

MINUTES
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

November 21, 2023

In person John Wood Community College, Burlington Scout Office, and Zoom

Executive Board Attendance

Greg Allen	Dakota Dietsch	Karen Mayville
Fr. Steven Arisman	John T Dozier	Kevin Mineart
Brent Babyak	Will Duryea	Doug Peters
Rick Buller	Denise Embree	Nathan Smith
Todd Chelf	Kent Embree	Jeff Terry
Jason Costigan	Barb Holthaus	
Mark Crooks	Bryan Langston	

Other Attendance

Ricci Dula	Michelle Meyer
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Council President, Jason Costigan called the meeting to order at 6:02p.m. A quorum was declared. Jason thanked everyone for trying to meet in person.

Action Items:

- ◆ MOTION (by Will Duryea, seconded by Jeff Terry) TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 17, 2023 EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES AS PRESENTED. Motion carried.
- ◆ MOTION (by Barb Holthaus, seconded by Brent Babyak) TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER'S REPORT AS PRESENTED. Motion carried.
- ◆ MOTION (by Kent Embree, seconded by Jeff Terry) TO APPROVE Spending Policy Update to be 7% of a rolling 8 quarter balance from BSAAM & US Bank; the first \$13,616.47 will repay the endowment loan and the remainder (around 6.42% currently) will support annual operations. Motion carried.
- ◆ MOTION (by Will Duryea, seconded by Jeff Terry) TO TRANSFER \$75,000 out of US Bank endowment (unrestricted net assets) into operating fund to support operating cash flow position. Motion carried.
- ◆ MOTION (by Fr. Steven Arisman, seconded by JT Dozier) TO ACCEPT THE VICE PRESIDENT REPORTS AS PRESENTED. Motion carried.

Additional reports given ahead of Vice President reports:

Group Discussion on Treasurer report and Council revenue: (Jason Costigan, Council President and Will Duryea, Treasurer): Will sent a memo to the board ahead of time detailing the finances and 2023 budget of the council for all board members to review at the October Executive Board

Meeting. Jason along with others reached out to the remaining board members to complete the Deliver the Promise call list that was yet to be completed for 2023. The discussion for November included these areas:

1. The upcoming budget for 2024
2. A Knapp Trust update
3. An updated motion to modify the Spending Policy, see motion above
4. A motion to transfer unrestricted funds to the operating funds, see motion

Discussion of the 2024 budget included prediction of a \$59k loss for 2024 and not having an aggressive budget. A focus of 6 special events will be proposed instead of 12-15 per year. Blessing Hospital will be sponsoring a merit badge day in spring. This led to discussing other corporations that could sponsor merit badge programs in the future. The board also agreed to focus on hiring a new Eagle Valley District Director for the council that has experience in membership and special event planning.

Treasurer's Report (Will Duryea): Will spoke of the 2024 budget highlights. He commented on the board working until the new year to finish raising Deliver the Promise funds.

Discussion & Report Items:

- Administration (Jeff Terry): Jeff had no updated information to share.
- Endowment (Barb Holthaus): Barb talked about a successful cultivation event held in Burlington. She mentioned that her committee will be having a meeting soon about feedback and ways to improve these types of events in the future. The one held in Quincy was not well attended.
- Properties (Cory Johnson): Cory was unable to attend, and no report was given.
- Fund Development (Rick Buller): Rick reported the Deliver the Promise campaign is short of the yearly goal. The YTD pledges are \$150k with a year-end goal of \$175K. The special events income was also short of the goal. The committee held a Push to the Finish project with the help of board members which raised an additional \$2555 to help cover the budget shortage. This year's group has worked hard to raise funds despite the shortage.
- Marketing/Membership (Karen Mayville): Karen reported a 3.63% overall membership growth. The committee is working to rebrand Scouting to families and get Scouting out to the communities advertising efforts. Having companies like Blessing sponsor merit badge events gets Scouting out to the community also.
- Program (Doug Peters): Doug reported that the committee has met to talk about summer camp 2024. They are working on ways to keep older scouts involved in working at summer camp. It will be beneficial to keep them involved with the cub scout youth also. Next summer our council will partner with the Abraham Lincoln Council for NYLT camp, and we will host the 2025 NYLT.
- Order of the Arrow (Adam Tatti): Adam was unable to attend but Todd Chelf reported about the Order of the Arrow. He discussed that new activities are planned in Burlington and Quincy to get arrow men together, for example movie nights. He also reported the date for the winter banquet is December 16, 2023.
- Tribe of the Silver Tomahawk (Dakota Dietsch): Dakota stated that the next workday at Camp Eastman is November 11, 2023. Their winter banquet is planned for January 13, 2024.

Commissioner's Report (Craig Nowell): Craig was not able to attend, and no report was given.

Scout Executive Report (Ricci Dula): Ricci thanked the board for their discussion this evening. He discussed that the nominating committee has had good meetings. They were also able to talk with Marilyn Smith from QPS who set up a meeting at Quincy Public Schools with administration. We are very excited to be able to meet again at the schools and give kid talks for recruitment. This was previously put on hold during the Covid pandemic. Ricci talked about the Push to the Finish project which created some momentum that was needed to raise funds for the council. He also wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Council President Report (Jason Costigan): Jason commented that they have a successful nominating committee this year and the council has a good executive board. He recapped the budget and asked if anyone else was interested in helping with the Push to the Finish project. February 17, 2024 is the Council Annual meeting to be held in Burlington, Iowa.

The meeting was declared adjourned at 7:04 p.m. by Jason Costigan.

Respectfully submitted,


Ricci Dula
Scout Executive

Attest: 
Jason Costigan, Council President

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