



**Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois  
Board Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, January 27, 2021 @ 5:00PM  
Zoom Meeting**

**PRESENT:**

Voting Board Members:	Voting Board Members Absent:
Deanna Litzenburg, Chair	Terra Hamilton
Anne Haltenhof	
Steven Bushong	
Priscilla Jacks	
Melanie Mills	
Beth Shindel	
Norma Trimble	
James Sabella	
Tracy Smith	
Micki Weaver	
Paula Nixon	
Amanda Highlander	
Robin Steinmann	
Amy Williamson	
	Staff members:
	Loretta Graham, CEO
	Carolyn Brooks, Director of Comm. Engagement
	Ashley Green-Bryant, Governance Coordinator
Non-Voting Board Members:	Guests:
Megan Biggs, Ex Officio	Schmersahl Treloar, CPA's
KayLee Melton, Girl Ex Officio	
Mary Buchanan, Girl Ex Officio	
<p><i>*Note any late arrivals or early departures here:</i>            Norma Trimble arrived @ 5:23PM            Amanda Highlander arrived @ 5:50PM</p>	

**1. Mission Moment**

Troop Zoom Initiative – Community Engagement and Program Departments partnered for Troop Zoom project, provides all girls Daisy, Brownie & Junior to meet virtually, participate in activities, and earn badges while local troops might be unable to meet due to COVID. This is not replacing local troops, keeping girls active who might not have an active troop right now.

**2. Approval of the Consent Agenda**

- Board of Directors Minutes 12.09.2020
- Finance Partial Packet 1.07.2021 and 01.21.2021

**Motion: To Approve Consent Agenda Items.**

**Moved: Beth Shindel**

**Seconded: Priscilla Jacks**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**3. CEO Summary**

**Membership Update –**

Traditional Girl Goal 5948, currently at 4105 total girls which is 69% to goal.

Adult Goal 2874, currently at 2329 adults which is 81% to goal.

Outreach membership goal 1000 girls, 165 girls registered at this time. All outreach girls are virtual right now, hard to get girls due to virtual platform. Hoping to get back in school within the next month.

**Cookies –** 27% higher with digital cookie this year from last. Initial order will be occurring within the next week. Loretta and Council held a Cookie Town Hall with Cookie Managers to ensure they have help from Council to meet their goals. Different approaches this year; Drive thru events and new partnerships with organizations (PC for People, American Legions).

**PC's for People –** events are going really well with great turnout. General public are recognizing these events because of the "Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois" name and partnership.

**4. Board Chair Summary**

**Camp Torqua Town Hall –** Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30PM Please attend.

**Annual Meeting –** Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30PM via Zoom. It is a Board Meeting as well. Please be present. Also, Adult Awards will be presented as well.

**5. Finance Committee- Audit Presentation – Schmersahl Treloar, CPA’s**

Audit went well, it was presented to Finance Committee early January. They had full cooperation from the staff. Notes on Financial Statement due to COVID-19, the sale of Mt. Vernon property & sale of Camp Butterfly. 990 drafts will be sent to Council next week, due date of February 15<sup>th</sup>. Final signed version of audited financial statements will be sent once approved by the Board of Directors.

**Motion: To Approve the 2019/2020 Audit for File as Presented.**

**Moved: Coming out of Finance Committee.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**6. Finance Committee Updates**

Priscilla presented Financial Reports through December 2020. PPP Loan application has been turned in, \$420,000 is the amount submitted. 2019/2020 Audit has been approved.

**Motion: To Approve Financial Reports Through 12/31/2020.**

**Moved: Coming out of Finance Committee.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**7. Fund Development Committee Updates**

Crisis intervention is where grants are being handed out largely due to COVID, hard to find new grants at this time.

New Fund Development Director – Heidi Koehl Weaver wants to focus on donor cultivation.

We continue to write grants throughout the year, applying for Americorp, Ameren, and Bayer grants. Tax letters went out last week.

## 8. **Camp Updates**

**Camp Wassatoga** – Closed last week, we will get the funds within the next few days.

**Camp Chan Ya Ta** - Under contract for \$898,000 from the auction for the 2 tracks of land. No closing date yet, but it will be soon.

**Richland County Acreage** – Steve, Norma & Jim visited the ground in Richland County and have been in contact with owners. The owner has rescinded his offer to give the land to the Girl Scouts, familial objections to the donation. The owners will still make some kind of donation to the Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois.

### **Camp Torqua Survey**

Survey results sent out in the packet – 795 responses including raw data.

Discussion of survey results – More discussion and input needed from volunteers on what they are willing to pay for camp. Fees: Troops/Service Unit vs per camper. The survey only stated a per camper per day metric. Hopeful for more information from Town Hall Meeting. More clarification needs to be given to volunteers on the Girl Scout Experience Fund; the purpose and how it can be used.

Discussion: Pausing the Camp Torqua Sale – We still need to be sustainable, put a pause on the sale for a one-year term or longer, but must be reevaluated on a timeline. If kept, and volunteers want a SUPER camp we will have to start a Capital Campaign.

Table discussion of “Pausing Sale of Camp Torqua” until the February 24<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.

Town Hall – Camp Torqua Agenda Discussion – Board must be involved.

## 9. **Girl Scout Experience Fund and Committee**

### **Girl Scout Experience Fund Resolution**

Review of resolution, was sent to GSUSA as well for their approval.

**Motion: To Approve the Girl Scout Experience Fund Resolution as Presented.**

**Moved: Anne Haltenhof**

**Seconded: Priscilla Jacks**

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **Girl Scout Experience Fund Committee Charge.**

Charge reviewed by Board. This is a Board Committee. Additional corrections to the Committee Charge will be made and sent out to entire Board for a virtual vote.

No vote tonight.

**10. Governance**

Working on a Slate before next month for 2021 Annual Meeting. Also, looking for a replacement for Amy Williamson on the Board. It's been a very quick turnout this year and challenging year.

**Motion: To Accept the Resignation of Amy Williamson, from The Board of Directors.**

**Moved: Priscilla Jacks**

**Seconded: Beth Shindel**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**11. Open Discussion**

Board calendar and timing of the yearly Board Meetings, must have 6 Board meetings a year. Scheduling the Board Retreat in May – evening or Saturday morning is best.

**12. Adjournment**

**Motion: To Adjourn the January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Board of Directors Meeting.**

**Moved: Beth Shindel**

**Seconded: Norma Trimble**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Submitted by:**

Name: Melanie Mills, Board Secretary

Signature & Date: Melanie Mills  
07/03/2021

**Transcribed by:**

Name: Ashley Green-Green

Signature & Date: Ashley M Green-Bryant  
02/24/2021

Adopted by the Board in the meeting

of 02/24/2021,

(Date of Meeting)

Deanna L. Fitzpatrick

(Signature of Presiding Officer)