioner: Tim Schwartz
- Assoc. Commissioner: Kathy Hacmac
- New Crews are in the works, and we have two new ones already this year!

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
- **November 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 –

- Units will have their dates for elections scheduled ahead of time.
- Presentation will take place at Nov. Roundtable

8:49 – Adjourned!

Thanks for another great meeting!

See you all on **November 13, 7 pm.**

Coming Events for December/December:

December

- 01 District Key 3 Meeting -7:30am – Perkins
- 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

2009

January

- 01 New Year's Day
- 03 OA Chapter Fun Day – Annunciation Church
- 05 District Key 3 Meeting -7:30am – Perkins
- 08 Roundtable - 7:30pm - University Lutheran Church of Hope, 601 13th Ave. SE
- 08 Boy Scout Troop and Crew Charter Turn in at Roundtable
- 08 OA Chapter Meeting - 7:30pm - University Lutheran Church of Hope, 601 13th Ave. SE
- 08 2009 Centennial Quality Unit turn in – Talk to your Commissioner
- 10 Minneapolis School Choice Fair
- 15 District Commissioners / Committee Meeting - 7:00pm - University Lutheran Church of Hope, 601 13th Ave. SE
- 17 District Urban Orienteering
- 19 Martin Luther King Jr.