

**Greater Pittsburgh Council Boy Scouts of America  
JAPEECHEN DISTRICT  
MINUTES  
COMMITTEE MEETING**

Comfort Inn  
Banquet Room (Second Floor)  
Harmar, PA

April 7, 2009  
Tuesday, 7:00 PM

Presiding: C. Arthur West III, District Chairman

Attended:

William A. Ammer, District Commissioner  
John Arentz  
Ronna Cullen Doyle  
Mark Eberhardt  
Richard R. Fellers  
Howard Hester

Steve Kuniak  
Jack Sanford  
Greg Smith  
Jamie Uber  
Art West, District Chairman

Unable to Attend:

Sharon Bachman  
Lessa Bella  
Karen Brienza  
Ron Ciciarelli  
Dave Dailey  
Joe DeBaldo  
Debbie Delk  
Evan Erickson  
Lou Hamill  
Dennis Haramic  
Nolan Harl  
Scott Harris  
Dave Hartman  
Linda Hartman  
Tom Hill  
Ron King  
Dan Klemens

Donna Klingensmith  
Angie Knudsen  
John Komar  
Rosemary C. Kuniak  
Keith Lewis  
Cliff McCalmont  
Greg Murray  
Donna Ramsey  
Wade Rankin  
Andy Rodgers  
Jim Rozycki  
Lee C. Schmidt  
Greg Shuey  
Don Stahlman  
Ken Volle  
Dan Winklmann

Youth Attended:

Matthew Bauman, First Class Scout

Troop 195

Staff Attended:

Dave Maudie, District Director

## ACTIONS TAKEN

Matthew Bauman, First Class Scout Troop 195 opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, and provided our leadership with some inspiration with a power point presentation of how his troop was introduced to the sport of trap shooting at a recent outing.

New Location: The Banquet room located on the second level in the Comfort Inn, 2801 Freeport Road, Harmer Township, PA 15238, was a great location for the District Meeting. The banquet room is being provided thanks to Joe DeBaldo who owns and operates Joey D's at the Comfort Inn. The new location is easy to access for all district members located on Freeport Road in Harmer. Pizza and soft drinks will be provided at all future meetings.

- Committees went into breakout sessions to conduct business.
- Each committee, that was represented, provided a report as follows:

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

District Commissioner/Friends of Scouting: Bill Ammer reported that our district leads all Greater Pittsburgh Council Districts in the Friends of Scouting Campaign. Our 2009 goal is \$51,600.00. Currently our district has pledged \$46,649.00. The 2009 family goal of \$29,000.00 has pledged or paid \$34,624.00 or 119.4% of our goal. Congratulations to all the units and their families for their strong support provided Friends of Scouting.

Nominating Committee: Denny Haramic, Chairman, Jim Rozycki, Ronna Cullen Doyle and Richard Fellers will present a slate for District Chairman, and Members at Large for the Japechen District at the Annual Meeting and Elections on Tuesday, May 12, 2009 at 7:00 PM, Joey D's Banquet Room (second floor) Harmer, PA. Chartered Organization Representatives, Members at Large of the Japechen District and Executive Board Members of the Greater Pittsburgh Council residing in our district are invited to vote and encouraged to make recommendations for:

- 1.) District Chairman
- 2.) Vice Chairmen
- 3.) Members at Large

For clarification, the District Commissioner currently Bill Ammer, is to be an elected member at large, but is offered for appointment and approval as a District Commissioner by the Council Executive (Michael B. Surbaugh) upon the recognition of the District Nominating Committee. Attached is a worksheet that will help explain the nominating process. Nominations and recommendations must be submitted in writing no later than April 30, 2009 to the Japeechen Nominating Committee, Greater Pittsburgh Council, Boy Scouts of America, 1275 Bedford Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15219. Nominations are not accepted from the floor the evening of our annual meeting. Please RSVP your attendance to Art West at 412-486-2800 or [art@arthurwest.com](mailto:art@arthurwest.com), or Dave Maudie at 412-325-7970 or [dmaudie@bsamail.org](mailto:dmaudie@bsamail.org). Please plan to attend our annual business meeting on Tuesday, May 12, 2009 at 7:00 PM at Joey D's, Harmar, PA.

Activities: Ronna Cullen Doyle committed to planning a great Adult Leader Recognition Dinner for Sunday, May 3, 2009 at Joey D's Banquet Room located at 2801 Freeport Road in the Comfort Inn, Harmar, PA. The cost is \$15.00. Attached is a reservation form. Please confirm your attendance by April 23, 2009. Contact Ronna Cullen Doyle at 412-486-1524 or [ronna08@aol.com](mailto:ronna08@aol.com).

District Director's Report: Dave Maudie. Membership looks good for youth and we need to work on units. The FOS looks very good and we are poised to break the family phase record. Our district continues to improve its operation and we are looking for spring recruitment dates from the packs. Thanks to everyone for all they do for scouting!

District Chairman: Art West was pleased with the new location of the district meetings, Joey D's Banquet Room, Comfort Inn, Harmar, PA. Attendance was not great, but work was accomplished. Snacks and drinks will be available at future meetings. Angie Knudsen has taken on the task of updating the official Japeechen District website. The website already has posted important dates and will improve with time. The district elections will take place at the Annual Business Meeting on Tuesday, May 12, 2009 at 7:00 PM at Joey D's, Harmar, PA. The district is going to put in place a calendar a good

year in advance to help with organization of district wide events. Please make an effort to attend the Annual Meeting and Elections on Tuesday, May 12, 2009 at 7:00 PM at Joey D's, Harmar, PA.

The 2009 Mellon Wealth Management Sporting Clays Classic will take place Friday, June 12, 2009 at Nemaquin Woodlands. Individual shooter cost is \$300.00. If you or a group is interested contact Amy Franz 412-325-7910 or email [amy.franz@scouting.org](mailto:amy.franz@scouting.org).

Dr. Kevin Leman, who is the featured speaker for the Thursday, April 30, 2009 Friends of Scouting dinner being held at the Westin Convention Center Hotel, has agreed to provide two special Mothers' Day Out presentations on "Mother Stress" and "7 Things He'll Never Tell You But You Need To Know" on Friday, May 1, 2009 at the McGinnis Education Center. If you are interested call the Scout Office at 412-325-7911 or [joanne.agich@scouting.org](mailto:joanne.agich@scouting.org). (See attached flyer.)

Adjournment: 9:00 PM

Yours in Scouting,  
Art West,  
District Chairman