

Algonquin District Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 20, 2010 @ 7:30 PM

James the Less Church

(Church Lane at Crane Road Scarsdale, NY 10583)

In attendance or provided a committee status report: Dan Conniff, Colin Ringleib, Tom Robb, Bill Langham, Mike Amico, Matt Mann, Chris Alba, Mike Ferrell, Paul Knudsvig, Kathy Vajda, Mary Jane Mason, Ed Mann

1. Welcome – Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance E. Mann
2. Quality District – Achieved for third straight year in 2009 E. Mann/D. Conniff
 - a. Review Award parameters for achieving in 2010 to be established at the 1-26-10 Council Operating Committee Meeting per C. Ringleib with discussion at the February District Meeting.
 - b. D. Conniff presented a 2010 Award Coin to the District's Key Four in recognition of Quality District received from David Borchard, BSA North East Region Director. Thank You Algonquin volunteers!
 - c. Council Fire Side Chats are scheduled for Monday March 1st Round Table at St. John & Paul School on Weaver Street.
 - d. Program Calendar – Review is needed for Algonquin District activities, Round Tables, District Committee meeting, and Training session dates for inclusion in Council's Program Calendar is due for posting in the 2010-11 calendar. All District Chairs and members were asked to review the draft calendar and respond with corrections or additions at the February Meeting.
 - i. Calendar Ads are available with proceeds applied to the Algonquin District Community fundraising goal. Please raise this advertizing option with businesses in your community.
 - e. A discussion ensued regarding the number of "activities" the District should offer and a need for Units to register attendance in advance.
 - i. District Boy Scout and Cub Scout activities should be limited to that needed by the Units in the District. Registration in line with appropriate advance notice to properly plan and purchase for the event will be the norm. If sign up is insufficient, it has been tentatively agreed that events will be cancelled.
 - ii. A Fall water event is unlikely as Boy Scout Units have indicated that Troop calendars cannot accommodate or need such an activity at that time.
3. Presentation of Friends of Scouting Campaign E. Mann/D. Conniff
 - a. 2009 & 10's approach to scheduling Summer Camp Promotions, FOS presentations and sign up for the Bowl O Ree is succeeding.
 - b. All Meeting attendees were asked to complete a FOS pledge card with a contribution within their financial means with identification by the Unit they serve or by District. 100% of Algonquin District member are asked to complete a pledge card identifying your Unit, the District or responding that you cannot currently contribute.
 - c. The Camp Promotion Video to be presented in February M. Mann

- i. Copies are currently being delivered to Pack and Troops by the Camping Committee as reported by Chair M. Mann. He also reported the videos can be viewed online at www.wpcbsa.org.
 - ii. 2010 will see the completion of the capital improvement as promised
 - iii. Projects completed or to be completed were highlighted.
 - d. Review Unit Sign Up Status
 - i. FOS presentations - 2010 goal
 - 1. Unit sign up continues with presentations beginning in February.
 - 2. Unit presenters are needed as is Community event.
 - ii. Summer Camp presentation - 2010 goal M. Mann
 - 1. Status report by M. Mann that the current approach was to identify persons willing to make a Cub or Boy Scout camp Video to their Unit. Good response has been received and Camp Videos are being delivered for Unit presentation. Additionally, both Videos can be viewed at www.wpcbsa.org.
 - iii. Bowl O Ree participation - 2010 goal M. Amico
 - 1. Status report by M. Amico that all Pack's contacted are participating this year. If a Unit cannot attend on the scheduled date, contact him and he can arrange an alternative date.
 - 2. 25% of proceeds are returned to the Unit.
4. Membership – The membership “formation” committee has been established with District members who have recently supported the creation of a Boy Scout Unit
 - a. Art Prifti NR T 325, Lu Mann S VC 2, Peter Schlactus RB P 3, and Yzette Lipton S P 4
 - b. This Committee is a resource to all Units in the District but especially adult leaders and sponsoring organizations of NEWLY formed Units. The assistance will be by way of providing insight into the steps necessary to establish a Unit and how to have it survive its early years. (Cub Pack, Boy Scout & Venture Crews)
 - c. The idea is to support Unit formation so Scouting can serve all youth who wish.
 - d. 2010 New Unit and number of youth goals
5. Activities - M. Amico
 - a. Joint Algonquin and Four Rivers Klondike on January 23 with over 177 total youth and 81 adults in attendance. M. Amico, VC Program has done a fine job coordinating with Four Rivers District (D. Regusa), contacting Troop leaders, and leading the planning for this event. Thank You!
 - b. 2010 Activity goal – Units have been asked to share their calendars. Registration will be required 15 days prior to the event. Events will be cancelled if insufficient interest.
 - c. 10 Troops and 91 youth and 34 adults from Algonquin registered and attended.
 - d. Gathering of Eagle Scouts 2-10-10 Sleepy Hollow Country Club 7-9PM. ALL Eagles are welcome!
 - i. C. Ringleib stated the 2 Millionth Eagle happened in Spring 2009.
 - e. Council's Camp O Ree in recognition of BSA's 100th Anniversary is 4/30-5/2 at Blue Mountain.

- f. Scouting for Food collection is scheduled for Saturday March 20. Ian Yearwood is coordinating. Collection can be for sponsoring organization's food pantries or dropped off at select TD Ameritrade locations.
- 6. Council Annual Dinner May 10th Keynote Robert J. Mazzuca Chief Scout Executive
 - a. 100th Anniversary festivities will occur from now through to the Jambo
 - i. February Gala in DC 2-9-10
 - ii. 100th Anniversary Patch and Ribbons – Youth and Adult
 - 1. T. Robb VC Adult Recognition to discuss at Feb.'s meeting.
 - b. BSA is coordinating a Haiti relief effort plan to support the 30,000 scouts in Haiti. Visit World Organization of Scouting web site.
- 7. Training – P. Knudsvig
 - a. All District and Unit adult leaders should obtain ALL available on-line training. BSA is moving to a minimum level of training to be a registered leader.
 - b. Basic Training and Position specific training to occur at St. Augustine's in Larchmont on 1/30/10. 9-10:30 and 11- 12:30. P. Knudsvig is leading the effort.
 - c. Position Specific Training at Rye Nature Tuesday evening 3-9-10.
 - d. Baloo Training at Rye Nature on 6-19-10.
 - e. District Member Training will be planned for May.
 - f. The University of Scouting is scheduled for March 27.
 - i. Reported by M.Mann that OA youth members are invited to attend as training by the OA is planned for them.
 - ii. D. Conniff stated that registration would be available on-line.
 - g. 2010 goal for trained leaders
 - h. P. Knudsvig led the Committee in an interest team building exercise.
- 8. Advancement - C. Alba
 - a. Report on number of Scouts earning the rank of Eagle during the 2009 fiscal year. 31 scouts from 11 Units earned the rank of Eagle Scout.
 - b. C. Alba, Chair, has done a good job and has gotten 12 other Adult Leaders from among leaders in each community within the Algonquin District.
- 9. Awards – Silver Beaver nominations are due January 31 T. Robb
 - a. Algonquin District “District Award of Merit” nominations to occur through to April with selection in early May to allow appropriate time to obtain the appropriate acknowledgment. Mary Jane Mason is to Chair the Committee.
 - b. District BBQ is scheduled for Friday June 18th at either Five Island Park or Rye Nature center. Last year there were 75 attendees. Registration required 10 days in advance so food and refreshments can be planned and purchased.
 - c. T. Robb continues to drive adult recognition. The 100th Anniversary Patch and Ribbon can be earned by Youth and Adults. Please share with your Units.
 - i. T. Robb handed out 2009 Quality District patches.
- 10. District Elections – District Member and Committee recruitment begins this month with elections at the April Committee meeting.
 - a. The 2010 Election process - A Nominating Committee to be formed with Council President and Scout Executive with the responsibility of identifying candidates for Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, District Members at Large and recommending a Commissioner for appointment by Council.

- b. District Committee Chairs are appointed annually by the District Chairperson after consultation with the District Executive, and the Vice Chairs of the District Committee. All Chairs have to be registered at the District level.
- c. District Committee members do not need to be elected. A Volunteer can become a Committee Member or a member of a District Committee by completing an adult application with submission it to the District Chair.

11. District Commissioner Report -

B. Langham

- a. Rechartered Units – Reviewed outstanding Units. Process worked well again with follow up for documentation issue with a few Units.
 - b. Number of registered Units & Number of Registered Youth will be reported in February.
 - c. A Council wide Commissioner Training occurred on 1-16-10 with in excess of 30 attendees including 4 newly signed up Commissioners. It was an effective session.
12. Next Meeting – Date to be reviewed as third Wednesday in February is Ash Wednesday.
13. Notes – It was agreed to issue agendas in advance and for notes to be published on www.wpcbsa.org under the Algonquin District under Chairperson’s Corner.