

LaFayette District Committee Meeting Minutes

June 18th, 2020

Committee Members present via zoom: Aixa Downing, Jim Lyons, Barry Swift, Kevin and Angie Frassel, Michael Rossman, Carlos Tyson, Tony Garcia, Debbie Wiggins, Yolanda Reyes, Pat McCoy, Eric Feldmeyer, Matt Hall, Bill Walters, Sherri Unruh, Ken Butler, Michelle Harling and Angela Miler

1. **Opening Prayer:** 7:04 pm
2. **Cumberland Development Director (Bill Walters)**
 - A. F.O.S. Scouting
 - 1) Lafayette District was the 1st District in Occoneechee Council to reach their goal. We didn't just meet our goal of \$74,000.00 but surpassed it \$75,880.00
 - 2) Donations are still being accepted.
3. **District Family Scouting Executive (Erin Zeek)**
 - A. We are following CDC, State and COR guidelines.
 - 1) Inside – No more than 25
 - 2) Outside – No more than 50, that included parents.
 - 3) Continue to social distance, 6 feet apart
 - 4) Masks are to be worn
4. **District Commissioners Report (Tony Garcia)**
 - A. Commissioners NEED to stay in contact with their units and/or Unit Leaders.
 - B. There have been reports of units complaining that NO Commissioner visits and/or information during these COVID 19 times. As soon as we are able, Commissioners will physically attend meetings and make contact with the Key 3 at each Unit. In the meantime, they will continue to build relationships through phone calls and/or virtual contact.
 - C. As for decisions on whether or not to meet or not as a Unit. Follow Chartered Organization policy, then CDC guidance, then the Governor's phased reopening orders, then the local health department guidance.
 - D. Council Program Fee goes into effect 8/1/2020
 - 1) \$48 Scout Program Fee due to Council from each unit per Scout
 - E. Coordinate with Unit Leaders and conduct JTE Status
 - 1) Look at the 'Finish Line Report' which can be found at the JTE website.
 - F. Council Reconstructing
 - 1) Occoneechee Council serves over 400 units, 10 Districts, and 12 counties.
 - Moore/Cumberland, Harnett Counties will be served by Erin Zeek and Bill Walters
 - 2) Bankruptcy Review date will be date will be 11/16/2020
 - The current suits against the individual Councils are stayed, and the Bankruptcy Court is still determining the likelihood of Councils having to contribute to the settlement funds.
 - 3) Unit please check invitation manager and take action on the hits you are receiving.
 - 4) National Meeting Update Changes announced effective June 1, 2020
 - BSA will develop a set of tools that are simple, concise, informative while streamlining safe Scouting resources to one location.

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- Learn from and share how Council can promote and deliver youth protection programs to build community awareness that BSA is a safe place for young people.
- Streamline the chartering process and make the collections of fees earlier
- Use on-demand printing technologies for Merit Badge Books and other printed materials.
- National Staff levels and costs have been reduced and can be offset by volunteers in a meaningful fashion.
- End of all Youth programs at the age of 18 and build a volunteer corps for youth adults and adults over the age of 18.
 - Waiting to see how this affects the Order of the Arrow, Venturing and Explorers.
- Create a membership category that will allow for families and individuals to join special programs developed by Council.
- Orient National services to only those that support Council operations.
- Appoint a National Chief Marketing and Communication position to re-brand the BSA and develop a National Marketing Campaign that can be implemented at Council Level.
- Replace the current region and area structure with one intermediate organization.
 - Occoneechee Council is looking for more efficient ways to assist units.
 - District realignment is being looked at for 2021; no decisions will be made until the Board Meeting in November 2020
- BSA's Commitment to act against Racial Injustices.
 - Look for information on release of new eagle Merit Badge
 - Employees will start new training on 7/1/2020
- Occoneechee Council Calendar
 - 4/1 – 6/30/2020 Days of Service <http://ocscouts.org/2020-day-of-service> report hours at servicehours.scouting.org or through Internet Advancement
 - 10/2/2020 New date for Field of Honor at Airborne Museum downtown. Flags will be taken down from 12/1 – 12/3/2020
 - 10/9 – 10/11/2020 Council BSA Camporee – Camp Durant
 - 10/30 – 11/1/2020 Council Fall Cuboree

5. District Committee Chairman Comments (Jim Lyons)

- A. Scout Leaders, now is the time to be true to Scouting and be the compass everyone is seeking, living by the Oath and Laws.
- B. I want to reiterate that the District Committee is a hierarchy organization, consisting of ALL VOLUNTEERS. I want to maintain the resemblance of an organization, but that does NOT mean we cannot talk, my door is always open
 - 910-584-6184 or jlyons@pgsup.com

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- C. We will have Scouts in front of us soon, they will be asking “What are we doing?”
- Firm plan, X to the end of 2020
 - Have fun (what, when, where) for all of 2021
 - District retreat, 18 July more details to follow

6. Program Reports

A. Program - Advancements (Barry Swift)

- 1) Eagle
 - Eagle Scout awarded YTD/this month: 7/1
 - Eagle Scout BOR's pending next month: ?
 - Eagle Applications at Council: 1
 - Eagle Service Projects approved YTD/BOR held: 17/3
 - Eagle Service Projects prior year approvals pending BOR: 7
 - Venturing Summit awarded YTD/this month: 0/0
 - Venturing Summit BOR's pending: 0
 - Arrow of Light awarded YTD: 30
- 2) Council Merit Badge Counselor list was updated 6/8/2020
 - 13,010 Merit Badges
 - 600 Merit Badge Counselors in Council, 40 in District
- 3) Merit Badge University, S.T.E.M and JOTA – Matt Hall and Matt Allen
 - Haymount United Methodist Church on 10/17/2020
- 4) Due to COVID -19 Restrictions the following have been distributed:
 - Board of Reviews for all ranks may be done face to face with mask and personal separation.
 - Eagle Scout service projects proposals may be submitted to District for approval. Summit and Quartermaster service projects do not require District approval.
 - Merit Badges may be accomplished face to face with mask and personal separation
 - Numerous advancement rank requirements and limited time extension changes are in effect.
- 5) District Virtual Merit Badge 2nd round has started
 - POC Valeria Ivory and Matt Hall
- 6) Council Advancement committee is conducting videoconferences as needed

B. Program – Activity & Civic Service (Michelle Harling)

- 1) Still doing Governors Service Challenge The following have reported hours
 - Crew 32
 - Troops: 40, 701, 716 B, 716 G, 745 and 746
 - Packs 756
- 2) Cumberland County Library now has curbside pick up
- 3) Scouting at home
- 4) Virtual events
 - Fayetteville, Hope Mills, YMCA, Runs and Triangle on the Cheap

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C. Program - Camping & Outdoor Activity (Matt Hall)

- 1) Scout Swim
 - 7/11/2020 at Bates Pool College Lakes Recreation Center
 - 8/8/2020 at Lake Rim Pool
- 2) Day Camp was STOLEN by the Grinch
 - New dates 12/21 – 12/22/2020 at St. Patrick Church
- 3) MBU-STEM-JOTA Chiefs: Matt Hall and Matt Allen 17 Oct 2020
 - Haymount United Methodist Church
 - Cape Fear Amateur Radio Station Confirmed
- 4) 2020 Cub-O-Ree Chief Kevin Frassel 23-25 Oct 2020
 - Camp Bowers “Camping Under the Big top”
- 5) Hornaday Merit Badge Chiefs: Matt Hall and Tim Kohring 14 Nov 2020
 - Due to COVID event is subject to change
- 6) Camporee Spring 2021 (Carlos Tyson)
 - 26-28 March 2021

D. Order of the Arrow (Michael Rossman)

- 1) April 2020 – Conclave moved to 8/28 – 8/30/2020
- 2) NOAC – canceled
- 3) Trade o Ree 8/21-23rd 2020
- 4) District Hike – 10/3/2020 at Clark Park
- 5) Still conducting zoom chapter meetings

E. Program – Training (Valeria Ivory)

- 1) MOST (IOLS & BALOO, Archery and Wilderness First Aid) @ Camp Durant September 25th – 27th 2020
- 2) District Committee Member Training
 - All District Committee Members need to complete Member at Large online training. We are at 62.9% trained our goal is to be 100%
- 3) First Aid /AED Training coming soon
- 4) Adult S.T.E.M./NOVA Training 8/15/2020

F. Youth Protection Champion (Carlos Tyson)

- 1) We need to increase the percentage of YPT trained adults
 - Asking for unit leaders to send in training certificates for non-registered scouters to Carlos so he can complete a district list to piccolo99x@hotmail.com

7. Calendar Review

	July		August		September
11	Scout Swim	6-13	Camp Card Turn In	6-10	Summer Camp (?)
16	District Committee Mtg	8	Scout Swim	12	Join Scout Event
18	District Panning Retreat	15	Adult STEM training	16	IOLS – Session 1
24	District 4 th Friday	20	District Committee Mtg	17	District Committee Mtg
		28	District 4 th Friday	18-20	OA/ Fall Induction
		28-30	OA Conclave	25	District 4 th Friday
				25-27	MOST

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8. Membership, Marketing & Relationship (OC Holloway & Pat McCoy)

- A. Email sent to Unit Leaders requesting Unit's plan for recruiting
- B. District Membership Committee emails were sent out to all units requesting unit assistance to identify volunteers for the following positions
 - 1) Unit Membership Coordinators
 - 2) District Schools Coordinators
 - 3) District Membership Town Coordinators
- C. Revised membership Status
 - 1) We need to sign up 194 scouts to maintain last year's numbers.

Scouts	2019	2020	Differ.	Adults	2019	2020	Differ.
Cubs	322	276	-46	Packs	138	102	-36
Scouts	421	281	-140	Troops	246	197	-49
Ventures	32	35	3	Venture	19	23	4
Explorers	11	0	-11	Explorers	10	0	-10
	786	592	-194		413	322	-91

- D. Fall Round Up & Unit Recruitment – September
 - 1) Bill Walters & Erin Zeek are trying to schedule appointment with CCS Superintendent concerning flyer distribution and other recruitment opportunities
 - 2) Units need to develop recruitment plans for both Scouts and Leaders
 - 3) District website – updating of all unit information as it changes
 - 4) Be ascout.org – needs to be updated as changes are made
 - Units to take action on leads coming from Invitation Manager and note the action that was taken
- E. New Unit Development
 - 1) O.C. is speaking with 3 churches interested in starting new Units. They are in early stage of interest. He will keep us updated as they proceed their discussions
 - Mount Sinai Baptist - Murchison Rd
 - Sherwood Presbyterian Church – Grays Creek
 - First Baptist Church – Moore Street
 - 2) We are also looking at several other churches. If you know of any other Churches or Organizations please contact membership.
- F. Two Lapsed Units: District is working to complete ASAP
 - 1) Pack 742 – 9 youth
 - 2) Post 910 – 13 youth
- G. Membership Committee Breakdown
 - 1) Co-Chairs Pat McCoy and O.C. Holloway
 - 2) Fayetteville, Fayetteville Proper Town Coordinator – Kevin Frassel
 - 3) Stedman, Town Coordinator – Maggie Mackenzie
 - 4) Hope Mills, Town Coordinator

9. Finance (Josh Stewart)

- A. Camp Cards (Angie Frassel)
 - 1) Camp Card selling deadline moved to August 15th 2020

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- 2) Units to set up a time between 8/6 -8/13/2020 to settle upwith Angie or they will be responsible to drive to Council to settle up to ensure 50% profits.
- B. Yard Sale (Angie Frassel)
 - 1) Possible location the Old Dicks Sporting Store on Skibo
- C. Popcorn (Angela Miller)
 - 1) 2020 Popcorn Training Dates
 - TE Tech Update 6/18 7/30/2020 an overview of tech changes to Trails End Leader portal & app. (20 minutes for experienced kernels)
 - Top Selling Units 6/17 – 7/29/2020 exclusive smaller group for top selling units for feedback in a roundtable discussion. (20 minutes for units who sold \$20K+ in 2019)

10. COR Comments

- 1) Pat McCoy for Crew 711 - Keeping in touch virtually
- 2) Sherri Unruh for Troop 709 - Keeping in touch virtually

11. Open Forum

- 1) Jim – Letters from National
 - Becoming a working group
 - Getting more diversity in Scouting, introducing new Diversity and Inclusion Merit Badge
- 2) Jim – Training of District Leaders
 - 36% of our District Committee are NOT trained.
 - Please take the time to do the online training, if you need help please ask.
- 3) Kevin – IOLS/MOST registration links
 - There is no link to sign up for IOL on the District calendar, it has the event listed when clicked it redirects telling you details to follow
 - Aixa is going to follow up on this.
- 4) Aixa – following up to see the progress of Carlos getting access to YPT
- 5) Michelle – Service Opportunity
 - Needs Scouts for Rolling Thunder at ASCOM 9/20/2020 at 8:455 am for Color Guard and Stone Markers

12. Closing: 7:59 pm

Slide Show from Spring Camporee

Next Meeting July 16th, 2020 7:00pm