



**Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois
Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 31, 2024 5:00PM
Zoom Meeting**

PRESENT:

Voting Board Members:	Voting Board Members Absent:
Deanna Litzenburg, Chair	
Steven Bushong	
Norma Trimble	
Elizabeth Shore	
Marianne Doll	
Gloria Sweida	
Kathryn Diak	
Linda Manley	
Trish Manning	
Julia Deien	
Kevin Doak	
Lesley Sanchez	Staff members:
D-Lori Newsome-Pitts	Loretta Graham, CEO – absent
	Jessica Upchurch, COO
	Carrie Smith, CHRO
	Ashley Green-Bryant, Governance Coordinator
	Ron Buerges, FCFO
Non-Voting Board Members:	Guests:
	John Gilbert, Council Attorney

**Note any late arrivals or early departures here:*

John Gilbert, guest only stayed for the first 10 minutes of the meeting & departed.

1. Mission Moment

Cookie Season!

Video from Danika, Senior Girl Scout from Perry County shared link for cookies. Council & area GS's are having a great cookie season so far. Lots of booths & online cookie sales.

2. Approval of the Consent Agenda

- Board of Directors Minutes 12.6.2023
- Finance Partial Packet 01.24.2024
- Property Task Force Partial Packet 1.22.2024
- Girl Scout Experience Fund Committee Partial Packet 01.23.2024
- Fund Development Committee Partial Packet 1.18.2024

Motion: To Approve Consent Agenda Items.

Moved: Gloria Sweida

Seconded: Julia Deien

MOTION CARRIED

3. CEO Summary

Save the Date – Gala, Friday Sept 6th

Audit is finishing up, draft statements available first part of Feb, will be presented at Feb Finance meeting.

Town Hall Meeting – Feb 13th @ 6:30 PM

All Staff training led by Loretta – “Getting out of the Box” very successful

Camp Updates – projects ongoing, frog pond updates & Koi Pond installed. Part 2 of paved trail funding was received, will be installed this spring.

Operations Update

5932 girls, down 3% year over year, 90% to goal

114% to goal for adults

Program – 500 members in large events so far this year. Patch programs have been successful with collaboration with the shop. Over 1000 girls served through Patch Programs, Women in STEM upcoming.

Overnight Camp is up online for registrations. No longer using the term “resident camp”. International Explorers, Animals, Pop Star Era, STEM are a few of the themes this year for camp.

Volunteer Summit is in collaboration with Annual Meeting again this year. Camp is open the weekend of volunteer summit for volunteers at no charge.

Cookies – 635,156 packages sold, 79% to goal of 801,500. We have all our inventory, no inventory problems this year.

4. Board Chair Summary

Make sure to register as a GS member.

Annual Meeting should also be on your calendar, Saturday, April 6th

It's nice to see Board members on the Town Hall meetings to support Council, please attend if possible.

5. Finance Committee Updates

- Finance Reports through December 2023

Review of Revenue & Expense Report

Fund Development department is looking at making up different for shortages.

Line "Net Investment Income" will always show \$0, but it is being dumped into dividends line & dividends for GSEF.

Revenue down \$45,000

Council keeping Expenses in check

YTD only a variance of \$1700 to the budget so far this year.

Line of credit \$1,370,000, a bit more of a draw in January and we will start receiving cookie proceeds to pay this off. Linda and staff are still talking through how we can get away from using the line of credit so much throughout the year.

Motion: To Approve Financial Reports Through 12/31/2023.

Moved: Coming Out of Committee.

Seconded: Not Needed, Out of Committee.

MOTION CARRIED

6. Property Task Force – Steve Bushong

- Property Updates
 - Camp Torqua Updates

Du Bois Center – planning to go back this year, but horse wranglers don't have certifications needed for GS Safety Activity Checkpoints. No Overnight Camps this year at Du Bois.

Camp Ondessonk, Whispering Pines, Camp Wartburg partnerships this summer/camp season.

Committee is coming up with a list of priorities/project of updates for Camp Torqua. Possible coordinating with SIUE for a camp strategic plan.

Cocktails at Camp Cabins – over budget on Cabins donated at the event. Discussion: Cabins shown vs. cabins intended. Will follow up with FD & Finance committee to find a solution to be communicated to all donors.

7. Fund Development

- Updates

Fund Development committee has been planning events in other areas of fundraising besides the Gala in the Metro East.

Pearl Society Intro – reoccurring giving club, auto debit monthly or yearly option, different levels of giving. \$50, 100, on up. Committee is looking for more Pearl Members especially of the Board members.

United Way tracks 100% Board giving yearly

Save the Date – Paint & Sip; Paint & mingle with fellow Girl Scouts while painting an art piece to take home, Mount Vernon 1PM on Saturday, Feb 24th

Gala – Friday, September 6th, 2024 @ 5PM – Discussion: event on a Friday. Can we arrange a Saturday instead?

8. Girl Scout Experience Fund Committee

- Updates
Slow time of year for applications, will ramp up as summer camps/destinations get planned for the summer.

9. Governance

- Updates
Standstill with Board members acquisition because of Board resignation.
Board Chair-Elect vacant – Board Chair candidates if interested send email to BDC.
Same Profile and biography for each candidate will be shared for each position.
BDC will be filling Board Chair, Board member – at large members, & BDC members (2 volunteer & 2 Board members) for the Annual Meeting on April 6.
- Annual Meeting – Saturday, April 6th, 2024
Possible Meet & Greet with Candidates before meeting.

10. Open Discussion

John Gilbert, Council Attorney was present to answer questions or concerns about Amanda Highlander resigning from the Board of Directors.

Bylaws – Was everyone happy with the Bylaw changes last year? Do we need to relook at them?

Many of the changes were made for transparency. Limitation to the BDC was brought up, could be hard to get candidates for BDC. Chair Elect – Training position. Chair-Elect position was questioned by GSUSA.

11. Adjournment

Motion: To Adjourn the January 31, 2024 Board of Directors Meeting.

Moved: Gloria Sweida

Seconded: Norma Trimble

MOTION CARRIED

Submitted by:

Name: Norma Trimble, Board Secretary

Signature & Date: _____

Transcribed by:

Name: Ashley Green-Green

Signature & Date: _____

Adopted by the Board in the meeting

of _____,

(Date of Meeting)

(Signature of Presiding Officer)