

**Greater Pittsburgh Council Boy Scouts of America
JAPEECHEN DISTRICT
Monthly Business Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 18, 2009, 7:00PM**

Comfort Inn - Banquet Room
Harmar, PA

Presiding: C. Arthur West III, District Chairman

Attended:

William A. Ammer, District Commissioner	Wade Rankin, F.O.S.Chairperson
Ronna Cullen Doyle, Activities Co-Chairperson	Jack Sanford
Mark Eberhardt, Leadership Chairperson	Jamie Uber
Rick Fellers, Vice Chair-Development	
Eric Okunewick, Vice Chair-Finance	

Unable to Attend: Members-At-Large

John Arenth-Popcorn	John Komar
Karen Brienza-Cub Round Table	Rosemary Kuniak-F.O.S.
Dave Dailey	Stephen Kuniak-Vice-Chair Program
Evan Erickson	Cliff McCalmont
Richard German	Tom Miller
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
Thomas Hill	Sorena Ostlund-Membership Chairperson

Unable to Attend Chartered Organization Representatives:

To be added next monthly minutes.

NOTE: All charter organization representatives will be encouraged to participate in our district meetings and encouraged to provide a level of leadership to our district.

Staff Attended:

Dave Maudie, District Director

NEW BUSINESS

- 1.) Art West opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00PM.
- 2.) Art West presented a motion that Eric Okunewick, C.P.A., eokunew@att.net or 412-779-0289, fill the vacant position of Vice Chair-Finance. A voice vote was taken by all members at large in attendance. The motion carried with no dissenting votes.
- 3.) Art West presented a motion that Richard Fellers (cell) 412-760-9476 (home) 724-443-6519, a current member of the executive board of the Greater Pittsburgh Council, to fill the vacant position of Vice Chair-Development. A vote was taken by all members at large in attendance. The motion carried with no dissenting votes.
- 4.) Art West proposed that the monthly business meeting for Japeechen District take place at lunch at the Comfort Inn in an effort to improve attendance by district-at-large members. Art will send out an email to members-at-large and other volunteers to determine if the lunch hour will improve attendance.
- 5.) Committees went into their breakout sessions to conduct planning.

Japeechen Committee Reports

Vice Chair Finance- Eric Okunewick, attended meeting

Eric Okunewick – Eric Okunewick and his committee were very productive. John Arenth, who was not able to attend, did report to Art West prior to the meeting that popcorn is on track. John was at the Round Table at Camp Guyasuta where he gave a thorough report on this year's program. John Arenth may be reached at (work) 412-781-6017 (cell) 412-758-3660 or john.arenth@pnc.com for answers regarding the popcorn program. The website is also a source of answers to many routine questions.

Friends of Scouting (F.O.S.)

F.O.S. Chairperson Wade Rankin and Vice Chair of Finance Eric Okunewick will present a detailed plan at our next business meeting for the 2009-2010 year.

Items Discussed:

- F.O.S. dinner contacts and giving targets
- Invite a thank you gift of \$1,000.00
- Invite a donation at dinner – total gift \$500.00

F.O.S. Community

- Mine Safety Appliance through Jamie Uber
- Japechen List – Dave Maudie to obtain
- Committee Contact – Request potential donors from committee members

F.O.S. Family

- Packs – Schedule for Christmas, Pinewood or Blue and Gold
- Troops – Court of Honor
- Training Session – November District Meeting – Bill Ammer to present the “Gold Standard” on how to present a F.O.S. donation request at a scout event.

Programs-Vice Chair Programs –Stephen Kuniak (Not able to attend meeting)

Ronna Cullen-Doyle chaired the program meeting.

- Fall Camporee October 9 – 11 Deer Lakes
- Discussed events for Camporee
- Bill Ammer to provide volleyball target game
- Frisbee Golf discussed – Deer Lakes has a course
- Tug of Way discussed – Need a rope
- Need email list for all packs and troops to help with information distribution and request for help with programs – Angie Harl may be able to provide these email lists.
- Warehouse storage to be provided for Japechen property at Art West’s office warehouse space at 1050 Saxonburg Boulevard.

University of Scouting October 31, 2009

Any volunteer with special skills that is interested on teaching should contact Dave Maudie.

Recognition Dinner May 2, 2010:

Need a committee to organize and gather gifts for participants.

Vice Chair Development-Rick Fellers (attended meeting)

Sorena Ostlund, Membership Chairperson was not able to attend the meeting, but submitted a report for the meeting. Rena has organized a list of schools in the Japeechen District to target for presentations for the fall and winter recruiting program. Japeechen needs to exceed our membership goal to be named a quality district. Rick Fellers, Rena Ostlund and others will be delivering a solid effort to reach our target goals. We need help in this area! So if you have time to make presentations (boy talks) please contact Rick Fellers or Dave Maudie directly to help with our membership effort.

Boy Scouts

A new effort is under way to introduce scouting to boys in the sixth grade that have not experience scouting at the Cub Scout level. Presenters need to be trained and appointments made to sixth grade boys.

District Director-Dave Maudie

Dave is keeping us on tract to reach our goal as a quality district. Japeechen District is much better organized going into the 2009/2010 year. Membership is going to be our next area of concentration. Serving the current packs and troops better and recruiting new boys to our quality programs is primary concern. Dave reported as of August 7, 2009 Japeechen F.O.S.'s goal of fifty-one thousand six hundred dollars and 00/100 (\$51,600.00) has reached sixty-four thousand six hundred thirteen dollars and 00/100 (\$64,613.00) or 125.2% over our goal. Dave wants the entire district to know how pleased he is with the commitment to scouting Japeechen district members have shown as demonstrated by this very successful F.O.S. campaign. Special thanks to Bill Ammer for his tireless effort to the F.O.S.

Campaign. Dave reminds the members to attend the November 10, 2009 meeting to learn from Bill Ammer with a special demonstration on how to present F.O.S. Program to parents of Scouts.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:00PM.

Yours in Scouting,
Art West,
District Chairman