

**GIRL SCOUTS OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**May 5, 2018**  
**Rend Lake College**

**MINUTES**

In Attendance: Deanna Litzenburg, Anne Haltenhof, Steve Bushong, Susan Bowman, Angie Zahn, John McCracken, Richard Huntington, Melanie Mills, Norma Trimble, James Sabella, Beth Freeburg, Phil Climaco. Ex Officios: Katharine Housewright. Staff: Loretta Graham, Kelley Young, Tori Green.

Absent: Carla Nilson, Diane Siemer.

**Meeting called to order by Deanna Litzenburg at 1:15 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance and the Girl Scout Promise were recited. Roll was called and quorum was established.**

The Consent Agenda, which included the following, was reviewed:

- Board of Directors Meeting Minutes 02.22.2018
- Annual Year to Date Membership Summary
- Financial Dashboard 02.28.2018 & 03.31.2018
- Fund Development Packet 02.21.2018 & 04.30.2018
- Property Task Force Packet 02.19.2018 & 3.14.2018

**Motion to accept the consent agenda items was made by John McCracken and seconded by Melanie Mills. Vote: unanimous. Motion carried.**

**CEO Comments**

Loretta has made some immediate changes in her new role; one staff member has been let go and she's created a part time camp ranger position to create a safer environment for our camp rangers that are often working alone with heavy equipment at camp. Loretta has visited with several volunteers and the results have been positive, and she has reviewed the structure of the organizational chart.

Loretta presented the board with an updated set of Strategic Priorities to guide decision making and governance for the following year. These included:

- Membership: Recruit, serve, and retain a diverse group of girl membership who are excited to learn new things, support their community, help others, and live by the Girl Scout Law.
- Program: Offer quality, exciting, challenging, and progressive programs for girls.

- Marketing and Communications: Coordinate and support girl and adult members as they promote Girl Scouting within their communities.
- Fund Development: Cultivate a fund development program capable of supporting council program and membership goals.
- Management: Manage the council in an efficient and effective manner using the council's strategic plan, annual budgets, and appropriate reporting to the Board of Directors.

**Motion to accept implementation of Strategic Priorities was made by Beth Freeburg and seconded by Anne Haltenhof. Vote: unanimous. Motion carried.**

### Fund Development Committee

Melanie discussed the Fund Development Committee; quorum has been an issue and they're working on getting some new members on the committee. Melanie and Diane are hosting the next Leading Ladies event.

Anne touched base on the Golf Committee. There's a chance that this event may be retired after this year.

Loretta would like to host a "Red White and Blue Gala" in 2019. This would be a mixture of bipartisan government representation. The gala would be community based and would act as both a GSSI fundraiser and scholarship fund for girls that want go to into the political field. Rhonda Sauget of the Southern Illinois Leadership Council was mentioned as a potential speaker.

### Finance Committee

Susan covered the financial dashboards. Both February and March financial dashboards and lines of credit were reviewed and both revenue and expenses are down. Investment accounts have consistently stayed above benchmark.

### Property Task Force

Hunting on Camp Butterfly will be put off until next season to ensure that it's done correctly and all aspects are considered thoroughly. Other councils and Camp Ondesonk have been contacted as well as the Department of Natural Resources.

**Motion that the Property Task Force move forward with planning a hunting season on Camp Butterfly for year 2019 made by Angie Zahn and seconded by Richard Huntington. Vote: unanimous. Motion carried.**

**Motion to accept the resignations of both Mary Jo Pembroke and Nancy Smolak made by Susan Bowman and seconded by Norma Trimble. Vote: unanimous. Motion carried.**

**Motion to accept the resignation of Rachel Ruetters made by Jim Sabella and seconded by Beth Freeburg. Vote: unanimous. Motion carried.**

Open discussion

Kelley Young is working on a comparison snapshot on the cost of keeping Camp Chan Ya Ta. Once this and other materials have been collected, the PTF will reexamine the material and make a recommendation to the board. Tori Green is working with Jessica Upchurch, the Volunteer Experience Director, to get a message to delegates asking for volunteers to join the PTF committee. Jessica will send this message and an application to service unit managers to distribute to the delegates.

Loretta has drafted a letter regarding board decisions regarding camps and reuniting the council. This letter will be sent to membership.

Adjournment

With no further business, the Board of Directors meeting was adjourned.