

APRIL 2019 FIVE TRAILS DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Gary Scott. Gary led the Pledge of Allegiance.

In attendance were Kathy Whitgrove, Terry Smith, Luis Martinez, Gary Scott, Jenny Quonoey, Mark Schrieber, Melissa Schrieber, Binu Joseph, Michael, Blaine Whitgrove, William Evans, Cliff Chamberlain, Pete Parish, a scout, Dave Adams and Becky Adams.

Gary announced that George Peveto has taken a turn for the worse and is now under hospice care.

Activities:

We are still in need of BB and Archery Range Masters for Day Camp.

There will be a Circle Ten Range Master course for both Cub Scout BB's and Cub Scout Archery at Camp Wisdom on May 4th for a cost of \$50 for both trainings. There will be a Five Trails District training for Cub Scout BB's and Cub Scout Archery at Camp Wisdom on April 27th for a cost of \$20.00 for both trainings.

Five Trails Day Camp start date is June 17th.

Webeloree facilities and campsites are still reserved for the April 27th weekend. After discussion, it was decided to keep Burr Oak campsite plus the campsite closest to the Range and release the others. Troop 508 and Troop 510 would like two campsites for the weekend. Troop 842 may also want to schedule a campsite for that weekend.

Regarding the Five Trails Camporee in the Fall this year, it was noted that Five Trails has facilities reserved and a date. Mountain Lakes District has two camporees already planned; so, pending the merger, we may want to cancel our Five Trails Fall Camporee.

Training:

Blaine reported that SALT training on April 6th has 18 currently registered to attend. IOLS scheduled for April 12-14 currently has 14 registered. Baloo scheduled for April 12-14 only has 3 currently registered to attend. Oak Leaf scheduled for April 12-14 currently has 11 registered, with Dan Franks said to have some possible walk-in registrants.

Advancement:

Dave reported that 3 Scouts have sat for their Eagle Board so far this month with 3-5 more Eagle Boards to be scheduled for later this month.

Dave announced that we helped Irving School District with the initial stages of a food pantry. There are lots of good Eagle Scout project opportunities with shelving, etc. in the 25,000 sq. ft. storage area at Irving Mall, plus locations at several Irving schools. Dave said that we need to be clear that we are not going to run the food bank.

YPT:

Blaine reported that we are about 99% complete on YPT. He mentioned that the Spanish YPT availability has helped.

Roundtable:

Kathy needs help at Monday night's Cub Scout Roundtable. Several said that they would be there.

The Scouts BSA Roundtable on Monday will emphasize what is going on this Summer. Please send any materials on PDF to Binu and he'll try to get it posted before Monday's meeting.

Membership:

The big drive for membership is in the Fall. Melissa is looking for bilingual helpers for all three – Irving, Coppell and Grand Prairie drives.

Pete reported a successful Crossover with a good distribution across the Troops. One hundred eleven Webelos went through the program, which is up from last year. Eighty six percent crossed over at the Crossover Ceremony.

Post 9090, the Aviation Exploring Post at Irving High School, has rechartered.

It was noted that any program unit will come out of their own District and form one unit Council wide. Discussion was held.

The Together Luncheon on May 1st at Murchison Scout Center is a luncheon for all the new troops in the Council, not just the new female troops.

Planning for School Night for Scouting was discussed. It was reported that the redistricting will take us from 24 events to 60 events. We will all need to pitch in and help to get these events done timely. Melissa mentioned an idea to have School Night for Scouting meetings in clusters at High Schools.

Camping:

We had 100% report out, meeting the deadline. All of the camps were inspected last week with one more to go. That went well. Camps are starting to require Ranger check in and YPT for all units. Help is needed with Health and Safety inspections and YPT procedures, especially during Summer camps. A valid certification from myScouting.org will suffice for YPT as long as it has the participant's full name and birthdate, which will be required.

FOS Report:

The question was asked whether there has been discussion on a dialing for dollars event. William reported that the Acting DE will go to the units to address the cards not yet paid and will work commitments through the units. Discussion was held on Scouting family contributions and out of District donations.

There are six Friends of Scouting presentations remaining. The Irving Friends of Scouting luncheon is on April 23rd.

Camp Card selling is underway.

OA:

This year's unit elections were just completed with another healthy year of 59 new candidates. We are now in Call Out season. Venturing Candidates were called out at the Rendezvous. All units were encouraged to finish up.

The OA Conclave is coming up. Satank will do the pre-ordeal ceremony.

We are gearing up for the induction weekend in May where the first female will be inducted into our chapter.

Pete is trying to organize a chapter service project and orienteering campout in late May. He noted that the District Chapter starts July 1, but the OA year goes November to November. We will probably track the two merged OA units separately until November because of JTE.

District Realignment:

Gary said that the realignment is not a done deal until the final vote on April 18th. After April 18th, we will combine our merger team with Mountain Lakes merger team and will move forward. July 1 is the official date of the beginning of the merger. We have to hold up on merger activities until the Executive Board says it's a done deal after any adjustments.

Commissioner's Report:

JTE is showing good improvement over last year with 7 units across the Council last year and 12 units so far this year with 6 more in progress.

Mark Schrieber received an award. Binu Joseph received an award.

Request was made for a user guide to open items from the old website. Discussion was held on maintaining the old website. Binu said that the old website will be maintained for three months in the interim. We can put an email split, but then we will have to toss it in three months. We need a URL somewhere so that if the domain shuts down, the email is still accessible. Discussion continued that we need an email that directs to the new website. Binu said that he is flexible on making anything happen.

Gary pointed out that calendar synching is important.

Closing:

Gary reminded everyone that prayers and thoughts are welcome for Pam and George Peveto.

The next Committee meeting is on Thursday, May 2, 2019.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57pm.