

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

Springdale Borough Municipal Bldg.  
325 School Street  
Springdale, PA 15144

March 10, 2009  
Tuesday, 7:00 PM

Presiding: C. Arthur West III, District Chairman

Attending:

William A. Ammer  
John Arenth  
Karen Brienza  
Joe DeBaldo  
Ronna Cullen Doyle  
Richard R. Fellers  
Nolan Harl  
Howard Hester

Angie Knudsen  
Steve Kuniak  
Andy Rodgers  
Jim Rozycki  
Art West

Unable to Attend:

Sharon Bachman  
Lessa Bella  
Ron Ciciarelli  
Dave Dailey  
Evan Erickson  
Lou Hamill  
Dennis Haramic  
Scott Harris  
Dave Hartman  
Linda Hartman  
Tom Hill  
Dan Klemens

Donna Klingensmith  
John Komar  
Rosemary C. Kuniak  
Keith Lewis  
Cliff McCalmont  
Greg Murray  
Jack Sanford  
Lee C. Schmidt  
Greg Shuey  
Don Stahlman  
Jamie Uber  
Ken Volle  
Dan Winklmann

Youth:

Dillon Knudsen                      Pack 120  
Shawn Knudsen                      Troop 186

Staff:

Dave Maudie

## ACTIONS TAKEN

Dillon Knudsen Pack 120 and his older brother Shawn Knudsen Troop 186 opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and provided our leadership with some inspiration with a demonstration of how scouting is impacting their lives.

NEW BUSINESS: On a motion by Art West, seconded by Jim Rozycki the monthly Japechen District meeting is moving from the Springdale Borough Building to the banquet room located on the second level in the Comfort Inn, 2801 Freeport Road, Harmer Township, PA 15238. 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. A light snack 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

TRAINING: Jim Rozycki reported this past fall sixty (60) new leaders were trained. Postcards will be developed to announce to our entire district future training dates. Every effort will be made to improve communication within our district. Online training is available at [www.olc.scouting.org](http://www.olc.scouting.org).

Howard Hester reported eighteen (18) students attended training for wilderness first aid. If a "group" of individuals are interested in this training, Howard would organize additional training.

MEMBERSHIP: Rick Fellers has agreed to provide leadership to the all important Membership Committee. This committee is going to require significant human resources. If you or you know of someone interested in helping with membership let us know.

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER: (FOS) Bill Ammer and his FOS presenters have been out in the district with the friends of scouting campaign. Our district is holding the top spot out of the 12 districts as of March 9, 2009 with thirty-eight thousand one hundred sixty dollars and 00/100 (\$38,160.00) committed towards our goal of fifty-one thousand six hundred dollars and 00/100 (\$51,600.00). Our entire district should be very proud of this accomplishment.

Bill needs unit commissioners. Any individual interested in serving the Japeechen District in this important role should contact Bill Ammer directly.

ACTIVITIES: Ronna Cullen Doyle announced the Japeechen District Recognition Dinner is Sunday, May 3, 2009 at the Comfort Inn, 2801 Freeport Road thanks to the support of Joe DeBaldo. Details of the dinner will be mailed out to all district leaders.

ADVANCEMENT: Andy Rodgers reported Japeechen District produced thirty-five (35) Eagle Scouts last year. This year the class looks like it will be smaller. The goal for Eagles is quality not quantity.

- A general discussion to provide improved leadership at a district level for district wide events like:
  - a.) Fall Camporee
  - b.) Klondike Derby
  - c.) First Aid Training
  - d.) Spring CamporeeDates and locations need to be established a year or more in advance to review conflicts and secure sites.

DISTRICT CHAIRMAN: Art West discussed the issue of the official versus unofficial website that is currently in use for our district. Dave Maudie is going to discuss how Japeechen leadership might be able to access the official website under some acceptable system with Greater Pittsburgh Council to eliminate the current official/unofficial site currently in practice. Angie Knudsen is currently maintaining the unofficial Japeechen website <http://www.angelfire.com/pa4/japeechen/>

DISTRICT DIRECTOR: Dave Maudie reported on membership campaign information, which are attached. Dave is generally pleased with the progress of the district. He is looking forward to reaching our financial goals, which will allow him to focus on programming.

There has been no further business. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

**Next round table will be at O'Hara Elementary on Wednesday, April 1, 2009, and the next district committee meeting will be at the Comfort Inn, banquet room, Harmer, Tuesday, April 7, 2009.**

Yours in Scouting,  
Art West,  
District Chairman