

NORTHEAST DISTRICT MEETING
January 10, 2012
Hoopeston United Methodist Church

PRESENT:

Dave Baier , Robert Bantz , Fred Bohlmann, John Bowman , Cathy Compton, James Cullum , Rick Dulaney, Dwayne Gettleman, Rod Henk., Mark Hoagland, Suzanne Jinkins, Jim Kirkpatrick, George Lambert, Travis Mains , Kent McMahan, Tim Manard , Randall Osgood, Dawn Pajor, Chad Riggelman, Don Rokosch, Dan Sloan , Cleo Spickard, Mary Thibault , Vicki Wood

Troop 118, chartered to the United Methodist Church of Hoopeston conducted the opening ceremony, beginning at 7:03 pm.

Travis Mains of Danville welcomed the committee and called for Dave Baier of Cissna Park to report on the results of the Nominating Committee. A slate of volunteers was presented to serve on the Northeast District Committee for 2012. The motion passed with a unanimous vote. Travis Mains of Danville was designated to serve as the District Chair for the coming year. Travis announced that an additional name of Bill Black will be joining the Council Executive Board, thus making him a voting member of the district committee.

District Commissioner Kent McMahan reviewed issues of the unit service plan regarding rechartering and leader training. The big change with rechartering effects only the former Indian Trails units with a lower fee expected due to the changes of the charter month from March to February 2013. Those units will only pay for 11 months. Each unit is asked to conduct a membership inventory and renew the active leaders and youth. If you have a college age Scouter, don't forget that you can use the college reserve position, code number 93U.

Kent also reviewed the training needs for the new district with a 100% Youth Protection Goal. He is willing to provide training to all and looking to assist in building the District Training Committee. He will help oversee the official pilot program to help new units. Please note that This Is Scouting has been dropping and only YPT and Specific for Cub leaders for direct contact leaders affect the score sheet. Training records for district volunteers are available from Kent. There needs to be a Chartered Organization Representative Training, such as COR Fast Start, as soon as possible. This has not been conducted lately, but Kent said don't let it effect the rechartering process. Everyone should strive to achieve the goal of 100% Youth Protection Training for adults. In addition, the education of Direct Contact Leaders should set a goal to achieve 100% training.

Travis announced that there is a new module for YPT and improvement has been seen.

District Executive Mike Graham announced the table of FOS/Battery/Camp information. The battery and candy sale will begin on February 17th with products available in Champaign, Danville, and Watseka. Both products sales are similar to last year with candy bars sold in a show and sell process, while the battery sale will be take order only.

Regarding Friends of Scouting, Travis discussed that breakfast kickoff programs will be held in Hoopeston/Watseka/Danville and then follow up calls will be made. The target goal is to have FOS made by May 1. The total goal for the district has been taken from last year's total funds raised: \$15,000 from Many Streams, \$17,000 from Indian Trails, and \$11,000 from Council Board members, making an overall goal target \$43,000 for 2012. Travis is looking forward to start fresh with new attitudes in the operation of the combined district.

For the 2012 Klondike Derby, additional help is needed for several stations for the events. The fees are due this Friday to the Raymond Lee Scout Service Center. Both George Lambert and Travis volunteered to help with an event station.

There will be a Pinewood 101 program in Champaign on January 22. The District Pinewood Derby will be 3/24 at the Civic Center in Hoopeston.

District Dinner planning will be needed, with Jim Kirkpatrick overseeing arrangements.

Mark Hoagland will serve as the Program Chairman for the new district. Jim, George and Dr. Rokosch will head the spring camporee in May. Mark Hoagland reported that the Order of the Arrow Section C-6A Conclave on April 20-22, 2012 is \$40.00 if paid by February 10 and each arrowman gets an orange beanie. The next Council of Chiefs meeting is in Indianapolis this Sunday and Conclave Chair Parker Arnholt of T365 needs help. Don't forget that Scout Sunday is February 5, 2012

For the new district, it has been suggested that the selection of a NEW NAME for the Northeast District will involve youth members. Travis Mains reviewed a long list of suggested names for the new territory. A ballot will be created for the units to pick one of these four final choices:

Each pack, troop, and crew will pick one out of four

Salt Fork

North Star

Soaring Eagle

Many Trails

Unit Leaders will tally the votes of their Scouts, and then send ONE VOTE PER UNIT to Kent, who has an open e-mail to get results ITFBpage@gmail.com . All committee members are asked to distribute the voting information. Please note a deadline of March 1st.

Council Advancement Chairman Bob Bantz shared information for Boy Scout leaders that as of January 1st, the Eagle workbook changed. If the candidate has one signed prior to this date, then he can stay with old copy. A special Prairielands Training College class---Life to Eagle--- will review the details. Also note that there is a new photographer for Eagle Scouts and Bob has business cards for him.

Travis Mains asked a few volunteers to stand for introduction:

James Cullen is the new Scoutmaster for T319 and

Jim Kirkpatrick will be the Camping Chairman for the district.

Mark Hoagland reviewed the options for Leave No Trace Training and he is willing to do troop talks. Rod Henk is one of the National Jamboree Assistant Scoutmasters and he shared that the big event will be \$1400, the fee is only \$1300 if paid in full by 3/1. Mark relayed details about the National Order of the Arrow Conference in Michigan in August. The district spring camporee will be May 18-20.

For the future meetings of the Northeast District, Travis suggested a change from Tuesday to Thursday to accommodate volunteers. The district committee will meet every month on the 2nd Thursday, beginning on Feb. 9, 2012. The meeting time will move to 6:30 pm. A roundtable program will happen on a quarterly basis, with set programs schedule for January, April, August and November.

The district meeting adjourned at 8:22

Commissioner Meeting.

Kent McMahan welcomed the entire group of registered commissioners in the district except for Glen Overby. The commissioners present included: Cathy Compton, Rick Dulaney, Chad Riggleman, Mary Thibault

Kent reviewed the Unit Visit Tracking System and shared details on the District Journey to 2Excellence information. He asked for commissioners to conduct UVTS and must enter them into computer. Annually, there is a requirement for 6 visits to be recorded. To get started, commissioners need to set up a profile at MyScouting.org. Simply Log In, look for the Tabs on left and follow the Unit Commissioner. Tab. Please phone if you need help. There are many options to be construed as a personal visit. Remember for tabulations to count all adults.

Additional commissioners are going to be needed for the upcoming rechartering season.

