

Greater Pittsburgh Council Boy Scouts of America
JAPEECHEN DISTRICT
Monthly Business Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 12, 2010, 7:00PM

Comfort Inn - Banquet Room
Harmar, PA

Presiding: C. Arthur West III, District Chairman

Attended:

William A. Ammer, District Commissioner	Jack Sanford
Rick Fellers, Vice Chair-Development	Jamie Uber
Ronald King	
Steve Kuniak, Vice Chair-Programs	
Wade Rankin, F.O.S.-Chair	

Unable to Attend: Members-At-Large

John Arenth-Popcorn	Thomas Hill
Karen Brienza-Cub Round Table	John Komar
Dave Dailey	Rosemary Kuniak
Ronna Cullen Doyle, Activities Co-Chairperson	Cliff McCalmont
Mark Eberhardt, Leadership Chairperson	Tom Miller
Evan Erickson	Eric OKunewick
Richard German	Sorena Ostlund
Dennis Haramic-Nominating	Melvin Pack
Angie Harl-Communications	Mark Polczynski
Robert Harrington-F.O.S. Family	Andy Rodgers
Scott Harris	Don Stahlman
David Hartman	Ken Volle-Activities Co-Chairperson

No Chartered Organization Representatives attended this meeting:

Art West has sent a letter to all chartered organization representatives asking them to provide an increased level of leadership to the Japeechen District.

Professional Staff Attended:

Dave Maudie, District Director

NEW BUSINESS

1. Art West opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 p.m.
2. Art West reported on matters that came before the Greater Pittsburgh Council Board of Directors meeting on Tuesday, January 12, 2010, Flag Plaza. Mark Breedlove, Council President, provided a year in review. Camping saw a significant increase in participation and popcorn sales were up three percent (3%). Greater Pittsburgh Council has achieved quality council status, which is a mark of excellence. Michael Surbaugh reported on “Words to live by.” The Greater Pittsburgh Council has developed an on-line program for parents of scouts that supports the mission of scouting. The idea is to show parents how long term scouting experiences will positively impact their child by building character and integrity.
3. Scott Hardy reported on the 100th Anniversary Volunteer Celebration on March 18, 2010, Heinz Field, West Club Lounge. Register on-line for this event.
4. Committees met together in one (1) breakout session.

Japeechen Committee Reports

Vice Chair Finance - Eric OKunewick:

- F.O.S. Family presentation dates are being organized by Rosemary C. Kuniak. F.O.S. presentation training is taking place at the council coordinated meeting Tuesday, January 19, 2010.
- An Eagle breakfast is going to be considered for Japeechen District as one of our F.O.S. Community programs. The goal is to honor Eagle Scouts within our district and raise an additional fifteen thousand dollars and 00/100 (\$15,000.00).

Vice Chair Programs - Stephen Kuniak:

- First Aid Meet – Dave Maudie is to determine if Valley or Highlands School District will host this event at a minimal cost.

- Mentor program to be established to help new unit leaders with the camping experience.
- Spring Camporee – Dave Maudie to confirm Camp Baker has been reserved for April 9 –11.
Themes:
 - a.) preparing summer camp for new scouts.
 - b.) meet the Merit Badge counselors. (no Eagle required merit badges are to be permitted).
- Pinewood Derby Mall Show – Date changed Saturday, February 27, 2010. Bill Ammer will do an email blast.
- February Round Table to feature a demonstration on electronic registrations.

Vice Chair Development – Rick Fellers:

- Rick is seeking a person to chair the all-important Membership Chair for 2010. If you would like to learn more about this opportunity to serve our district, call Rick at 412-760-9476.

District Director-Dave Maudie:

Dave announced the Japeechen District has achieved the Quality District Award for 2009. The most important result of this achievement is the recognition that our district is providing QUALITY to more young people in our community. Congratulations to all unit leaders and Japeechen District volunteers for this accomplishment.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

In an effort to improve participation our next district meeting will be held at Art West's office located at 1050 Saxonburg Boulevard, Glenshaw, PA 15116 on Tuesday, February 9, 2010 at 12:00 noon. Lunch will be provided.

Yours in Scouting,
Art West, Japeechen District Chairman