

Polaris District Committee Meeting 3 March 2010 Minutes

1.0 Location

Meeting was held at the Sunny View Retirement Community, 22445 Cupertino Road, Cupertino.

2.0 Attendees

In attendance at the meeting were: Cathy Bobier, Ken Bower, Tracey Devereux, Mark Ellson, Chris Enright, Sally Erickson, Wendy Glasser, Larry Grace, Debbie Jancis, Paul Jancis, John Lucas, Kathi Lucas, Steve Nguyen, Will Smith, Robert Wedig, and Lillie Yee-Fong.

3.0 Discussion

Meeting was called to order at 8:13 PM by Kathi Lucas.

3.1 Council/District News

The council is starting to work on it's next five year strategic plan. Part of the process is a series of "fireside chats" being held in each district. These are planned for April and May of this year. After some discussion, the consensus was to schedule the Polaris District chat in conjunction with an upcoming district committee meeting. The plan is to hold the committee meeting from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM and follow it with the chat from 8:00 PM to 9:00 PM. The first preference is to do this in conjunction with the April district committee meeting. If that doesn't work out, the alternate is in conjunction with the May district committee meeting.

Upcoming dates:

Event	Date
Nominating Committee	10 March
Cub Camp, "Shootout in the OldWest"	27 March
Cub Camp Sign Ups	27 March
Northern California Jamboree	15-18 April
FoS Community Breakfast	6 May
Scout-O-Rama	8 May

3.2 Finance

Debbie Jancis reported that our district Friends of Scouting campaign is at \$74,204 so far. Eleven units are already at 100% of goal. Almost every unit in the district has scheduled an FOS presentation.

Ken Bower discussed his plan for making endowment presentations to the Polaris District units. His strategy is to start with the units that are already over 100% of their FOS goal.

But, he plans to wait a little while to start to avoid coming in right on top of the FOS campaign.

3.3 Public Relations

Mark Ellson reminded the group that Polaris Star inputs were due on Friday, 5 March. Tracey Devereux, Cathy Bobier, and Chris Enright committed to provide inputs for this month's Polaris Star. He also mentioned that March is a month for Santa Clarion inputs. Santa Clarion items are due to Mark by 10 March.

3.4 Membership

Several comments were made regarding disappointing turn out of Cubs for WeSTFair this year. The group discussed whether moving WeSTFair to September would help. Larry Grace reported that the September date had been tried in the past with poor results. The group also discussed the idea of finding a single centralized location for all participating units. An alternative was suggested of finding three centralized locations for units based in each of the cities in the district. The membership committee will consider all of these suggestions as they start planning for next year's WeSTFair.

3.5 Program

Camping. The Camping Committee reported that Cub Summer Camp registration is starting on 27 March with a special event being held at the restaurant at Sharks Ice in San Jose.

The Camping Committee also reported that registration is going well for Camp Hi-Sierra. Week 4 is almost completely booked. The other weeks have healthy registrations.

Activity. Despite some minor confusion regarding where the track was to be set up at the mall, the Polaris District Pinewood Derby went well. Some additional helpers would have helped to keep things moving along briskly. One of the parents present stepped in as an announcer which was a big help.

Advancement. For 2010, we have eight Eagles already. Nine packets have been submitted and are awaiting boards of review. Right now, 45 Eagle projects have been approved and are pending.

Order of the Arrow. John Lucas reported that the OA chapter is currently conducting unit visitations for OA elections. Since we don't have a camporee this year, election results are being announced at the conclusion of each unit election.

Training. An effort is underway to recruit additional trainers to conduct Cub Leader Specifics. The council training committee has been working on the schedule for training classes through the end of 2010.

3.6 Roundtable

Paul Jancis reported that the March Cub Roundtable theme is "Spring Into Action". One of the highlights of this month's roundtable is going to be Slinky dog races.

Larry Grace reported that the Boy Scout Roundtable is focusing on adult training programs this month.

Ken Bower reported that the Venturing Roundtable had been held the previous night. The presentation was on “leave no trace”.

3.7 Commissioner

Bob Wedig reported that he was part of a group that was going to inspect the Northern California Jamboree site on Saturday, 6 March. Larry Grace had a question about site access on Friday morning. Ken Bower mentioned that there were still opportunities to host an activity at the Jamboree. They are also looking for volunteers to help staff the slack line activity.

3.8 District Executive

Tracey reported that the Scout-O-Rama kickoff had been last Saturday. So far, only 17 Polaris units are signed up for booths and to sell tickets. Our goal for booths for this year is 25 units. Our goal for units selling tickets is 38 units.

Tracey also reported that we are seeking table hosts for the upcoming Community Breakfast. Each host is responsible for a table of ten people.

3.9 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 PM. The next meeting is 7 April 2010 at the Sunny View Retirement Community. Time is to be announced depending on whether the council fireside chat can be scheduled that night.

4.0 Agreements and Actions

Agreements and actions are as documented above.