



### Coastal Sage District Committee Meeting – January 8, 2020

#### 1) District Chair Comments:

- a) First, the Chair ate some humble pie. Knowing that our meetings are the second Wednesday of the month, I thought the meeting was on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Only because I was looking at emails and calendars getting ready for a Key 3 meeting on Friday, did I notice that our meeting was THIS Wednesday. Call it calendar dyslexia. Thus, the very short notice and hasty agenda. My apologies to all.
- b) I am new to this position, so have not seen all that you have done over the entire year. But for the limited time I have been involved, it is obvious to me that you all are very dedicated, and have worked very hard to make this District function even in the face of some adverse circumstances. As we start a new year, I want to thank each and every one of you for all your hard work, and look forward to working with you in the coming year. Please do not hesitate to give me suggestions as to how I can do my job better, or help you in yours.
- c) Rob was in Las Vegas for the multi-council planning session, so was not able to attend. Rob reported to me that he was able to get an additional 20 scouts to sign up to meet our target, and received additional FOS commitments to take CS to 102% of its target. (Nice job Rob). The Commissioners also hit their targets, so we are looking much better on the JTE scale. They are still tabulating results, but we are much better off. **GREAT WORK ROB.**
- d) Rob, Mark and Mike will be meeting this week to discuss the planning session for CS for 2020. We are looking at things to focus on for that planning session. One that springs to the forefront is getting more volunteers. Most of our committees are made up of 1 volunteer. It is not fair to our committee chairs, and it is ineffective in addressing issues identified by the commissioners for various units. We also need more commissioners. If you have other areas you think should be examined, please let one of the three of us know.
- e) While not finalized yet, we are thinking of holding the planning session on 2/1 from 9 to 1 at Clairemont Lutheran. As plans get finalized, we will let you know. But please save that date for now.

#### 2) District Commissioner Report (Mike Tullio):

- a) Commissioners met on 1/2/20. Noted upcoming events, including
  - i) OA Lodge Banquet, Jan. 4 (already past – more on this below)
  - ii) Coastal Sage District Roundtable, Jan. 9
  - iii) Training, Jan. 10,11 & 12 (more below)
  - iv) Cub Scout Pow Wow training, Jan. 18
  - v) TARP, Jan. 25
- b) The status and issues confronting several units were discussed and that was shared at the meeting.
- c) CS Commissioners hit 53% of Unit assessments and visitations with at least one detailed assessment.
- d) There is a real need to find more volunteers willing to serve as Commissioners. Already



stretched thin, we have lost a few recently so need to replenish the ranks.

- 3) Advancement (Greg Kwik)
  - a) There was nothing to report for year-end regarding advancement. Numbers were submitted to council.
- 4) Training (Jodi Balazs)
  - a) Jodi was out ill. She reported in that she is preparing for SM Specific training on Friday, and is co-chairing IOLS/BALOO with Randy Seefeldt from Cross-Roads. Several other trainings are being planned. (NICE WORK JODI)
- 5) Eagle Board of Review (Ken Brinkman)
  - a) Ken reports that there were 6 candidates last last month. There are 10 scheduled for January. Part of that is the push as Latter Day Saints Scouts are trying to get their Eagles finished before they separate. Ken is looking for volunteers to sit on Boards of Review as there are such a large number this month. It will be on January 23.
  - b) The church has given CS a bit of a reprieve and is allowing this month's BofR to be held there. We are still looking for a new site for February. There are a couple prospects identified that are being looked into.
- 6) Outdoor / Camping (Keith Ayers)
  - a) Keith was out travelling for work, but reported that all camping numbers were in by years end. Nothing new to report for January.
- 7) Community Service (Vanessa Kampnich)
  - a) Still working on "Scouting for Food" but there are manpower issues. If you or anyone you know is willing to help out on this very worthwhile project, please contact Vanessa.
  - b) There is still an issue with units entering service hours. We will be discussing a way to get them a link to the page to do this for next year.
- 8) OA (Susan Abernathy)
  - a) Naabaahii Chapter held its year-end banquet on January 4, and it was very successful. Especially for Susan and her 2 sons. Susan received the Crossed Feathers Award, and Joshua and Frederick Persons received National Founders Awards (recognizing Arrowmen who demonstrate the spirit of selfless service). Congratulations to Susan and her sons.
  - b) Upcoming events: January 13, 6 p.m. is the National Order of the Arrow Conference. If you know any Arrowmen who might be interested attending please have them contact Susan to get signed up.
  - c) Ceremony Team rehearsals for Arrow of Light and Crossover are beginning. Units should contact the Lodge to reserve dates if they want the team to assist.
  - d) Naabaahii Chapter will be running Camporee on April 3-5.
- 9) Camporee – (Michael Szuch and Bill Greer)
  - a) Camporee will be held April 3-5, 2020 at Mataguay. The theme is Wilderness Survival.
- 10) Silver Beaver Awards. CS had three recipients of the Silver Beaver Award: Claire Smith; Mike Tullio; and Dan Bozarth. Deserving volunteers each. Be sure to extend your congratulations to them.
- 11) The Annual District Dinner will be discussed at the Key 3, and more will be addressed at the planning meeting on 2/1 (tentative).
- 12) If you have any suggestions for the planning session, please email them to me at [mamcoastalsage@gmail.com](mailto:mamcoastalsage@gmail.com)

