

MINUTES
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

December 19, 2023

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

Executive Board Attendance

Greg Allen	Denise Embree	Jim Mehaffy
Rick Buller	Mark Field	Kevin Mineart
Jason Costigan	Jack Freiburg	Craig Nowell
Mark Crooks	Dennis Gorman	Nathan Smith
Mike Dade	Barb Holthaus	
Robert Dickson	Keith Klusmeyer	
John T Dozier	Bryan Langston	
Will Duryea	Karen Mayville	

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 meeting in person.

A safety talk was given by Commissioner, Craig Nowell with recommendations leading into the winter season. Listening to the forecasted weather, planning for cold-weather camping and Council events, dressing in layers, and watching for frostbite and hypothermia were among the topics.

Action Items:

- ◆ MOTION (by Will Duryea, seconded by Craig Nowell) TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 21, 2023 EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES AS PRESENTED. Motion carried.
- ◆ MOTION (by Bob Dickson, seconded by Dennis Gorman) TO ACCEPT THE 2024 BUDGET AND TREASURER'S REPORT AS PRESENTED. Motion carried.
- ◆ MOTION (by Jack Freiburg, seconded by Rick Buller) TO ACCEPT THE 2024 STAFF ORGANIZATIONAL CHART FOR MISSISSIPPI VALLEY COUNCIL AS PRESENTED. Motion carried.
- ◆ MOTION (by Keith Klusmeyer, seconded by Karen Mayville) TO ACCEPT THE VICE PRESIDENT REPORTS AS PRESENTED. Motion carried.

Treasurer report and Council revenue: (Will Duryea, Treasurer): Will reviewed the main discussions made in October and November regarding the 2024 budget. The 2023 budget will have a deficit along with the budget for 2024. The 2024 budget includes these highlights:

1. 2024 budget is less aggressive than 2023
2. A new-hire District Director is proposed for the Council after February 2024.
3. Restructure of special events to ones that are profitable
4. A motion to transfer unrestricted funds to the operating funds in November

Discussion & Report Items:

- Administration (Jeff Terry): Jeff was unable to attend, no report given.
- Endowment (Barb Holthaus): Barb reported the committee held a follow up meeting about the two cultivation events that took place (one in Burlington and one in Quincy). They concluded that there is a disconnect that needs to be focused upon before asking certain groups for donations. The committee will make goals for 2024 and are looking to add 3-4 members to their committee.
- Properties (Cory Johnson): Cory was unable to attend, and no report was given.
- Fund Development (Rick Buller): Rick reported the Push to the Finish Deliver the Promise campaign is short of the yearly goal. The hard work of the committee did help however to raise an additional \$8555 in revenue for the year. The Burlington Distinguished Citizen Dinner raised an exceptional \$18k for the event held in November. The 2024 Board Commitment form was passed out at the meeting. It is requested the board start off the Deliver the Promise strong for the year. A special event commitment form was also attached to encourage more board participation for 2024 with special events throughout the year.
- Marketing/Membership: (Karen Mayville): Karen reported that 12 of the 14 councils in our NST6 area are down in membership growth. The committee hopes to have more community exposure in 2024. They would like to survey those families that left the scouting program. They are also going to look at restructuring the local advertising to make a connection with our local communities.
- Program (Jason Costigan for Doug Peters): Jason reported that summer camp 2024 planning is underway. Winter events are planned and ready. MVC will partner with the Abraham Lincoln Council for NYLT in 2024 also and we will host in 2025.
- Order of the Arrow (Adam Tatti): Adam was unable to attend, and no report was given.
- Tribe of the Silver Tomahawk (Jason Costigan for Dakota Dietsch): Jason reported that the tribe leadership met on December 9th. Their Winter banquet is planned for January 13th and this event is open to everyone, not just tribesmen.

Commissioner's Report (Craig Nowell): Craig wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Upcoming is a commissioner college event on April 6, 2024, to be held in Marion, Iowa. This is for the NST4 and NST5 areas also. At the end of April will be a NST6 conference that is great for all board members to attend. The Vice Presidents will have breakout sessions for their specific area.

Scout Executive Report (Ricci Dula): Ricci informed the board that there is a staff planning conference on January 9th and 10th in St. Louis, MO. The purpose of the conference is to move our council forward efficiently in 2024. The staff will create measurable SMART goals. These


goals will focus on growth of membership, fundraising opportunities, and efficiency. Ricci asked the board to share any ideas they may have and that the council staff works for the board to support their efforts.

Council President Report (Jason Costigan): Jason reviewed upcoming dates for the board. January 16th is the next Executive Committee meeting, and February 17th is the Council Annual Dinner and board meeting at the Pzazz complex in Burlington, Iowa. Jason commented that good changes are being put in place and the nominating committee meetings have been positive.

The meeting was declared adjourned at 7:18 p.m. by Jason Costigan.

Respectfully submitted,


Ricci Dula
Scout Executive

Attest: 
Jason Costigan, Council President

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