



Foothills District Committee Meeting



March 5, 2009
Roswell Street Baptist Church
Committee Chair: Mike Cherches

Meeting Started 730pm: Call to attention by Mike Cherches. Richard Cuervo led the room in the Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome - Mike Cherches

- Minutes for February 5, 2009 approved and submitted.
- Scout Applications needed for those at-large members of the committee needed.
- Request to get the Foothills Honor Roll for 2009 published on website
 - Cary Bradley to have it posted

Administration Committee Report – Cary Bradley

- Planning meeting for Calendar Events with Cary coming up.
- District Website has area for Flyers and Handouts.
- **Training – Warren Wright**
 - District Training this past weekend for Youth Protection, New Leader Essentials and Cub Specific conducted. Number of participant was significantly lower then past years. 9 Scouters completed New Leader Essentials completed, 10 Scouters completed Youth Protection and 17 Scouters completed Cub Specifics. Past years normally 40-50 Scouters attend. Discussion surrounding causes for reduced numbers: YP online, NLE online.
 - 11 Scouters completed recertification for Scoutmaster Training.
 - National will phase out NLE within the next 2-3 years.
 - Foothills Website outlines the requirements for leader training.
- **Advancement – Donald Olds**
 - Eagle Scouts for February 2009 – 7 completed
 - Projects for February 2009 – 1 approved, 2 declined.
 - District Advancement Training was a success. Feedback has been positive and is highly recommend training for units. Program will become an annual training event.
- **Communications – Fred Feltmann**
 - Keep the articles coming into Fred for inclusion into Chicken Sheet
 - First draft deadline is the Sunday after Roundtable.
 - Following week is review in print form prior to email blast
 - New section for Crews looking for new members.
 - No religious award announcements
 - Calendar drives the first page of Chicken Sheet
- **Health and Safety –Michele Parks**
 - New green"who you going to call" cards are ready and were reviewed during committee meeting. Michele to provide to Mike Cherches a quantity for distribution at the March Roundtable. Requesting donations of money or supplies to offset cost of producing the cards.
 - Summer Camp Physical – May 9th from 9-12 at First Presbyterian Church. Michele is in need of proper medical personnel. Chiropractors no longer allowed to perform medical examines for BSA physicals.
 - New Physical forms need to be used, but existing completed forms are valid through expiration of the Doctors certification. New forms are available via the National Website.



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- Wilderness First Aid registration still ongoing via Council website for class April 24-26th
- CPR Saturday this weekend. Still plenty of space available. Registration via Council website.
- **Awards and Recognition – Michele Parks (Ginny Acocella)**
 - District Award Banquet event closure should be completed before April Committee Meeting. Estimate is to be a break-even event.
 - More people attended than were registered. Final numbers still being compiled.
 - Chicken Pin cost collection still ongoing. Mike Cherches to collect at Roundtable.
- **Scouting with Special Needs – Robert Montgomery**
 - Training was canceled due to lack of participation. It will be re-scheduled for later this year. More marketing the need and resources available.
 - Current feedback is 6 hour training is too long; Examine if this can be combined with Leadership Training through the traditional training committee.
 - Council Calendar still not updated for future planning needs. Know problem without a solution available.

Program Committee Reports – Tim Willingham

- **Camping – Tim Willingham (Mike Jurick)**
 - Camporee is in full swing. OA is on board for TAP OUT.
 - Event is being well planned and organized. No numbers yet available for Iron Chef Competition, but should be available soon. OA needs these numbers for food purchases.
 - Roundtable announcement next week.
- **Order of Arrow – Brian Jacquet**
 - OA is under control. Core group has stepped forward to help with Camporee.
 - Spring POW-WOW numbers are down currently 55, normally 200-300 participants.
 - Lodge numbers are down.
 - Submit your OA Tap-out candidates to Brian. Also, bring to roundtable.
 - Webelos Woods – No OA members available due to an Ordeal weekend.
- **Cub Activities – John McAskil**
 - Scout Family Camping in full swing for April 18th at Woodruff. Plenty of activities planned; fishing, archery, compass, camp wide activity. Boys are stepping forward to help. Slots that manage activities are full. Cub Spring camping in full swing. OA Lodge team has been requested
 - Webelos Woods in full swing for May at Jamerison. 3 Troops currently assisting could use 1 additional troop to help. No OA members available due to Ordeal weekend.
 - Cub Activity Meeting will be discussing new ideas at the next meeting.
- **Venturing Program – Tim Willingham (Frank Jarrell)**
 - Frank Jarrell is sending surveys to all Crews. What are there needs, ideas and suggestions for this new committee group. Should be disseminated in the next 2-3 weeks.



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- **Community Activities – Dan Wright**
 - Flag Placement – Marietta National Cemetery.
 - Bob Cato is Coordinator. Scheduled for Saturday May 23, 8am. Flyer in chicken sheet.
 - Kiwanis Club Flag retirement ceremony in June
 - 4th July Parade
 - Scout Expo – Planning for a Giant Flag Retirement.
 - Announce in community and units that flags will be collected for retire at Scout Expo, publish in local paper and newsletters. Possible TV media contact for coverage.
 - Possible combined with a Flag Sale for an OA fund raiser suggested again.
 - Announce to the troops so they can begin gathering flags for EXPO.
- **Scouting for Food – Paul Fitzner**
 - Bags are ready. Banners are ready, Flyers for Roundtable next week. 22 Units currently signed-up and 3 more are done just finish paperwork. Currently 25% participation.

Finance Committee – Eric Flamm

- **FOS - Richard Skoonberg**
 - Over 60% completed. Cubs 86.5% Troops 56%.
 - Current status is we are exceeding our goals per unit and it seems to be more contributors per unit making the difference.
 - March 17 at VSC is mid-term report includes dinner.
 - Presentations representing \$20K toward goal should be made prior to Mar 31.
 - Many thanks to those assisting and presenting. FOS work load is being spread out making it more enjoyable.

Membership Committee – Jean Marie Schiraldi

- Training by Council about Webelos to Boy Scouts completed. Info was good, but probably not applicable to Foothills due to size of Foothills District and our current procedures.
- **School Night for Scouting – Mike Lotz**
 - April 23 at VSC 730-9 training for Cub Masters, Den Leaders.
 - Training material is being tailored for our District, in progress.
 - Looking for 3-4 volunteers to stay in touch with the Packs.

District Commissioners Report – Bill Russell

- A lofty goal with Unit Service – 3 to 1 is the goal.
 - Looking for Unit Commissioners if you want to become one, see Bill Russell.
 - Every current UC is looking to recruit one new UC.
- Discussion about new Cobb County School System facility use policy. Many rumors are unfounded and policy is not meant to penalize Scouting, just leveling the policy. No huge expenses should be incurred, seek District Commissioner or District Chair for more information. Letters have been email to units explain the policy in plain English terms.



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District Professionals Report – Richard Cuervo

- New Unit Organization Award discussed on what steps are needed to earn. Looking for new Charter Partners in progress.
- Currently working to save 2 units. Pack 527 Boys and Girls Club and Troop 340. Marietta Police has volunteer leadership.

Old Business

- District calendar not being updated earlier enough for District. Known issue, no solution available. Needs to be updated with upcoming events. Those with access to add events need to get them on the website ASAP.

New Business

- Website Calendar items dropping off – all committees to review and update.
- Cobb County School System facility use policy.
- Pat Benito with RSBC advised a reminder about scheduling, clearing building and returning room to exactly as you found it. If special equipment is needed be sure to let Pat know.
- Council Blast – Radio broadcast program. Cary Bradley has performed 2 sessions already. These sessions and others are available via podcast. This program is in need leadership. Good opportunity to spread the Scouting news.
- Rodrigo Cano advised that March 14th at the VSC is a Coin Collecting Merit Badge. See mertitbadge.info for details.

Closing – Next schedule District Committee Meeting for April 2nd.

Meeting adjourned at 840pm