**13 March 25 District meetings**

**(Commissioners’ meeting, District Committee meeting, Roundtable)**

**Commissioners’ Meeting**

* Commissioners’ Conference is this Sat 3/15 at Council Office
  + All Leaders invited
  + Main topics to be discussed:
    - Overview of the new unit service model
    - Overview of the new Commissioner Tools
    - NCAP overview for Commissioners
    - Overview of Council Operations
    - Unit service to units with scouts having special needs
  + Pacesetters Ask
    - In order to meet Ft Brooke’s $80,000 budget, the District has implemented the Pacesetters Ask. The intent of the Pacesetters Ask is to eliminate the call downs soliciting donations from scout leaders and scouting families.
    - The goals of Pacesetters Ask are:
      * To continue to develop **Life-changing programs** that teach essential life skills, character development, and leadership.
      * To support **Scouting’s expansion efforts** to reach underserved communities and provide opportunities to young people across the District.
      * And maintain the **Sustainability of Scouting traditions** that have been foundational for generations.
    - In order to accomplish this, **we're asking all Ft Brooke Leaders to join us in shaping the future of Scouting through the Pacesetters Ask** and provide a minimum donation of $100. Ideally, if each leader donated $250, the District would quickly & easily reach it’s budgetary goal.
    - I realize that a $250 donation is a big ask, but to maintain our commitment to instilling the values of leadership, community service, and character in the next generation, we need your financial support to help meet Ft Brooke's financial needs.
  + Reminded everyone that in order to reduce the number of emails I send; I have created a Commissions’ Corner of the Ft Brooke webpage.
    - All leaders are highly encouraged to check the Commissioners’ Corner once or twice a month for information, updates, key dates, etc.

**DE Report**

* 2086 scouts in Ft Brooke
  + 44 new scouts since 1 Jan
  + 10 new applications this week
* $15,570 raised since 1 Jan towards Ft Brooke’s $80K goal
* District Dinner is 6 April
  + Please submit award nominations ASAP
* Soaring Eagle banquet is 22 May
  + Honoring Tampa Police Chief Lee Birkoff
* 65 units
  + 2 new units coming aboard

**District Committee**

* Dave Logsdon voted in as new District Committee Chair
  + Currently troop 4 Advancement chair
  + On Council Executive Board
  + On Council Executive Committee
  + Member of NESA board
* District is in a rebuilding phase
  + Need to recruit new Committee members
  + If you’re interested in being on the committee or if you know someone who is interested, contact Dave
* Please attend the Soaring Eagle
* Activities
  + Be my Neighbor recruiting effort 29 March
* Training
  + Alex Sobtzak Council Training Chair attended meeting
    - Quest for Tenderfoot & IOLS 4-6 April
    - Gave me Ft Brooke’s Univ of Scouting patches for distro
    - BALOO in Sept at Sand Hill
* Troop 68 recharter issue brought up
  + Working with Council to resolve
  + We’re still working on resolving several unit’s recharter issues
* Advancement
  + Chair not able to attend
  + Would like update at each mtg on number of Eagles to date
* One troop will be folding
  + No Crossovers
  + No succession plan
    - No adults willing to step up and lead the troop
    - Will inform UC and we’ll work with troop to see if we can revitalize the troop
* Discussion about recruiting adults
  + Best method is a personal ask
* Discussion about cost of events for staff
  + General consensus is that staff should NOT have to pay to be on staff

**Roundtable**

* Safety moment
  + Transportation
    - Guidance is in Guide to Safe Scouting
    - 15 rules (3 “big” ones):
      * Driver MUST be 18+
      * 10 hours max driving in a 24-hour period
      * NO riding in bed of pickup or in trailer, or RV
  + Discussion 1 or 2 adults in vehicle
    - IMO, 2 adults per vehicle is best and guarantees all YPT is met
* Clothing guideline
  + Leaders should have received an email with guidelines
  + Bottom line:
    - 100% uniform is NOT mandated
    - Uniform is encouraged but NOT mandated
* April RT topic
  + AOL to Scout transition