

# Lafayette District Committee Meeting Minutes

## May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020

Committee Members present via zoom: Sherry Unruh, Kevin and Angie Frassel, Jim Lyons, Carlos Tyson, Bill Walters, Roger Rose, Tony Garcia, Mike Rossman, Aixa Downing, Barry Swift, Pat McCoy, O.C. Holloway, Tina Deagan, Ken Butler, Erin Zeek, Matt Hall, Michelle Harling, Tim Kohring, Yolanda Reyes

Guest: Charlie Vieira, Pack 747

Opening: 7:21 pm

### 1. District Committee Chairman Comments (Jim Lyons)

- A. **Environment** – our domain, extended our localized, is marginalized at best. Social normality's are stripped to variations of isolation, with economic uncertainty, and a moving end state. This added or on top of
- B. **Structure** – BSA suffered several hits to its reputation, negative or positive, depending on perspectives. National woes spread through the hierarchy to our Council. Council without the lockdown, is going to be smaller, reorganizing, internally focused, near non-existent services to its District.
- C. **Bright and Shining Jewels – Lafayette District!** – We are better than all this Noise! We will maximize our Autonomy, Mastery, and Purpose. As we will develop a Quality Scouting Program
  - I. Recovery plan, 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2020 and
  - II. An aggressive plan for 2021. During times of change or unpredictability – greatness has resulted from individuals with a common focus.

### 2. District Family Scouting Executive (Erin Zeek & Bill Walters)

- A. Our 10 existing districts will be grouped into service areas. Each will be served by a 2 person executive team serving their assigned service areas.
  - I. Wake County Area is served by Adam VanStedum and Tyler Perkinson
  - II. Durham/Orange Chatham/Warren/Franklin Granville Counties will be served by Gwangi Shipp and Robin Covert
  - III. Moore/Cumberland, Harnett Counties will be served by Erin Zeek and Bill Walters
  - IV. Council Executive, Charles Flowers will fill the roles and responsibilities formerly filled by the Field Director.

### 3. Nominating Committee (Ken Butler)

- A. Nominating Committee made a motion for Matt Hall to become a Member at Large
  - I. Barry Swift seconded the motion
    - Majority vote was yes,
    - Welcome Matt Hall our newest Member at Large
  - II. Erin Zeek will complete the paperwork

### 4. District Commissioners Report (Tony Garcia)

- A. Commissioner Service
  - I. Commissioners NEED to stay in touch with their units and/or leaders
  - II. There have been reports that some units are complaining of NO Commissioner visits and/or information sharing during COVID-19

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- III. As soon as we are able, Commissioners will physically attend meetings and make contact with each Units Key 3. In the meantime, continue to build relationships through phone calls and/or virtual contact.
- IV. Training Updates
  - NYLT, Wood badge and Wilderness First Aid (5/2020) are canceled
- V. Council Restructuring
  - Occoneechee Council serves over 400 units, 10 Districts, and 12 Counties. Breakdown in the District Family Scouting Exec. notes.
- VI. Council/Scouts BSA Fall Camporee
  - 10/9-10/11/2020 at Camp Durant
  - Camp Durant – Summer Camp canceled but they have opportunities between 7/3 – 8/3/2020
- VII. Internet Advancement/SCOUTBOOK Updates
  - Key 3 can designate one additional Scouter to have access. This is an annual appointment, and expires 60 days after recharter. Please update as needed.
  - Camping, Hiking, and Service Hours are now reported through Internet Advancement
  - SCOUTBOOK now allows Merit Badge Counselors to connect directly to Scouts through the connections page without invitations, as long as the MBC knows the scouts last name and BSA Member ID. Approval of merit badges is still required by Unit Leaders.
  - There is a new activity log where you can track scouts and adult activities
  - Service hours entered into SCOUTBOOK now feed directly into Unit and higher Journey to Excellence (JTE) reporting
  - <https://discussions.scouting.org/c/sc.../scoutbook-change-log/>

### 5. Operating Committee Chair Report

#### A. Program - Advancements (Barry Swift)

- I. Eagle
  - Eagle Scout awarded YTD/this month: 6/0
  - Eagle Scout BOR's pending next month: ?
  - Eagle Applications at Council: 1
  - Eagle Service Projects approved YTD/NOR held: 14/2
  - Eagle Service Projects prior year approvals pending BOR: 7
  - Venturing Summit awarded YTD/this month: 0/0
  - Venturing Summit NOR's pending: 0
  - Arrow of Light awarded YTD: 16
- II. No Eagle Scouts/Summit/Quarters applications or new Merit Badge or NOVA Counselors Supernova Mentor applications from Lafayette District are to be submitted to the Council office until it and the Scout Shop reopen
- III. In April, 897 Occoneechee Counsel Merit Badge Counselors renewed their registrations. New list expected to be published this month. The current list (4/27/2020) shows those to expire on 4/30/2020

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- IV. Due to COVID-19 restrictions the following temporary changes
  - Boards of Review for all ranks are to be done only by videotaping
  - Eagle Scout service projects proposals may be submitted to District for approval. Summit/Quartermaster projects don't require District approval, they have different rules.
  - Merit Badges may be accomplished by "virtual" means provided YPT is followed.
  - Lafayette District virtual merit badge opportunity on 5/18/2020
  - Council Advancement Committee is conducting videoconferences as needed . Next quarterly scheduled meeting is 5/27/2020
- B. Program – Activity & Civic Service (Michelle Harling)
  - I. Occoneechee Day of Service – <https://ocscouts.org/2020-day-of-service>  
Report hours at [servicehours.scouting.org](http://servicehours.scouting.org) or Internet advancement
  - II. See slides of other opportunities
- C. Program - Camping & Outdoor Activity (Matt Hall)
  - I. Scout Swim (all are on hold for now)
    - 6/13/2020 @ Westover Pool
    - 7/11/2020 @ Bates Pool College Lakes Recreation Center
    - 8/8/2020 @ Lake Rim Pool
  - II. Day Camp – canceled
  - III. MBU-STEM-JOTA Chiefs: Matt Hall and Matt Allen 17 Oct 2020
    - Haymount United Methodist Church
    - Cape Fear Amateur Radio Station Confirmed
  - IV. 2020 Cub-O-Ree Chief Kevin Frassel 23-25 Oct 2020
    - Camp Bowers
    - Need volunteers
  - V. Hornaday Merit Badge Chiefs: Matt Hall and Tim Kohring 14 Nov 2020
    - Planning is on hold due to COVID closures, will resume when we can meet in person again.
  - VI. Camporee Spring 2021 (Carlos Tyson)
    - 26-28 March 2021 possible theme of The hunger Games
  - VII. Lafayette District Virtual Merit Badge Sessions
    - 8 Merit Badges being offered, 55 Scouts registered for 92 classes
- D. Order of the Arrow (Michael Rossman)
  - I. April 2020 – Conclave moved to 8/28-30<sup>th</sup> 2020
  - II. Spring Inductions –May 2020- canceled Refunds or you can push it to the next event. More information at support (XXX)104.net (can't read my writing)
  - III. NOAC – canceled
  - IV. Trade o ree 8/21-23<sup>rd</sup> 2020
  - V. District Hike – tentatively 9/5/2020 with a back up date of 10/3/2020
  - VI. Next zoom Chapter meeting 5/28/2020
- E. Program – Training (Valeria Ivory)
  - I. MOST (IOLS & BALOO, Archery and Wilderness First Aid) @ Camp Durant September 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> 2020

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- II. STEM virtual Adult training May 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> 2020
- III. Shooting (Rangemaster training) Ken Butler
  - See all scheduled shooting sports training @ 421shooting sports.com
- IV. 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%

### F. Youth Protection Champion (Carlos Tyson)

- I. 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 compile a district list.

### G. Finance (Matt Stewart)

- I. Camp Cards (Angie Frassel)
  - Camp Card selling deadline moved to August 15<sup>th</sup> 2020
  - Units to set up a time between 8/6 -8/13/2020 to settle up or they will be responsible to drive to Council to settle up to ensure 50% profits.
- II. Yard Sale
  - Looking for a venue to host in late July early August
  - Waiting on units to reply if they are interested in participating
  - We'll solicit food trucks to participate
- III. Popcorn
  - We have a District Popcorn Kernel, Angela Miller. Angie will shadow her this year on all trainings so we will have 2 trained Kernels.
  - 2020 Popcorn Training Dates
    - District Kernel Training 6/8 – 6/12<sup>th</sup> 2020 (45 minutes)
    - 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)
    - Scout Sales Training 7/17 – 7/27/2020 an introduction to the 2020 Trails End App. For Scouts, including tips and tricks to be a top selling scout. (20 minutes for Scout Parents)
  - 1 Unit that signs up before 6/15/2020 will win a \$100 Amazon G.C.

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

- I. Letter was sent to all Pack Leaders requesting Individual Membership Chairs – 2 have replied.
- II. District Membership Committee letter was sent to all Units requesting assistance in identifying Volunteers for:
  - Unit Membership Coordinator
  - District Schools Coordinators
  - District Membership Town Coordinators

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### III. Revised Membership Status

Unit Type	2019	2020	Diff	Unit Type	2019	2020	Diff
• Cubs	321	265	-56	Packs	15	15	0
• Boy/Female Scouts	419	281	-138	Troops	16	16	0
• Ventures	24	30	+6	Crews	3	3	0
• Explorers	11	0	-11	Posts	2	1	-1
• Ship Crews	8	5	-3	Ship	1	1	0
<u>Total</u>	<u>783</u>	<u>581</u>	<u>-202</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>-1</u>

- Numbers are as 5/20/20 Council Membership Report
- 2 Girl Troops (716G and 740G)
- 8 packs accepting girls (709,711,716, 740, 745,746,756, 787)

### IV. Fall Recruitment Plans

- Create a Fall Round Up Team (6/2/2020)
- Letter to Church Leader (6/8/2020)
- Council/District Professional contact School Superintendents –TBD
- Contact Key School Leaders (6/2 – 7/15/2020)
- Fall Round Up Dates 9/8/2020 and 9/10/2020
- Unit Leaders update information on [BeAScout.Org](http://BeAScout.Org) 6/14/2020
- Briefed Unit Leaders 7/14/2020 and 8/6/202 – roundtable
- Print Flyers – week of 8/5/2020
- Receive Fall recruitment kits from Council
- Flyer Distribution Plan – week of 8/24/2020
- ID new organization efforts - on going by 8/26/2020
- Recruitment activities, place flyers the week of 8/28/2020
- Unit prep 7 days out before fall round up- the week of 8/26/2020
- Unit leadership identify potential members who didn't complete an application – 9/12/2020
- Invite former organizations to come back – on going thru 9/10/2020
- Invite former leaders to return – on going
- \*\*The key to this is effort is PUBLICITY and Communication
- \*\* Mass communications – radios, television, local papers and bulletin boards

### V. Membership Committee Breakdown

- Co-Chairs :Pat McCoy and O.C. Holloway
- Fayetteville, Fayetteville Proper Coordinator: Kevin Frassel
- Steadman Town Coordinator: Maggie Mackenzie
- Hope Mills Town Coordinator: Angie Frassel
- Position Membership Committee Volunteers Training (virtual)  
6/2/2020 at 7:00pm

## 6. COR Comments (Pat McCoy)

- I. Crew 711 is virtually active

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### 7. Quarterly District Calendar

JUNE		JULY		AUG	
13th	Scout Swim	11 <sup>th</sup>	Scout Swim	4 <sup>th</sup>	Hope Mills Parade
9 <sup>th</sup>	District Yard Sale	11 <sup>th</sup>	District planning retreat	5 <sup>th</sup>	Program Committee Meeting
		15-19 <sup>th</sup>	District Day Camp	6 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Camp
				8 <sup>th</sup>	Scout Swim
26 -	District 4 <sup>th</sup> Friday	24 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> Friday	15 <sup>th</sup>	Adult STEM Training
				21- 23 <sup>th</sup>	O/A Trade a Ree
				28 <sup>th</sup> -	District 4 <sup>th</sup> Friday

### 8. Open Forum

- I. Still looking for a home for Pack & Troop 716
  - Crosspointe, Galatia & Catholic Church (didn't catch name) said no
  - First Baptist Church on Chicken Foot Rd, Grays Creek is an option
  - Ti will contact 716 leaders and see who they have contacted and if they have any leads
- II. Lets share some positive and fun photos of scouting on our FB pages.
- III. Are we having a roundtable in July this year?
  - Depends on if we can get an indoor venue to allow it or possibly look into finding an outside venue.
- IV. July August Shooting Activities for Cubs
- V. Advancement deadline moved to 7/30/2020, extended due to COVID
- VI. Program will cover Shotgun Range for Councils Camporee in August
- VII. District still has 2 units to recharter, both need paperwork
  - Pack 742
  - Post 910, contact? Roger will look into getting Lt. Youngs contact information
- VIII. Day Camp fundraising will be rolled over for scholarship for next years day camp, as that is what they were donated for.
- IX. Councils 800 number is being disconnected

### 9. Closing: 8:35pm

Next Meeting June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 7:00pm