 Board of Directors Meeting

October 17th, 2024

Camp Liberty

**Present:** Mary Ann Brown, Clara Garman, Danica Haas, Anne Ryerson, Teresa Colgan, Andrew Abbott, Jill Dashner, and Tracy Schwind. Virtual we had Laura Ekizian and Sarah Beckman

Girl Board Members Present: Rachel Johnson and Divya Ramadugu

Absent: David Blankenship, Rachel Savage, Chelsea Hillman, Tim Conlon, Angela Weekley, Emerald Smith

**Staff:** Diane Nelson, Allison Johnson, Roxie Lucas, Nikki Habben, Shelly Wells-Cain, Maura Warner, Stacy Conforti and Mikayla Ahrens.

**Welcome & Introductions:**

Jill Dashner, Board Chair, welcomed those in attendance and declared a quorum at 4:05 PM.

**Consent Agenda (action):**

Jill Dashner, Board Chair asked for a motion to accept the consent agenda. Teresa Colgan moved Jill’s motion; the motion was seconded by Mary Ann Brown. No discussion followed, all were in favor and the motion carried.

**Discussion Item:**

**Achievements 2024**:

Diane gave the update that we ended the year with 11,156 girl memberships. 7,155 were traditional. We had 3,364 adult memberships. Over 4,00 girl scouts were served through community outreach. We had 880 girls attend summer camp. We had a great FY2024, and we are excited for FY2025

**Finance: (Action)**

Mary Ann Brown presented our August financials, FY25 Budget and FY25 Captial Budget. The staff were able to make cuts to help keep us on budget. We still have some numbers that we are waiting on to see how we ended. Our Fund Development team we a little lower than expected in their goal. We have some bigger things in our capital budget, but we are choosing not to do everything on that list and to do only what is needed. Mary Ann Brown made a motion to approve the financial report; the motion was seconded by Andrew Abbott. No discussion followed, all were in favor and the motion carried.

**Camp Updates:**

Stacy Conforti, VP of property and outdoor let our board know that our summer camp numbers were down from last year. They put in more mini sessions to draw in girls that are younger, and they found that they wanted the weeklong not the mini. They also offered a troop camp session this year and they didn’t have that many sign up. Stacy also let us know that Dubuque decided not to purchase a office space and are instead renovating a cabin as office. DRA is supplying appliances through a grant we were able to secure in Dubuque. We are making more updates at Liberty with Outpost will have new unit houses and we had a new low ropes court built that will attract the Daisy level troops.

**Board Annual Giving:**

Shelly Cain let the board know that we would be funneling their payments through Birdies for Charity this year. She thanked them in advance for giving back to the girls. Glamp 2024 was a huge hit. We had 102 women show up. This was our biggest Glamp yet with 80 of them staying Friday night. We raised 52,000 to help our girls attend camp among other things.

**Board Development:**

Anne Ryerson let the board know that the Board Devlopment Committee met and they would like to recommend these board members for our Annual Meeting in April.

Recommendation for President- Tracy Schwind

Recommendation for Vice President- Anne Ryerson

Recommendation for Treasurer-Tim Conlon

Recommendation for Secretary- Chelsea Hillman

**Recommendation for By-Law Committee**

MaryAnn Brown

Kendra Marinaccio

Theresa Dunkin

**Board Development Committee 2025-Recommendations**

Chair- Chelsea Hillman

Teresa Colgan

Beth Nickel

Danica Hass

Dee Vandeventer

Mary Ann Brown made a motion to add Tim Conlon to the Finance Committee, Tracy Schwind seconded, and the motion was approved.

**GSUSA Price Increase:**

Our delegates Tracy Schwind, Diane Nelson and Rachel Johnson let our board know that they have been attending the town hall meetings to hear the voice of our members. GSUSA is suggesting a price increase of $85 for girl membership and $45 for adult membership. Our delegates met for a special session on Saturday October 19th to vote on what they felt was a fair price increase.

**President Report:**

Jill Dashner let our board know that our next meeting will be held virtually on January 16th and our Annual Meeting will be held on April 5th.

**Adjournment:**

Board Chair, Jill Dashner asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 PM. Teresa Colgan moved Jill's motion, the motion was seconded by Anne Ryerson, all agreed unanimously, and the motion carried.

Minutes recorded by Mallory West, Executive Assistant.