

Meeting Minutes for the MAWAT District Committee-March 23, 2009

Attendance: Carolyn Bolles, James Muse, Tom Beach, Warren Pusak, Jose Solera, Stewart Norman, Aaron Loflin, Betsy Bagley, Jay Stobbs, Ray Anderson, Chip Reinhardt, Jim Edergton, Steve Wilfong, Joel Ross, Bob Naples, Kevin Rumsey and Maura Anderson a Volunteer with the American Cancer Society Relay for Life.

Excused: Rick Jacobs, Glenn Frybarger

Meeting started at 7:05 PM with Joel Ross presiding

Presentation: Maura Anderson gave a presentation on the Durham Relay for Life event which is to be held June 6, 2009 at Northern High School. Various opportunities for packs, troops and District Committee.

Training: Trainers Retreat went very well. Carolyn gave her report early. NLE training was held on March 16, 2009 at Westminster. There were over 20 participants. On March 28th, there will be Scoutmaster specific training to be held at Westminster. In May, MAWAT will host the Southern Service Area Training committee meeting.

Commissioner: All Charters have been circulated. There will be a Charter turn-in on April 16th. There is an on-line version of NLE which is now called "This is Scouting".

DE: Still progressing on District goals. Working with Victorious Praise Fellowship and Durham Sheriff's Department as new units. MAWAT has 1200 youth.

Break-out sessions:

Finance: Stewart advised of his plan to contact business and begin the recognition program with certificates and website placement. Joel Ross is helping with the Certificates. 32 % of the District goal has been reached. The DE advised that the Major Gifts Breakfast Honoring Mr. Jim Goodmon has been rescheduled to June 16, 2009 at the American Tobacco Campus.

Membership: Aaron gave an update of the May recruitment efforts that involve prizes for scouts and units. Flyers were passed out. There will also be an emphasis on a Tiger Round-up in May. Join Scout Information will be shared at the May RT. Aaron has been talking with the Durham PTA President, and flyers will be distributed in August. Clarification on Tigers. A boy can become a Tiger when he is either in First grade or age 7.

Program: Jeff advised James that the Cuboree Leaders Guide is on the district website. Betsy will meet with the Relay for Life folks on March 25th. The seedlings will be delivered on April 24th, and distributed at the Cuboree. So far there are 50 boys signed up for Day camp. Still need Den Chiefs that are first class and above. Jim Edergton reported that the June RT might be held at Day Camp. Tom Beach advised that the MAWAT Camping guide will be complete in the fall, with the help of Rodney McDonald.

Marketing and Communications: Steve Wilfong reports a new website is under construction, as there are some technical issues.

OA: Eluwak did very well at the Spring Pow-wow. 1st Place in pre-ordeal and brotherhood. 3rd Place in Arrow of Light, 1st and 2nd in Dance Arbor. AIA committee and Award, Jan Hackett, Bill Morris and Art Ferguson. 18 of 22 OA elections complete. Chapter will be giving a program at the 2nd Durham Bulls game and Relay for Life. Challenge for all brothers to attend Conclave.

Good of the District: Need Public Visibility. James Muse suggested getting involved with Teen Court. Troop 440, 451 and 461 participated in the Durham Crop Walk. Perhaps Scouts should be in uniform. Jay Stobbs reminded the committee on the \$500 scholarship Opportunities with Sons of American Revolution. Eagle Scout Cain with Troop 4 from Gastonia won 3rd place nationally and won \$2500. The cutoff for this year's essay contest is December 1st. Bob Naples reminded the committee about the Ribbon Cutting Event at Camp Durant on April 16th.

Meeting adjourned 8:20PM, next meeting April 27th at the Durham Lions Club.