Greater Pittsburgh Council Boy Scouts of America

JAPEECHEN DISTRICT MINUTES

Comfort Inn September 7, 2010

Banquet Room (Second Floor) Tuesday, 7:00 PM

Joey D's Harmar, PA

Presiding: C. Arthur West III, District Chairman

Attended:

Karen Brienza Cliff McCalmont
Ronna Cullen Doyle Wade Rankin
Rick Fellers Jack Sanford
Stephen Kuniak
Unable to Attend:
Thomas Hill
John Komar
Rosemary Kuniak
Tom Miller
Eric OKunewick
Rena Ostlund
Melvin Peck
Mark Polczynski
Andy Rodgers
Jim Rozycki
Greg Shuey
Staff Attended:
Clark Israel, Interim District Director
Clay Shumway, District Executive
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Don Stahlman
Jamie Uber
Ken Volle
William A. Ammer, District Commissioner
John Arenth
Dave Dailey
Mark Eberhardt
Evan Erickson
Richard German
Denny Haramic
Angie Harl
Robert Harrington
Scott Harris
David Hartman
Howard Hester

ACTIONS TAKEN

Art West called the meeting to order at 7:00PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

General Business Items:

Clark L. Israel, the Interim District Director, reviewed the progress of Japeechen District relative to the 2010 goals that were set in January for our district. There are eight (8) criteria for the award. We have achieved our finance goal for 2010. Criteria for Quality District status is as follows:

1. 60% of our traditional units will earn Centennial Quality Award in 2010.

2. Number of new units organized in 2010.

3. Growth in traditional membership or percentage gain traditional density.

4. Increase in the district's retention of youth.

5. Achievement of district's finance goals.

6. District commissioner staff will retain a certain percentage of units in the district.

7. Adding additional commissioners and increasing unit visits by commissioners.

8. Recruiting and training additional district committee members.

District Chairman Report: Art West, District Chair

Art West reported that our target markets are parents with Cub Scout age boys who, in many instances, are using the internet to find information about our programs. Each unit needs to go online and register their local unit and unit leaders, so parents in the Japeechen district can make contact directly with your unit. Call or email Bill Ammer if you need help on how to register your units online, 412-389-4429 412-389-4429 or email bill@ammerconsulting.com.

Secondly, we are examining how to link or incorporate unit web pages to the official Greater Pittsburgh Council web page.

Finance: Eric OKunewick, Vice Chair

Wade Rankin attended on behalf of Eric OKunewick. Popcorn is chaired by John Arenth 412-758-3660 412-758-3660 and Jeremy Evans 412-952-5992 412-952-5992 . This year units are able to take advantage of online sales, and are able to receive credit for those sales. Online sales for popcorn are doing well. A four percent (4%) bonus for units that are timely with meetings and reports is available. Unit participation in the popcorn program is a great way to raise

money for your unit. Units should contact service clubs like the rotary, moose and garden clubs for popcorn sales. Many of these organization members will support the program.

F.O.S. Family:

Clark Israel is to check on the process that is being followed in the distribution of the patch award program for F.O.S. Family 2010.

Year end effort will be made on F.O.S. 2009 families and 2010 families that did not receive a F.O.S. presentation, or have not made a pledge this year. Our 2010 financial goal was achieved, but some extra funds would protect our goal against pledges that are not fulfilled. Rosemary Kuniak will organize the 2011 F.O.S. family presentations. Art West will provide her with an updated chart of last year's results.

Programs: Steve Kuniak, Vice Chair

Ronna Cullen Doyle and Karen Brienza aid the Klondike Derby is well organized this year thanks in part to the efforts of Ken Volle. Need ideas on how to encourage troops to participate in the derby effort. Clearly this event is a recruiting opportunity for troops.

Youth protection training continues to be a challenge for our volunteers. Go online and "get it done!" See online details for Fall Campaganza.

Development: Rick Fellers, Vice Chair

Fall recruiting is in full swing. School talks are scheduled. Shaler Township School District continues to block school talks during the school day. We need to determine if this is a board of administration directive. Five packs have been identified for growth.

Clay Shumway is welcomed as new District Executive.

Adjournment: 9:45PM Next district meeting is Thursday, October 14, 2010.

Yours in Scouting,

Art West,

District Chairman