

[Executive] Council Committee Meeting

The meeting was commenced at 2:10 with an introduction from Council Chief Matt Hustel, who passed out the meeting schedule and gave a brief overview of today's topics.

Quorum Call:

Council Chief - Y

West Flame - Y

Council Vice Chief - Y

Central Flame - N

Council Secretary - Y

Council Advisor - Y

Council Treasurer - Y

Professional Advisor - N

East Flame - Y

Alumni President - N

Summary:

Quorum Met - Y

Minutes Approved - Y

Old Business:

I. Fall Frenzy:

- A. Went well, the food was adequate, new activities were a success, mastercrafter this year, Sam Lovold. Alex Buxton will be the 2020 event coordinator with asst. Coordinator Robert Duncan, advisor TBD.

II. Centennial Patches

- A. Patches & Others that have been decided:

- 1. Neckerchief, VIP patch, felt new member patch,

2. Challenge coin handed out at Midwinter dinner for all attendees from the Scout Executive
- III. Budget with Don
- A. By the end of October we need a full budget made for 2020, including all ember, fire, and council budgets

New Business:

- I. Firecrafter Promotion Program
 - A. West Flame goes to troops in their area and does a Firecrafter presentation that also includes camp promotion.
 1. Troops will sign up for the Flame to come and visit their troop and present, the attendance to camps this year has skyrocketed as a result
 2. We could build kits for these presentations, that members may check out and utilize to promote Firecrafter and summer camp
 3. This can not only encourage participation in summer camp but also encouraging participation in Ember meetings through doing these promotions
 - B. Council may be working on a packaged presentation that could be taken to units to promote summer camp, this will be presented to council in November.
 - C. Ryan and Daniel can reach out to Jay Stoecker (jay.stoecker@scouting.org) at Council to offer help with creating or implementing the promotional material
 1. Done by October 15th, 2019
- II. 2020/2021 Calendar Dates
 - A. Fall Frenzy dates may need to be changed for this year, to be moved back further into fall again
 1. The new date is September 25-27, this needs to be changed on the website
 - B. 2021 Midwinter dinner
 1. It is currently set for the day after new years, should we push it back?
 2. No.
- III. Midwinter Dinner
 - A. VIP reception
 1. It is set from 4:00-5:45pm (midwinter dinner begins at 6)
 2. In the past there has been a CCM scheduled before the event, do we still want to have it before the event?
 3. CCM could start at 2:00pm at Belzer
 - a) We need to change the timing on the event

4. Trading post will be set up at Belzer but online orders will be brought to Midwinter dinner

B. Awards

1. We need to decide on who is winning the four awards so that we can print the awards and frame them before Midwinter Dinner
 - a) By the December Executive Meeting

Alumni Association:

I. Council Advisor Comments -

A. A request from Ryan Dillion

1. We no longer have merchandise for sale at the council office
2. He requests that members at the December executive meeting (4:30-6pm) stay after the meeting to fill Christmas orders

B. Alumni association wants to protect their members by now requiring that anyone wanting to stay overnight at an event is registered with the BSA

1. Additionally any adults that are interacting with the youth should be a BSA member (i.e. advisors, guides at ritual)
2. We will be talking to Council about how this would be implemented from a youth standpoint, i.e. those who are staying overnight at events (such as tagalongs)

C. Perception and appearance of our organization: from Council

1. We need to create a record for who is guiding who to hill ceremony
 - a) We are looking at making two candidate cards one for the candidate and one to record who is guiding the youth
 - b) The reason being if we receive any complaints or concerns at hill to do with their guide, we have a record of who was with them, especially because the candidates are blindfolded for part of hill
2. Crossroads of America Council has made it clear that they do not want us to wear only a fireshirt with no undershirt anymore
 - a) This means when dressing in a fireshirt there will be an undershirt on as well
 - b) This is to protect our organization from questioning from outsiders to help promote the longevity of our organization
 - c) This additionally will create consistency between the camps: by having a clear rule on undershirts for the organization as a whole

D. We have been encouraged to create a service core to promote opportunities for firecrafters to assist in service opportunities

- E. We were encouraged to look at our ranks and how they relate to the ranks in scouting, seeing if we need to tighten the ranks
 - 1. This may be because they are looking at Firecrafter as an advancement program rather than a summer camp retention program
 - 2. Matt- what helps make us unique is some of our requirements are items that are not required for advancement in scouts
 - F. It would be cool to open Midwinter dinner with a gavel ceremony
 - G. Promote the heck out of Midwinter dinner
 - 1. We paid for 300 meals so we need 300 at least to attend
 - 2. Matt will put together social media graphics to post
 - II. Professional Advisor Comments - N/A
 - III. Alumni President Comments - N/A
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Meeting was adjourned at 3:24.