Greater St Louis area Council
Cahokia Mounds District
Tuesday, March,15 2021
6:30 p.m. In-person First Christian Church

Option Zoom https://gslac.zoom.us/j/89381993308

1. **Call to order, welcome, pledge, invocation**   **Adam Micun**
2. Welcome any new members or guest
3. **Safety meeting Moment**   **Kevin Buhr**
   a. Scouts teaching Scouts
      i. As part of every unit meeting have one of your scouts or families review a safety tip
   b. National Safety Moments Website (Note: All meeting should start with "Safety Moments"

4. **New Business**
   a. Volunteer Recognition Awards to vote on (Note: If we don't have nominations this will be tabled until March 24th and voted on over email)
      i. Scout master of the year - Nominations were read.

         Committee voted: ??????

      ii. Cubmaster the year - Nominations were read.

         Committee voted: ??????

      iii. Committee chair of the year - Nominations were read.

         Committee voted: ??????

      iv. Outstanding chartered organization - Nominations were read.

      v. Outstanding community Partner - Nominations were read.

   b. Volunteer recognition event April 24th TIME ==4:00 pm - 7:00 pm==

    i. Looking for District Award of Merit [Applications](#)
      1. <mark>**Deadline**: March 24th 5:00 pm</mark>
  c. District Identity The District that: **Adam Micun**
    i. Keeping the Outing in Scouting
      1. Youth retention
      2. Unit incentive program
        a. Cub Scout (Adam Mucin)
        b. Scouts BSA (Steve Kupsky)

5. **District Commissioner Report**   **Steve Kupsky**
  a. Growing Commissioner Staff - Still needing 3 Unit Commissioners to fill open positions.
  b. District Scout equipment Swap

<u>Review & Confirm Committee reports</u>

1. **RoundTable commissioners**   **Don Worth**
  a. Scouts BSA RT Breakout:
    i. "All things water & Aquatics" Training, Awards, Merit Badges etc.
      1. For Adults, Scouter and youth
  b. Cub Scouts RT Breakout: **Frances and Bill**
    i. March
      1. Committee Breakout - Join Us! - Year-round Recruiting Strategies
      2. Den Leaders Breakout - Feel the Sunshine - Outdoor Meeting Ideas (Fishing)
    ii. April
      1. Moc planning Community Cub Pack
    iii. May Program Preview?
  c. OA Chapter Breakout: Likely

2. **Camping & Promotion**   **Martina Bishopp**
  a. Scheduled events:
    i. Spring Camporee May 6th - 8th
      1. Registration coming soon – need to get it set up
      2. Relay race in the morning like last year (archery, canoeing, trail running, bouldering); may add another activity as an alternative to bouldering – maybe orienteering?
      3. Woodcarving merit badge and one other (fishing?)
      4. Open archery, open boating, and one other (shooting?)
      5. Need swim test opportunity
      6. Looking for volunteers - aquatics, archery, bouldering (climbing), medical
    ii. Summer Camp attendant update
      1. Scouts BSA [Link](#) 117 30%
      2. Cub Scout Link ([Link](#))

3. **Training**   **Link**   **Jeff Lott**
   a. IOLS or BSA Leader training:
      i. Council IOLS Register @ Link
         1. 2022 April 1-3 @ Pine Ridge (Makanda, IL)
         2. 2022 May 13-15 @ Beaumont
         3. Local: April ??
      ii. Scout BSA Direct Contact Leader Trainings - Virtual, or combined w/IOLS
      iii. Shooting Sports-Shotgun Instructor Training
      iv. ***Cub Scout Opportunities***
      v. Leader Outdoor Experience
      vi. Cub Leader Direct Contact Leader Trainings: Link
      vii. Special needs awareness training REGISTER HERE
         1. April 2nd 2022 @ Rhodes France Scout Reservation
      viii. Youth Protection Training: Link
      ix. Wood Badge Spring 2022 Courses April 29th - May 1 & May 14 -15th
      x. Wilderness

4. **Activities**
   a. District Pinewood derby March 12th Review
      i. 135 restered
      ii. Next year Pack 8039 hosting March 11th 2023 VFW
      iii. Regional Pinewood derby June 4th gateway Grizzlies stadium

5. **District STEM Committee**   **Kevin Tucker**
   a. Ron and Kathy Green STEM Pavilion (S-F Scout Ranch)
      i. Plan a session at the RKG STEM Pavilion!
   b. Cub Adventure Workshops
   c. Scouts BSA Workshops
      i. **More M in STEM :** Math Competition
   d. STEM Universities
         Cub Scout College| Scouts BSA College

      i. February 26th 2021 - Southern Illinois University - Carbondale
   e. Mobile STEM Lab: Robots, 3D Pens, Microscopes, and Rocket Launchers
      Register HERE!

6. **2022 Friends of Scouting Campaign kickoff**
   a. Family FOS: $11,329   25.5%   **Mike O'Koniewski**
      i. Kick off calls
      ii. Need Blue & Gold & COH dates
   b. Community Friends of Scouting $19,275   32%
                                              Paul Abert (Bank of Madison County)
   c. Matching & Grants: $250
   d. Fall Popcorn Sale 2022   **Adam & Sara Colvin**

    e. Camp Cards   March 1st

    f. District Coffee March 1st

7. **Order of the Arrow**   **Jeff Levis & Toby Griffen**

    Chapter Meeting - 1 March

        i. 7 youth

        ii. 4 adults

    b. Discussion: Parent and Pal Service Opportunities

    c. Up-coming events

        i. NACW - 18-20 March, CWL

        ii. Spring Fellowship - 8-10 April, CWL

        iii. Parent and Pall - 22-24 April, Camp Warren Levis

        iv. NOAC - 23-30 July, Nashville TN

8. **High adventure**   **Jeff Lott**

    a. Many council-sponsored BSA bases around the country may provide lower-cost alternatives for troops and crews. Check out High Adventure Scouting for bases and other resources.

    b. Challenge Course and Climbing

    c. Troop 8216 Z Base OK inviting other scouts June 25th - July 1

        i. $550

        ii.

    d. Troop 8038 has 4 open Spots 2 Philmont July 1st

9. **Membership**   **Kevin Buhr**

    a. Spring Membership

        i. Invite new families to join Scouting before the summer

        ii. Working on Scout BSA recruitment and Sign- up

        iii. Questions about registration fee increases Link

        iv. Scoutreach Assistance Request Form

10. **Advancement**

    a. <mark>READ:</mark> Last weekend at the CCOCM the Council Advancement committee met and agreed that as a council we will no longer accept paper (non-digital) advancement reports. Units should look into Scoutbook or other internet advancement tools to log and keep track of their advancement records. We will be encouraging units to utilize Scoutbook since that is our National program. Units can still use Pack Master and Troop Master to keep track of their advancement, but they will be guided to enter those advancement through the internet advancement site to link to council records.

      i.   Please direct units to the following site to learn how to use Internet Advancement. Link to Advancement Site: https://stlbsa.org/advancement-awards/

      ii.   Encourage your units that this is a good thing! This will ensure advancement are entered properly and timely.

      iii.   Encourage units to make the switch to Scoutbook.

      iv.   We will pushing out communication via Facebook and roundtable guide.

11. Outreach Programs   **Kevin Buhr**

    a. Kreitner after School program

        i.   Looking for program leads @ Paid Position

    b. Looking for help with Pinewood derby **March 17th**

12. **District Communication**   **Madison Tempest**

    a. District Newsletter 3rd week of the month

        i.   Endline to submit information is <u>Friday before</u>

13. Civil service

    a. Charter Organization day of Service this spring

        i.   Create a day of service to support your chartered organization

14. Religious relations   **Bill Sander**

    a. Need more volunteers from IL

15. **Venturing Memberships**

16. **VOA**

    a. Invite your older Scouts BSA youth! keep them active in scouting with high adventure and coed leadership.

17. Public Relations

    a. Engage, share, repost, comment all of our district social media engagement

    b. Ask unit to submit stories that highlight the impact of the BSA

    c. Submit Feature Stories Link

    d. District Social Media:

    e. Facebook   @cahokiamoundsdistrict

    f.   Instagram   @cahokiamoundsdistrict

18. Old Business

    a. *Monical Campership Fund - Choose Two Scouts in need.

        i.   This fund used to provide camperships to Camp Sunnen

        ii.   This will now be provided on an annual basis

        iii.   **** Looking for Recommendations**

19. Council Strategic Priorities

    a. Youth Retention

    b. Financial Strength

    c. Strengthening BSA Brand

District Executive closing remarks   **Kevin Buhr**

District Committee meeting Schedule

April 19th **Zoom**

Action items:

1. _____

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