

September Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Jen, Tara, Sarah, Julia, Lori, Kimberly, Amina

Call to order: 1901

President

- **Fall Fest 29 Oct 1400-2000**- We will have our own trunk at the trunk or treat. Any theme ideas?
 - Meetings once a week; next is 16 Sept at 1200 in Bldg 89
 - Goal is bigger than last year; NATO wide; only US Specific is flu line
 - Ideas: Fishing, Candy Land, **Brainstorm more ideas SMARTER NOT HARDER**
 - Cardinal has said we are welcome to advertise Foggy Fields at the event
 - We can do a slide and flyers
 - Funding request should be coming soon (if not already here)
 - Can we do 20 to 30 minute shifts so we can be with our kids? **JEN**
 - Extend volunteering opportunity to membership
 - JFC/Brunssum Halloween is 31 Oct 1800-2000
 - Req'd to provide 500 pieces of candy (GK will provide the candy)
- **Poe would like us to meet with General Thompson and her German counterpart**
 - **Let's push to after FF; December?**
 - **Tara will arrange**
- **Open board positions:** Vice-President, Historian, Special Events. Please continue to promote these!
 - Publicity is open; Sarah, Jen, and Julia are currently filling in gaps
- **Polish Pottery**
 - Jen has set up a volunteer list, we have had some people sign up already, please continue to promote/sign up
 - No room for childcare on Friday - don't offer for volunteers; make kid corner where food usually sat;
 - If the commissary will not provide food (as they have in the past), we can shift to crockpot meals like Foggy had last year.

- Let's reach out through PO and see what options there are; Tara will reach out to Stevens;
- o Jenna has expressed more of a disconnect with her this year. In the past, she has run the event, but she is no longer in the area.
 - Craft a list of ASGK vs non-ASGK responsibilities
- o How would we like to handle polish pottery bucks this year?
 - Millena will exchange PPB immediately; board member on the cashier every shift; every purchase must be logged;
- **Hub events**
 - o Shawna has asked if we are interested in sponsoring future events at the HUB (such as the gaming tournament). She suggested one a quarter
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- **Welfare requests**
 - o Currently, we vote on them at the board meetings. Our website says that the receipts will here back within ____ days. We either need to update the website, or change when we vote. We could also go on a case by case basis depending on when they need the money.
 - Consider changing to something akin to "last Wednesday before the monthly board meeting" or 45 days prior (which ensures at least one meeting)
 - Motion to change wording to 45 days prior - motion Julia, second Jen, passes; Tara will make the change
- **Upcoming events:**
 - o **October Social-** October 3 or October 10, Building 109
 - Oct 3 is a German Holiday; Oct 10 is leading into the fall break
 - 2 and 6 Oct are most logical options;
 - Sarah motions to keep 3 Oct and use the Sports Complex; Jen second; passes
 - Tara will provide Amina with contact info
 - On the sign up for childcare, be upfront about being an outdoor event;
 - o **Polish Pottery-** October 24-25 (Set up Oct 23)
 - o **Foggy Fields-** November 14-16 (Set up starting November 13 - Thursday)
 - o **November event (?)**
 - Technically, bagging and FF count as events

- When can we fit another event in?
- Could we do a lunch/brunch/friendsgiving during the event? Sunday is typically a low attendance day;
- Commissary Bagging- November 9th
- Spring Market(?)
 - No dates yet; interest in the Market being on GK

Treasurer Report:

"ASGK Account: €15,290.99

ASGK USD: \$3,733.72

Foggy: €7,715.31 (does not include FF bills)

SumUp: €123.07

Pending: Bagging & September event numbers (in cash box)

Finally got IRS approval, working on getting documents together for USAG Benelux Private Org status renewal.

Scholarships: Checks mailed to all but one local (details pending; Will IBAN transfer equivalent in pounds) and the Junior (money was meant to be used in summer, contact has not been return) (\$7,800 total disbursed)

Why is there not an agreement in place about submitting information in a certain time period or funds will be forfeited. Meg - get in touch with Jen

Foggy Fields bill: not paid NATO POC is currently on leave and returns in 1 week. Once returned will be meeting to discuss the bill. Col Poe has advised us to wait for his involvement

Funding Request:

Scouting of America: asking for \$500 Offset cost of membership fees/ September 1-8, 2025/JFC Scout Hut; Due to the nature of our community and the lack of fundraising opportunities for the Scouts, our membership fees are much higher than Scouting troops in the States. The money from ASGK would be used to offset our local membership fees. Our membership fees cover the cost of our annual rechartering fee, merit badges and awards, ranks and pins, troop supplies (camping equipment, rental fees, items needed for merit badges such as ropes, gardening equipment, etc.,) Scoutbooks for each scout, and uniform pieces (neckerchiefs, council and number patches, shoulder loops, and merit badge sashes.) Most scouts earn on average 10 merit badges a year, which by itself is equal to \$50 per scout. Our Troop has 18 current members and we are hoping to add more with new families that PCSed over the summer. The cost of merit badges alone is over \$900 a year, which doesn't take into account our overachieving scouts that earn more than 10 merit badges a year, or the cost of multiple ranks earned throughout the scouting year or any of the other costs included in the above description of what our membership fee covers for our scouts. ; Funds received from other orgs: American Legion Post 300- \$300

We gave troop 500; Sarah motions to approve, Amina seconds, passes

Local Command Esports League: € 50-75; This will be a video game tournament similar to the Mario Kart 8 tournament ASGK supported. The idea is to use all cash as a prize pool for participants of the tournament. This is open to all who are allowed access to bldg 109 on GK

How many people participated last time?

Are we doing it monthly? Quarterly?

Sarah motion to approve 75, Jen second, passed

Consider paper bags and stamps/stickers to present gift cards with branding

GK Fall Festival: €250; Requesting Funds to assist with purchasing candy to support the trunk or treat; Funds received from other orgs: Currently received 1500 from NATO MWA (most of this will be allocated to other activities the event)

Julia motions to approve, Sarah seconds, passes. But tell them to consider NOT the commissary.

Membership: Potentially Lori? - **DEFINITELY LORI**

-We are at 42 members, 7 walk ins on Friday

-Have not emailed out the membership newsletter yet, waiting on the final flyer for Octobers event.

Publicity:

Posting: Jen, Julia, and Sarah are currently sharing posting duties. Jen has created a post schedule (thank you!) for more consistent interaction/advertisement with members.

- Consider making an ASGK page, we would be able to reply as ASGK, be tagged
 - Concerns about security

Any update on a pop up banner?

Tara is going to handle one for Foggy and one for ASGK

Flyers- can we create all QR codes for future events this week? At least through December?

Look into options for keeping the same QR

Hospitality:

Great first event!

Booking venues

- We have used the US gym in the past, is that still an option?
- Bavarian Kellar is an option

Historian:

-Looking thru the website I noticed a couple links out of date, working on updating those this week.the funding request form & private org contract requires to be updated.

Scholarships:

- All checks have been mailed
- The Reeves' checks are in the states as of September 6th

- Meg will update Laura with the tracking number
- The junior who received a scholarship for a summer class that has since past has still not been heard from. The funds should be reallocated

Parliamentarian:

- Private Org status has been approved by the IRS (yay!!), Tara and I are working on the next steps
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Volunteer

Polish Pottery

- **Volunteer Slots:** Any changes to the sign up slots for the polish pottery sale? Are we using the card reader and do we want this to be a board member only responsibility?
- **Childcare:** Do we want to provide childcare for volunteers on Friday? (Need to discuss budget and confirm Shelia's schedule)

Foggy fields: Meeting **tomorrow** at 11, at building 109, If possible, be there at 10:30 for an ASGK debrief

Adjourned: 2038