



Board of Directors Meeting
May 18, 2023
Camp Little Cloud.
21700 Girl Scout Rd.
Epworth, IA.

Present: Andrew Abbott, Mary Ann Brown, Teresa Colgan, Tim Conlon, Jill Dashner, Chelsea Hillman, Tracy Schwind, Divot Ekizian, Anne Ryerson, Delia Dreifurst, Clara Garman, Jan Nichols and David Blakenship.

Girl Board Members Present: Rachel Johnson and Divya Ramadugu.

Absent: Beth Nickel, Rachel Savage, Jill Dillon.

Staff: Diane Nelson, Allison Johnson, Roxie Lucas, Shelly Cain, Nikki Habben and Stacy Conforti

Welcome & Introductions:

Jill Dashner, Board Chair, welcomed those in attendance and declared a quorum at 4:10PM.

Consent Agenda (action):

Board Chair, Jill Dashner asked for a motion to accept the consent agenda. Clara Garman moved to accept the consent agenda. Anne Ryerson seconded the motion. No discussion followed, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Board Development (action) (See Attached):

Chelsea Hillman went over the Bios for our new Board Member Emerald Smith and Girl Board Member Megan Graves. Tracy Schwind made a motion to approve our new board members. Tim Conlon seconded the motion. No discussion followed. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Board Member Packet and Agreement

- Criteria
- Prospects
- Conflict of Interest Statement – review and sign.
- Requirements

President Report:

Board Introduction:

David Blakenship
Jan Nichols
Rachel Johnson
Divya Ramadugu
Megan Graves

Finance (action) (See Attached):

Mary Ann Brown presented March financials.

Jill Dashner asked for a motion to approve the March financials. Mary Ann Brown moved Jill's motion, the motion was seconded by Anne Ryerson. No discussion followed, all were in favor of approving the March financials and the March financials were approved. No concerns were noted.

Nikki Habben, COO on staff summarized the current Little Brownie Baker (LBB) contract.

Strategic Overview:

Our strategy for FY 2024-2026 starts next fall. This spring our council partnered with Kevin James, with Quad Cities Leadership Consultants. To gain insights from many voices, we have held focus groups and listening sessions with several key stakeholders within Girl Scouts, council leadership, Board, and in the communities we serve. A recap of the strengths and weaknesses were shared. Board discussed the greatest opportunities and biggest threats. Preliminary insight from key stakeholder was shared.

Next Tuesday, May 23, a strategy team of staff, Board and key volunteers will have a daylong session at Camp Liberty to look at the broad themes of the input, discern the strategic emphasis rising, and identify strategic initiatives to move our council forward. The Board is invited to attend.

The Strategy for FY 2024-2026 will be reviewed at the August board meeting.

Fund Development Update:

Chief Fund Development Officer, Shelly Cain, updated the board on Woman of Distinction in Burlington, and GLAMP. Shelly also presented a general fund development update.

CEO Report:

Diane Nelson, CEO gave a update on our Membership. The Board was invited to stay after the Board meeting for the Dave and Audrey Hammer Memorial Event

Adjournment:

Board Chair, Jill Dashner asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at **5:15** PM Divot Ekizian to adjourn the meeting. Clara Garman offered a second, all agreed unanimously and the motion carried.

Minutes recorded by Mallory West, Executive Assistant.