

**Greater Pittsburgh Council Boy Scouts of America
JAPEECHEN DISTRICT
Monthly Business Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 8, 2009, 7:00PM**

Comfort Inn - Banquet Room
Harmar, PA

Presiding: C. Arthur West III, District Chairman

Attended:

William A. Ammer, District Commissioner
Ronna Cullen Doyle, Activities Co-Chairperson
Rick Fellers, Vice Chair-Development
Stephen Kuniak, Vice Chair-Programs
Cliff McCalmont

Eric Okunewick, Vice Chair-Finance
Sorena Ostlund-Membership Chairperson
Wade Rankin, F.O.S. Chairperson
Andy Rogers, Advancement Chairperson
Jack Sanford

Unable to Attend: Members-At-Large

John Arenth-Popcorn
Karen Brienza-Cub Round Table
Dave Dailey
Mark Eberhardt, Leadership Chairperson
Evan Erickson
Richard German
Dennis Haramic-Nominating
Angie Harl-Communications
Robert Harrington-F.O.S. Family
Scott Harris
David Hartman

Thomas Hill
John Komar
Rosemary Kuniak-F.O.S.
Tom Miller
Melvin Pack
Mark Polczynski
Don Stahlman
Jamie Uber
Ken Volle-Activities Co-Chairperson

Unable to Attend Chartered Organization Representatives:

TO BE ADDED

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 thanked all the Vice Chairs, Eric Okunewick-Finance, Steve Kuniak –Programs and Rick Fellers-Development for attending the business meeting and working with their sub-chairs to accomplish their initiatives. Art West discussed the Greater Pittsburgh Council Board Retreat to take place at Heritage Reservation Saturday, September 12, 2009. Art West made available the Greater Pittsburgh Council Strategic Plan 2009-2013 to help Japeechen leaders focus on how the plan is guiding district programs. (see attached Greater Pittsburgh Council Strategic Plan) Bill Ammer, District Commissioner will join Art West at the retreat to represent the Japeechen District. Bill Ammer is providing training for F.O.S. presenters at November’s meeting.
- 3.) Committees went into their breakout sessions to conduct planning.

Japeechen Committee Reports

Vice Chair Finance- Eric Okunewick

Eric Okunewick and Wade Rankin, F.O.S. Chair, were very productive. Their report is as follows:

FOS Team

- Wade Rankin, Bob Harrington, Jamie Uber, Jack Sanford, Bill Ammer, Dave Maudie, Eric OKunewick, Art West

Unit / Family

- Training – Bill Ammer will provide training for delivering Unit Talks at the November District Meeting.
- Volunteers – We are officially asking for volunteers to perform unit talks. Please see Wade Rankin or Bob Harrington. We would like to schedule talks at every unit (Troop, Pack, and Crew).
- Unit Talk Scheduling – Wade, Bob, and Eric will work with Bill Ammer and Dave Maudie to identify when the talks were held for each unit last year and start working out this year’s schedule with the unit leaders.

Community

- Target Identification – We would like to expand the targets for this year’s community FOS campaign. As part of this, we are trying to identify contacts that each district committee member has in the district. This should include both large and small businesses. Wade will send out a template to capture this information. The template will include Business Name, Contact Name, Address, Phone Number, and Contact Owner.
- Target Contact – We will work with each contact owner to identify the best approach for their community targets. Typically, one of the FOS teams would accompany the contact owner for any FOS Target meeting.

Eagle List

- Statistics – Based on Eagle List obtained from council
 - Eagle Scouts living in Japeechen District – 1307
 - Japeechen Eagles living in other districts (still in council) – 270
- Brainstorming – Need help with ideas on approaching Japeechen Eagles for FOS
 - List Review – Working session with District Committee Members
 - Contact Approach – Based on who knows the Eagle Scout and how well they know them.
 - Preventing Duplicates – Making sure that we manage our contacts with the Eagle Scouts.

Vice Chair Programs –Stephen Kuniak

Recognition Dinner May 2, 2010. Art West confirmed reservation with Jackie, Banquet Room, Comfort Inn. Need a committee to organize and gather gifts for participants. Ronna Cullen-Doyle discussed selling ad space in the event program. Dave Maudie will investigate this option. The Spring Camporee will be designed to introduce new scouts to the camping experience prior to the summer camping season.

Vice Chair Development-Rick Fellers

Sorena Ostlund, Membership Chairperson was able to attend the meeting. Rena has organized a list of schools in the Japeechen District to target for presentations for the fall and winter recruiting program. Presentations are in progress. 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 at cell# 412-760-9476, Vice Chair-

Development or Dave Maudie at 412-325-7970 or cell# 412-766-0824, District Director, directly to help with our membership effort. Rick Fellers will attend an Eagle Board of Review.

District Director-Dave Maudie

Dave Maudie discussed popcorn indicating that the Japeechen District is on track for this all-important annual campaign. The Popcorn Chairperson John Arenth or Dave Maudie are to be contacted directly to answer any questions or concerns you have regarding the popcorn program.

John Arenth, who was not able to attend, did report to Art West prior to the meeting that popcorn is on track. 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.

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

Yours in Scouting,
Art West,
District Chairman