



ESAA

Monthly Board Meeting

April 6, 2023



7:10AM ♦ Atherton Hall & Zoom Meeting
San Diego-Imperial Council ♦ Boy Scouts of America

NOTES

Presiding: Russ Christensen

In Attendance: Matthew Giedt-Paredes, Jim Atkins, Derek Hartley, Paul Honeycutt, Dan Mazzella, Karl Shelton

Agenda

- 1. Call to Order:** Russ Christensen called the meeting to order at 7:18 AM.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance:** Matthew Giedt-Paredes led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3. Invocation & Grace:** Karl Shelton opened our meeting with a prayer of guidance.
- 4. Approval of Minutes:** March meeting minutes were reviewed by the board members in attendance. Matthew Giedt-Paredes moved to approve the minutes as submitted, seconded by Jim Atkins. The motion passed unanimously.
- 5. Treasurer's Report:** Russ Christensen shared that several deposits had been made to our account related to the ESAA Networking event and from recent membership payments. Current balance is \$14,657.54.
- 6. Membership Report:** Jim Atkins said that he has received one new Life member and two new annual memberships. Plaques and welcome letters will go out.
- 7. Newsletter and Web Report:** No Report this month.
- 8. Friends of Scouting:** Chuck Dowe being absent, Russ Christensen reported that ESAA will be participating in the FOS campaign and Chuck will work with Katrina Petchers on the ESAA promotion.
- 9. Scholarships:** Jim Atkins reported that discussion has happened about the SAT/ACT scores as a part of the application. The state of CA and AZ no longer require them. He suggests that those scores are no longer a requirement of the scholarship. They may be provided if a Scout chooses to. Dan suggested that we may want to adopt the NESAs model of candidates submitting an essay. Jim responded that an essay in subsequent years is a very good idea to consider.
- 10. Networking Events:** Chris Vaughan being absent – Russ Christensen provided an update on the event at Pizza Port. North county Eagles were very pleased that we brought it north. The event was a cost neutral occasion. A day is set for the next Day at the Office youth Eagle Scout event at ViaSat on May 13th.
- 11. Eagle Recognition Dinner:** Russ Christensen reported that the event is moving forward. Past top gun commander Rick Ludwig will be our guest speaker, and we are expecting about 130 in attendance. Eagle Project of the Year selectee Ian West will not be in attendance as he is at college. A discussion ensued about the possibility of scheduling it later in the year in the future to avoid college conflict. It was also noted that Capt. Ludwig has been ill and that we may need a backup plan for his part in the program.
- 12. Eagle COH Equipment:** Russ Christensen reported that Bob and Adam Shuttlesworth

did a great job on the first Eagle podium. A photo and short story have been submitted for Scouting 360.

- 13. Mentor Program:** Bruce Doole being absent, no report was given.
- 14. Volunteer Opportunities:** Bruce Doole being absent, Russ shared that he is looking at doing things like fun runs and other water or support stations.
- 15. Council Report:** Karl Shelton shared about upgraded facilities at Camp Balboa, including new carpeting and expected paint on exterior walls. He shared that the office staff is expanding and that the recharter process was challenging this year but is now complete. He updated status on the Eagle Camp and other spring programs, and that we are 60 days away from start of Summer Camp. He reported that Sue Hodges became the new Council President in March, the first woman in the council history.
- 16. Around the Table:** Dan Mazzella shared one of his safety moments. MESH is a new acronym for Mental, Emotional & Social Health. Dan said we want to mentor the next Steven Spielberg who will help create safety moment videos with us. Dan also shared that he would like to coordinate service hours for clean up at Camp Balboa, including removal of invasive plants.

Adjournment at 8:23 AM. Next meeting April 6, 2023, 7:10 AM, Atherton Hall.