

River City District Committee Meeting

Minutes

September 2, 2008

Attendees: Don Dean, Spencer Wong, Eddie Braddock, David Kimball, Bruce Kern, Ricci Dula, Rob Garcia, Donn Miller, Merry Lee Croslin, Mary Albrecht, Justine Kirksey, Randal Counts, Gerry McIntyre, and Marie L. Murata

1. Call to Order: the meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance, Welcome, Introductions and Recognitions
3. Minutes of last meeting: the minutes from the August meeting were reviewed and approved
4. Reports from Operating Committees
 - a. District
 - District Volunteer Recruitment: Carlos has called all names recommended by Don D. but no one has stepped forward
 - Plan for unit visits: see Volunteer Recruitment Plan handout 9/2/08 draft – Units designated as A, B, or C
 - There was extensive discussion about the handout and approach to solicitation of Unit Commissioners
 - Eddie recommended Greg and Kaylee Lee as a possible couple to get involved at the District level
 - Gordon from Troop 50 is another individual who can be contacted
 - Send a special letter to chartered organization representatives soliciting volunteers
 - Begin unit visits in September
 - Unit visits: Committee or parent meeting?
 - Mailing first announcing visit
 - Rob, Eddie, Bruce, Donn M., Don D., and Marie volunteered to make visits
 - At visits, FOS should be separate from vacant District positions
 - Presentation should specify vacant positions, duties and time commitment
 - Presentation by presenters is key
 - Full picture should be shared including the value of a Unit Commissioner
 - Eddie asked Rob if he would be interested in being the District Commissioner
 - Sign up sheet for potential visits
 - Troop 8: September 23rd Court of Honor – River of Life Church 6:30 – Donn M.
 - Troop 259: Parent meeting in October – date unknown
 - Troop 136 – September 8th William Land Park picnic or Court of Honor – Monday, September 15th – Bruce and Don D. will do this
 - b. Finance
 - Friends of Scouting – Ricci

- FOS is done on a calendar year
- Report on recent FOS Committee meeting
- Latest FOS Fundraising Summary
 - The family campaign is completed and went very well
 - Community campaign did more than last year but did not meet goal – efforts will continue until December unless goal is achieved
 - Leaders from Troop 259 are being contacted
 - Jim Cook is contacting Rotary Clubs for presentations
 - Ricci talks up Scouting with solicitation as a secondary topic in the talks
 - A question was asked whether or not United Way has Boy Scouts listed as a possible organization to select for donations. Boy Scouts may be listed as an organization for possible donations in some parts of the state.
- Follow-up actions
 - Our plan is still to mail our own Leadership letter each January
 - Ricci will begin now to identify District “alumni” whose names will be gathered from the Council’s lists of past Scouters who have separated over the last 3 years, so that next year we can send out a Community Campaign mailer to them. He’ll give us a progress report next month.
 - Popcorn Sales – Justine
 - Show & sell is closing in October
 - Take orders begins in September
 - 10 units are participating in popcorn sales
 - Money earned can be used to go to National Jamboree
 - Pack 49 had very good results at show & sell at Nugget in West Sacramento
- c. Unit Service – Don Dean: no report
 - District Commissioner’s Report & units needing special assistance
 - Troop 243 needs help and support. The unit is down to a few Scouts and adults. They are interested in forming a Pack.
 - Troop 1001 – Nothing is happening and they may not recharter.
 - Upcoming Roundtables – Merry Lee: The September meeting has been scripted
 - Merry Lee complimented participants for the great Round Table
 - If a unit has a new registered Scout, they get extra beads for the drawing
 - Pack 49 will do the flags in September
 - Carlos wants a few minutes at Sept. Roundtable to talk about District Volunteers and FOS
 - Re-charter training in October: Other things are in the works for October. Packs – photography, Troops – snowshoes
 - Troop 259 will do the flags in October
 - Troop 136 will do the flags in November
 - Centennial Quality Unit Award – requirements

- Other Unit Service business
 - Gerry talked about Woodbadge – There was a full Troop and there has been one beading so far
- d. Membership – Ricci
 - Report on Fall Roundup and other membership activities
 - Don and Donn participated
 - Susan from RDO assisted
 - Fall Roundup was well attended – numerous handouts and resource materials were available
 - Troop 243 – flyers are being developed for distribution
 - Membership Numbers
 - District is 115 Scouts short compared to December 2007
 - Large and mid-sized units should get stronger
 - Ricci has been receiving calls from folks/organizations interested in Scouting
 - Sacramento Children’s Home
 - Other Membership items
- e. Program
 - Program Chair position still vacant
 - Order of the Arrow report – Bruce
 - Marie will send Bruce most recent OA roster that she has
 - Nothing happening until January
 - Soaring Eagle has absorbed RCD until next year
 - Gerry shared information regarding the rewarding experience that two Scouts in his Troop had who participated in an OA conservation event
 - Report on Training events – Donn
 - District Committee needs to chart training of Committee members
 - New Leader Essentials: This should be taken by Committee members as well as District Committee training
 - Cub Scout leaders need to take:
 - Fast Start
 - Youth Protection
 - Position specific training
 - They no longer need New Leader Essentials
 - Boy Scout Outdoor training: Moved from October to sometime in November
 - Roundtable Trainings
 - Upcoming District Events
 - Review of calendar
 - Upcoming Council Events
 - Other Program activities
 - Don D. will work with unit that offers to organize Camporee
- 5. District Executive’s Report – Ricci
 - There is a new look to Scouting
 - Changing the energy
 - Trying new things to re-motivate leaders and Scouts

- Don D. asked if there will be a new handbook? – He mentioned that in the 1970's the program was made "relevant" but the outcome was not as planned
6. Once Around – final comments/questions from each attendee
 - Mary suggested that Ricci make presentations to State agencies for the United Way campaign (this campaign now has another name)
 - Gerry: discussed making Boy Scouts relevant
 - Eppie Johnson's son Eagled from Troop 1
 - Troop 1 adults and Scouts volunteered at Eppie's great race
 - Possibly Eppie Johnson can talk at Round Table
 - Merry Lee suggested a District wide holiday sing along at LDS church at the beginning of December. She can put together the song book
 7. Next Meeting: 7:30 P.M. Tuesday, October 7, 2008
 8. Closing ceremony – Scout Oath/adjournment at 9:30 P.M.