

Western Shore District Committee Meeting Minutes 27 October 2010

Attendees:

Don Durbin	Paul Sikorski	Jim Zegel
Bill Berry	Bill Caplins	Bruce Evartt
Lynn Kaltwasser	Jon Baake	Steve McDanal
Terry Wilt	Phil Menthe	Melanie Anthony
Russ Bonner	Bob Kelly	

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 pm by the District Chairman, Jim Zegel. Members began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Jim introduced a special guest - Rick Hillenbrand, the Council VP for Mission Impact. Welcome to Bob Kelly (T903), who is thinking of joining the Committee as the Vice Chair of Finance. No breakout sessions were held due to the small turnout. The minutes from the September Committee meeting were voted on and approved.

Membership – Phil Menthe

- Phil has been collecting JSN status reports at RT, but not all units have gotten back to him.
- There will be a WSD-wide Join Scouting Day on 4 December – sign-up sheets will be available at the November RT for those who want to volunteer.
- Don mentioned that we are at 2003 youth which is 48 short of this time last year. Jim asked if there were any other recruiting discussions going on at RT and stressed that recruiting is an ongoing topic, not just during JSN time. Steve McDanal mentioned that recruiting is discussed at the Cub Scout breakout sessions.
- Lynn commented that most of the folks who came by the Scouting display at the Calvert County Fair were already involved in Scouts.

Finance – (vacant)

- Popcorn – at this time, WSD is \$100K short of its goal (\$242K). The District has approximately \$6,050 in online sales to date.
- Family Friends of Scouting – Bill Caplins attended the kick-off meeting and presented some of the changes to the Committee including the concept of Zone Chairs. He will be contacting CCs and unit leaders and sending information on the unit FFOS position. The goal is to track 100% of the cards turned in – he will have a chart at RT to show the units' progress (showing participation percentages instead of dollar amounts). Tracking will be the units' responsibility. Bill also passed out samples of the new FFOS brochure and said that there will be training at the next RT during the breakout sessions. His goal is to finish up this campaign by the end of Feb.
- Scouter Friends of Scouting – Currently underway. Bill has a list of companies that will match donations (this list may also be found on the Council website).

Program – Don Asher (not present)

- Steve McDanal provided a recap of the Cuboree/Camporee. Over 260 Cubs and 147 Boy Scouts attended and 80 Webelos camped overnight with the scouts. Christine McDanal and Wayne LaFleur will compile and send out a post-event report. Steve stated that there was a profit and suggested that maybe the funds could be used to purchase pop-up canopies for the District. He complimented the OA on an excellent campfire program. Steve is currently looking into the possibility of using Parlett Farm in Mechanicsville for future scouting events.
- Jim added that the District is still looking for a Spring Camporee host.
- Training – Jon Baake
 - The latest field sheets now show YPT status and online rechartering will also. Jon stated that a mechanism has been implemented to check the top leader's YPT status and if not

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current, they will be rejected and not allowed to recharter. The “top leader trained” status is being handled locally at this time. Jon is working with Steve McDanal and Bob Simmons to ensure that they are contacting unit leaders regarding their training status.

- Jon reiterated that Training Chairs can update the records at Council, but if he receives training update forms, he will enter the data and update the records.
- Due to a request at the last RT, a BALOO course is now scheduled for 11 December. The course scheduled for January has been cancelled.
- Jim mentioned that in the past, the WSD has awarded certificates with the Shield of Service Award, but this was not done last year. He asked Terry Wilt to look into this matter.

Marketing – Mike McKinney (not present)

- Mike is currently collecting photos from the Fall Camporee to submit to the Scouter Digest.

Order of the Arrow – Bill Berry

- The Fall Ordeal saw seven candidates complete their Ordeal – there were eight at the ceremony due to one leftover from the Spring Ordeal. There were two Brotherhood conversions also.
- The OA hosted the Saturday night campfire at the Camporee where the drum and dance teams put on an impressive performance.
- Vigil weekend is approaching - Thanksgiving weekend.
- There will be a leadership training course for the four area chapters. Brotherhood conversions will be offered there as well.
- OA elections / camp promotions will be starting in the next few months.

District Commissioner’s Comments – Paul Sikorski

- Paul discussed the status of several “red” units and the steps that are being taken to help them get back on track.
- He stated that Unit Commissioners should be contacting their units as recharter season begins.

District Director’s Comments – Don Durbin

- Don stated that National has hired someone to coordinate YPT data and he explained the YPT policy.
- Individual unit insurance for schools – units may once again use the blanket form that covers unit usage of school facilities.
- There will be a FOS kick-off event at the end of the month at the Hilton McLean Tysons Corner. This is not a uniform event. There is no fee – just the FOS form.
- Information on Journey to Excellence (J2E) will be coming soon.

Rick Hillenbrand’s Comments –

- Rick thanked the District for the opportunity to visit and complimented WSD on its performance in several areas.
- Council is revising the strategic plan and there will be a meeting on this subject on 4 November. Jim plans to attend and will have a chance to go over the 2011 goals for the District.

There were no Action Items assigned at this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 pm.

Next District Committee Meeting will be 17 November 2010.

Respectfully submitted by Melanie Anthony on 1 November 2010