

District committee notes from March 6<sup>th</sup> 2018, respectfully submitted by Karen Wright

In attendance were; Dwight, Mark, Bernice, Jan, Tim, John, Karen, Larry, Terry, Mary and Ben

Mark reviewed the commissioner's report, they are working on improving the level of functioning, but need more commissioners input.

Dwight opened the meeting and introduced Terry as Kaposia's new Activity Chair.

Terry reported he has been involved at the troop level for 4 years and was involved at the pack level prior. He has worked with the Army Corp of Engineers for nearly 30 years. He is a former scout, former popcorn chair for both troop and pack. His goal is well planned quality events.

John was reintroduced as the new camping chair.

Karen asked that the notes from the February meeting be accepted on faith as they were not distributed until just before the meeting. Mark so moved and Bernice seconded, they were approved unanimously.

The committee reviewed the summary of the planning meeting prepared by Mark. Items discussed:

- Pack 644 opted to be an early adopter of the coed units as they have female siblings already involved, the rest of the non LDS units will begin in the fall
- Goal of silver for JTE for the district, membership goals biggest drawback to attaining gold, goals set are improvement from last year.
- Improve Commissioners functioning by having a meeting with all if not most commissioners. Per council inspire, coach, connect.
- Training – we need a new chair. Larry will take on the Youth Protection part of training. The new training is online only at present, consists of 4 modules and takes at least 90 minutes. ALL volunteers need to take this new training by October 1<sup>st</sup> regardless of how recently they took the old training. He will inform the district first at Roundtable next week, then email volunteers before April roundtable, then do follow ups. It will also be promoted at University of Scouting and the Council will offer reminders. Carl was to offer Cub specific training at Roundtable next week, Mark will follow up to see if it will still happen. North Star is offering Cub training this weekend, Cub master, Committee Chair, Chartered Org Rep, Den Leader ..... OLS will be offered at U of Scouting in April.
- Monday March 19<sup>th</sup> Myron Baily will chair the nominating committee, to work on current empty positions and back up for filled positions.

We returned to the agenda

Bernice reported that the Council has set a WIG (wildly important goal) of increasing membership council wide to 33000, currently 32000 and change approximately 2% increase.

Family Friends of Scouting is at 66%, 6 units have not yet turned in anything. There will be a wrap up meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> to discuss strategies to make goal and to improve next year's campaign.

Community Friends of Scouting is at 37.1% Shari Hansen will transition to the Community position so we now need a FFOS chair.

John reported for camping, he has several flyers for distribution, it was suggested he have copies at Roundtable and send copies to Ben for electronic distribution. Mark suggested he utilize members of the O/A as one of their focuses is to promote camping.

Webelos Woods is in need of a new committee for next year, it would be good to have them in place this year so they might shadow the current committee. North Star is interested in co-chairing this event. There is a mandatory meeting at Roundtable next week.

Mark reported for O/A, elections are to be done by early April. Reminder that units cannot do their own elections. Kiwanis opener flyers will be available at Roundtable. All Troops are welcome to come and assist getting the camp ready for the summer.

Mary reported for membership that Kaposia has the highest in percentage of Webelos Transition at 24%. She noted that many units have gone back to a later crossover time.

Reports are that 140 scouts attended Merit Badge Day. Everything seemed to go well. Discussion was held.

We are most in need of Training, Advancement, and FFOS chairs. Discussion was held.

Bernice reported;

- Family Scouting 1 unit is an early adopter and the rest will be on board in the fall (except the LDS units) If units want to accept new members they will complete a paper application and the application will be reviewed, will be looking for relationships within the unit for the new cub and the units readiness to accept the new cub. They will be accepted on a case by case basis. More info will be available mid-year from national including videos and handbooks. Possibly February 2019 for Boy Scout units to accept female scouts.

Dwight adjourned the meeting, Ben so moved, Bernice seconded