



In direct pursuit of the principles and ideals of Scouting, Firecrafter was created for and dedicated to service to all phases of that movement. Firecrafter and each individual shall be directed toward the observance of the Firecrafter creed.

Firecrafter Executive Committee Meeting

Sunday, April 5, 2020

I. Call to Order

The meeting commenced at 2:02 with an introduction from Council Chief M Matt Hustel.

II. Roll Call:

Council Chief - Y

Council Vice Chief - Y

Council Secretary - Y

Council Treasurer - Y

East Flame - Y

West Flame - Y

Central Flame - Y

Council Advisor - Y

Professional Advisor - Y

Alumni President - N

Quorum Met:Y

III. Reading and Approval of Minutes, Council Chief M Matt Hustel

IV. Special Orders of Business

a. Council Chief, M Matt Hustel

- i. A brief overview of new meeting operations according to minutes

V. Officer Reports

a. Council Treasurer, M Don Current

- i. Report on Budget - they will distribute an updated financial report once it is sent from council



- ii. Proposal for ember memorabilia - at least one ember is looking to make and sell shirts, but our concern is where we will stock the items and how much interest there will be in ember specific items. So they are looking into making patches or smaller items instead of making ember specific shirts.
- iii. Ember budget update - we are missing ember budgets from, Miami Shawnee, Firebear, and Mascotea

b. Council Secretary, M Allison Cunningham

- i. Updates on Covid-19 meeting changes.
- ii. Proposed new transition style and recording.

c. Council Vice Chief, M Ryan Wainscott

- i. The Lone Troop training has been moved to the Sunday of Spring Fellowship May 3rd, but can be transitioned to online if needed.
- ii. Brainstorming ideas to continue with camp promotion, even though in person options are not viable right now. If you have any ideas, reach out to Ryan.

d. Council Chief, M Matt Hustel

- i. Events
 - 1) No new decision as of right now about Spring Fellowship
 - (a) Still scheduled to be May 1st, will update according to local and federal guidelines
 - 2) Remaining optimistic about all future dates, following closely with any and all social distancing/shelter in place orders
 - 3) Applies to all events scheduled by the council
 - (a) Encourage ember meetings to be moved to online formats such as zoom
- ii. Minisino Nominations Deadline
 - 1) Extended to April 15th
- iii. Centennial Award update
 - 1) As of right now there is nothing that affects anyone's ability to earn the award
 - (a) If SF is cancelled, the Friendship requirement section will be reduced to 3 out of 4 events
- iv. Looking for a West Flame Advisor



- 1) If you or anyone you know is active and willing to step up to this position, email both councilchief@firecrafter.org and counciladvisor@firecrafter.org
- v. Get excited for summer camp!
 - 1) Final CCM will be May 3rd at 2:00
 - (a) Currently at Belzer, if need be will become virtual

VI. Advisor Reports

a. Council Advisor, M Justin 'Sox' Scott

- i. Spring Fellowship Alternative - If Spring Fellowship does not take place, suggested Firecrafter put together a video to post that goes over how Scouts can prepare to attain the ranks of Firecrafter.
- ii. Spring Fellowship Meetings (Minisino, Adult Nominations, Lone Troop Training) should move to Zoom format. Justin will help anyone who needs assistance with Zoom meetings.
- iii. 100th Anniversary - Still making plans for ritual reunion. In need of volunteers
 - 1) Memorabilia Museum
 - 2) Conducting the original Firecrafter Hill Ceremony
 - 3) Fire-by-Friction competition
 - 4) Some of the original requirements available to try.
 - 5) Chief and Advisor Reception
 - 6) Photography: Looking for folks to document the event via video and photographs. Decade Photos, etc., maybe do some interviews. (Would like to put a video together to show at Midwinter Dinner Jan 2021)
 - 7) By the Decade Skit Competitions
 - 8) Camp Tours/ Camp history
 - 9) A printed Scroll where members can highlight their names and names of those who influenced them.
 - 10) Historical Scavenger Hunt
 - 11) World Map to pinpoint where all Firecrafters present have come from
 - 12) Ember momentos created, maybe painted rock, from embers past and present.
 - 13) A trail that shows a living museum of the evolution of Firecrafter with a tour guide.
 - 14) 100th Anniversary Felt Patches
 - 15) Scout Band Dinner time?
 - 16) Open Swim?



17) Birthday Cards to be signed by all Firecrafters (continued from MWD)

18) Parking Alternative (contacting Lawrence or surrounding locations.

19) Kicking off a campaign to raise money for a statue of Belzer reaching hand out to shake hands with every camper entering camp.

20) Belzer impersonator riding horse around Camp (John Stewart?)

b. Professional Advisor, Matt Keck XXX

i. I want everyone to continue to think through how we are resilient, and moving forward despite everything else going on and still growing and improving Firecrafter.

ii. Feel free to reach out of Matt through phone, text or email

c. Alumni President, M Jeff Cox

i. Gary Duncan is now the Minisino Advisor

VII. Flame Reports

a. East Flame - East Flame has been running smoothly and successfully. Firebear and Mascotea have had advisor troubles which have now been resolved. I have not been approached with any Ember concerns since the last CCM.

i. Tomalapas- Do not intend to meet any longer leading up to ritual season. I recommended they do something to prepare for ritual duties in some way, either as just an email or meeting.

ii. Miami-Shawnee- They said they are looking into Zoom meetings. They have been very active and have done exceptional work into building their Ember, along with reaching out to past members.

1) Miami Shawnee has also created an Ember email and Google Drive, containing many resources for Ember use. I believe that if this system was adapted for every ember, they could become much more efficient in operations and transitions between officers.

iii. I've talked with Nick Luke more specifically about creating east Flame shirts. I will gain approval of the individual embers, and then create a proposal for the Council Committee.

b. Central Flame - I have only heard back from Orion ember so far but will continue to push for communication between embers and develop a way to have the three



embers support each other more. The goal is to make central flame more cohesive with not only the flame chief but also with each other.

- i. As of February 2020, the Orion Ember changed its meeting time and location to Resurrection Lutheran Church ([445 E Stop 11 Rd. Indianapolis, IN 46227](#)) at 7 pm on the second Sunday of every month. However, since the change, we have not been able to effectively institute the change in location due to the COVID-19 outbreak. As of the second week of March until late April 2020, Orion's meeting location has been temporarily closed. We have begun holding temporary online meetings, but efforts have proved largely ineffective, due in large part to poor attendance.
- c. West Flame - West Flame currently does not have an advisor.
 - i. Ember chiefs and the flame officers are talking about having a flame wide event, possibly in the summer after summer camp season.
 - ii. The flame has checked up on all the ember chiefs either by email or text message.
 - iii. Flame officers are planning on holding a Zoom Online Meeting with the ember chiefs to check up on how everything is going in embers in the near future of this month.
 - iv. Embers are doing great to get around all the COVID-19 troubles.
 - v. Flame officers are advising ember chiefs to still have ember meetings, but over online call.

VIII. New Business

IX. Announcements

X. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 2:37.