

Western Shore District Committee Meeting Minutes
27 January 2016

Attendees:

Mike McKinney	Trey Miller	Paul Phillips	Perry Miller
Bill Caplins	Jon Baake	Joe Mortensen	Robin McAlister
Sandy Artz	Howard Pinnell	Phil Menthe	Robbie Miller
Terry Wilt	Nick Adams	Rhonda LaFleur	Joe Essex
Steve McDanal	Lynn Kaltwasser	Christine McDanal	John Herbig
Tanya Albright	Melanie Anthony	Stephanie Cartwright	(T451 CC)

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Paul Phillips. Members began with the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes from the November 2015 meeting were approved as submitted. The slate for the 2016 District Committee Members and Vice Chairs was read by Trey and approved.

District Commissioner's Comments – Mike McKinney

- Mike reported that 18 recharter packets are still in a “pending” state and that processing has been slow.
- Links to the 2016 J2E worksheets have been sent out; Mike pointed out that there have been some changes made – please make sure that units are aware of this.
 - 22 units did not submit a J2E worksheet for 2015. Bill Caplins suggested having units fill out the worksheet at the mid-year point as a status check and to encourage greater participation during the submission period.

Order of the Arrow – Rob Little not present (report given by Mike McKinney)

- Unit OA elections are currently underway.
- Cub Scout Arrow of Light Ceremonies have also begun – please contact Rob Little to schedule.
- Upcoming events:
 - Spring Fellowship – Camp Snyder – 8-10 April
 - Spring Camporee – King’s Landing Park – 15-17 April
 - Conclave – Goshen Scout Reservation – 20-22 May

Breakout sessions began at 7:50 pm – Committee reports began at 8:00 pm.

Finance – Bill Caplins

- Friends of Scouting – Bill has turned in \$39K so far, which is a little over 40% of our goal. He is waiting on a report from Council in order to reconcile things. All unit FOS presentations that were canceled due to the recent snow have been rescheduled. The period between now and RT is a prime time to follow-up on any outstanding donations. There is one unit that still needs to schedule a presentation. Bill let the group know that he will need a replacement for 2017 as he will be out of the area during next year’s FOS campaign.

Program – John Herbig

- Upcoming Training and Events:
 - University of Scouting – 27 February
 - Commissioner’s College – 12 March
 - Cuboree – 16 April (during the Spring Camporee)
 - BALOO – Rescheduled – now 9 April
- Scouting for Food total for WSD = 31,000 lbs!
- Advancement – A new Eagle Scout application has been released in addition to several Boy Scout rank requirement changes. A Scout working on a particular rank may finish using the old requirements, but must begin using the new requirements when starting the next rank.
 - The District Advancement Committee will be presenting an Eagle Advancement lessons learned briefing at the March RT.

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- The Spring Bake Sale for Buckles will be held at the March RT. If you would like to volunteer to help at the table or donate something, please contact Melanie at melaroonie24@comcast.net
- Awards – John thanked Terry Wilt and his team for all their hard work on the awards process. Terry would like to see more Baden-Powell and Unit Shield of Service nominations submitted before the January 31st deadline. Please let him know if you have any nominations for the Distinguished Scouter Award (details may be found on the district website). The District Awards Dinner will be held March 5th at St Paul UMC in Lusby.
- Perry Miller cautioned members to check their NCAC website bookmarks to make sure that they are updated to the new Council website: <http://www.ncacbsa.org> Bill Caplins mentioned that the new website will send an email reminder to you if you exit before completing a process such as registering for an event.

Marketing – Vacant – no report given

Membership – Phil Menthe

- Although recharter season is over, please continue to submit any applications you receive. WSD finished 2015 down 122 youth from the previous year.
- Phil announced that the February RT will coincide with the evening Ash Wednesday service at Patuxent Presbyterian, so we will be using whatever space is available during that time.
- Peachjar, the e-flyer delivery system used by the public school system in St Mary's County, will distribute a JSN announcement for the district free of charge.

District Chairman's Comments – Paul Phillips

- Paul announced that Tim “Rhino” Paige has stepped down as the District Advancement Chair and that Joe Mortensen has agreed to take his place. Thanks, Joe!

District Executive's Comments –Trey Miller

- Trey thanked everyone for their efforts over the past year. He noted that the district recently received recognition at the Northeast Region level for being a J2E Gold District.

The next meeting will be held on 24 February at the Southern Community Center in Lusby at 7:30 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Melanie Anthony on 5 February 2016.