

CONSENT AGENDA

Girl Scouts of Nassau County, Inc.

Minutes Board of Directors Meeting June 10, 2009

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Girl Scouts of Nassau County, Inc. was held on June 10, 2009 at the office of the Corporation, 110 Ring Road West, Garden City, New York.

Attendance

Officers and Directors in attendance constituting a quorum:

Ruth Bigman	Agnelo Dias	Betty Monroe
Christine Bonczyk	Anthony Edelman	Adrienne O'Brien
Andrea Borah	Mark Florio	Christopher Pendergast
Lisa Burke	Deborah Johnson-Schiff	Eric Rogers
Austin Cannon	Allison Kasson	Diane White
Donna Ceravolo	William Mays	Priscilla Wong
Melissa Connolly	Diane McFarlane	Margaret Yamamoto

Absent:

Sandra Ashby	Thomas Lawrence	Cathy O'Reilly
Paige J. Charles	Miriam Lopez	Vilma Osborne
Donna Geidel	Eileen Owen Masio	Brian Rothschild
Marianela Jordan	Domenique Moran	Leslie Segrete

Staff:

Deborah Goldsmith, Chief Operating Officer
Luci Duckson-Bramble, Fund Development Officer
Susan Caruso, Director, Human Resources
Donna Rivera-Downey, Director, Marketing
Joyce Wagner, Director Collaborative & Volunteer Services
Marilyn Stolz, Assistant Director Finance
Joan Bompane, Adult Education Coordinator

Guests:

Sheila Bohan, Community Relations Committee
Chyna Moore (Cadette Girl Scout from Roosevelt Association)
Theresa Thompson, Roosevelt CAV, troop leader and chair of the UMOJA Alliance
June Holder-Lee, Delegate and trip planner for The UMOJA Ancestry Tour to Canada

Opening

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President, Diane M. McFarlane, Esq. Secretary of the Board Mark Florio recorded the minutes.

Diane McFarlane welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked the guests and the Board to introduce themselves.

UMOJA Task Force

Theresa Thompson, Roosevelt CAV, troop leader and chair of the UMOJA Alliance and Chyna Moore, Cadette Girl Scout from Roosevelt Association presented a video and spoke about their trip to Canada to follow the trail taken by slaves that were traveling through the Underground Railroad to freedom. Approximately forty people, made up of Girl Scouts and their chaperones, had a positive learning experience and lots of fun.

Consent Agenda

Moved, seconded (Allison Kasson, Diane White) and voted unanimously to accept the Consent Agenda, which comprised:

- Minutes, April 22, 2009
- Board Committee Appointments
- Approved Signatures for the Corporation

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer, Eric Rogers, reported that the Finance Committee continues to monitor the expenses and income of the Council this year. As of April our income is 54% of budget, and that 75% of the Cookie income was earned in the first 4 months of the year. Expenses are 25% of budget for the first quarter.

New York State Legislative Network

Sheila Bohan of the Community Relations Committee and appointed to represent GSNC on the New York State Girl Scout Legislative Network board spoke about the legislation that could impact Girl Scouts that was reviewed at this year's spring meeting. Twenty-six bills were reviewed and discussed at the meeting and the network gave their recommendations. A copy of the Legislative Agenda was distributed. Some of the bills reviewed affected Camping, Education, Liability, Not-for-Profits, Real Property, Sex Offenders and Volunteers. [Attached to the original file copy of these minutes.]

**Human Resources
Committee**

Chair Austin Cannon, Jr. addressed the proposal submitted on behalf of the Human Resources Committee to change the wording of the Council's Human Resource Policy on Attendance and Time Off – specifically regarding Flex Time. There was a brief discussion and clarification of the policy and how it would affect the staff.

The vote to accept the Human Resource Policy changes as presented was unanimous.

**Finance
Committee**

Chair Mark Florio spoke briefly about the report sent to all Board Members prior to the meeting addressing the Council's Investments. [Attached to the original file copy of these minutes.]

**Fund Development
Committee**

Co-Chair Allison Kasson addressed the importance of the Boards support of Fund Development, not only in dollars but in contacts, connections and corporate associations. Ms. Kasson spoke about the importance of 100% participation in Board Giving and reiterated that the Board's goal this year is \$35,000.

Ms. Kasson thanked her team and everyone that has supported the committee in their efforts to make the US Open event successful. Melissa Connolly will be hosting an event at Hofstra University to thank all the volunteers. Ms. Kasson thanked staffer Sherry McGrath for all her help with logistics.

The "Go for the Green" Golf Classic will be held Monday, August 10th at the North Hempstead Country Club and Ms. Kasson urged the Board to join us in honoring Jim Adelis, President of Adelis International Security, Inc. who has been a major supporter of Operation Cookie since its inception.

The Annual Luncheon will take place on Tuesday, October 27th at the Garden City Hotel. Emily Franchina, elder care attorney and President of the Nassau County Bar Association and board member of We Care Fund, will receive the *Juliette Low Award of Distinction*. Broadway Mall in Hicksville will receive the *Making a Difference for Youth of Long Island Award*. The Broadway Mall has provided space for a number of Girl Scout activities including Girl Fest, Way to Art and Cookie booths. This year at the luncheon the *Torch Bearers Award* will be debuted as we recognize the significant contribution made to the life of the Council by the GSNC Living History Committee. Barbara Betkowski, Carol Gorst, Nina Pesce and past president Jackie Hennelly will be the first recipients of this award.

**Delegate Communications
Committee**

Diane McFarlane thanked all the Board Members for their attendance at the Annual Meeting and spoke about the importance of the Board participating in events. She read a letter sent to her by Delegate Jennifer Burzinski that addressed the Proposal I (changing the quorum requirements to make changes to the Bylaws). Diane will refer this letter to the DCC for further discussion of the topic.

**Executive
Report**

There were no questions regarding the recent management reports. Donna Ceravolo, Executive Director/CEO, reminded everyone that the GSNC Gold Awards is Sunday, June 14, 2009 at Adelphi University at 2pm.

New Business

Diane McFarlane thanked all the Board Members that are participating in the US Open event, those that attended the Annual Meeting and she personally thank those Board Members that have submitted their Board Giving pledges so far this year. Diane invited the Board Members and a guest to the first Summer Social at Donna Ceravolo's house on August 4, 2009 – invitations were distributed and will be sent to absentee Board Members.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the President called for a motion to adjourn.

Moved, seconded (Bill Mays, Adrienne O'Brien) and voted unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Florio
Secretary