

## **2025-2026 Second Cabinet Report – Zone M**

**January 4, 2025**

The second Zone Meeting for clubs in Zone M will be conducted on January 22 at the recently unveiled Shenandoah County Community Center in Mount Jackson, Virginia.

Zone M Clubs:

Basye-Bryce Mountain  
Broadway  
Harrisonburg  
New Market

I am hopeful that this new meeting location will attract more participation. For the past three years, Zone meetings have been conducted in facilities at Bryce Resort in Basye. While the facilities are great for meetings and provide access to food, they may have been challenging to some participants due to the more remote location. The Community Center is housed in a newly renovated complex that once house the Triplett School and the area fire and rescue department. It offers, sports facilities, performing arts opportunities, classroom sites and a banquet/multi-purpose area with a commercial kitchen. As of this January, the area food pantry has relocated to center, which will enable it to serve an ever-increasing population of community members facing food challenges.

My goal will be to attract at least one representative from the Harrisonburg club to the January meeting. They have been “no-shows” for all of my previous Zone meetings. Because the center is located very close to the Interstate 81 corridor, I’m hoping this is possible.

A very successful practice employed during past Zone meetings has been “Zooming in” District leaders to discuss a variety of topics. During the first meeting of this club year, we were able to virtually meet with Peace Poster Chair Jeff Root. As result of discussions with him, the Basye Club decide to give the contest a try. The club chair found great support throughout the District, and had 78 students participate in this first effort. I will be working with the Community Center staff to continue the practice of virtual meetings with District leaders.

Because our January meeting will follow the Winter Conference, we will have the opportunity to discuss Conference highlights, perhaps make contact with project-related points-of-contact and hopefully consider and plan for some new projects and programs within the clubs in Zone M.

Submitted by Zone M Chair

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