

CONSENT AGENDA

Girl Scouts of Nassau County, Inc.

Minutes Board of Directors Meeting June 11, 2008

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Girl Scouts of Nassau County, Inc. was held on June 11, 2008 at the office of the Corporation, 110 Ring Road West, Garden City, New York.

Attendance

Officers and Directors in attendance constituting a quorum:

Sandra Ashby	Debra Ieraci	Eileen Owen Masio
Lisa Burke	Deborah Johnson-Schiff	Diane McFarlane
Austin Cannon	Marianela Jordan	Vilma Osborne
Donna Ceravolo	Edward Kang	Eric Rogers
Melissa Connolly	Thomas Lawrence	Leslie Segrete
Mark Florio	Pam Lennox	Diane White
Donna Geidel	Miriam Lopez	Sandra Echols Williams
Alison Gilbert		

Absent:

Andrea Borah	William Mays	Carol Ransom
Paige J. Charles	Betty Monroe	Brian Rothschild
Allison Kasson	Domenique Moran	

Staff:

Deborah Goldsmith, Chief Operating Officer
Fran Monahan, Associate Executive Director
Luci Duckson-Bramble, Fund Development Officer
Joyce Wagner, Director Collaborative & Volunteer Services
Joan Bompane, Adult Education Coordinator
Jessica Hancock, GSNC Advocacy Intern

Guests:

Christine Bonczyk

Opening

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President, Sandra Echols Williams. Secretary of the Board Debra Ieraci recorded the minutes.

Sandra Williams welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced new Board Members Melissa Connolly and Leslie Segrete.

Consent Agenda

Moved, seconded (Ed Kang, Eric Rogers) and voted unanimously to accept the Consent Agenda, which comprised:

- Board Committee Appointments
- United Way Funding Application Approval for 2009

It was agreed, by unanimous vote, that the Minutes from the April 9, 2008 Board Meeting be tabled until the September Board Meeting for an amendment to the section on the Finance Committee Action items.

Treasurer's Report

Dr. Pam Lennox, Treasurer, reported that the overall income, as of April 2008, is at 52% of budget and 2% less than last year.

Lower interest rates have made a significant impact in the miscellaneous income category – a decrease of 106% from April 2007.

The cookie program income, initially down 3% is, as of the end of April, only down \$11,000 or .5% down from last year.

Total expenses as of April 2008 are at 28% of budget.

The \$282,000 in the equipment line includes the payments made through April for the four bathrooms at Camp Blue Bay.

Fund Development Committee

In the absence of Chair, Domenique Moran, Fund Development Officer, Luci Duckson-Bramble spoke to the Board on Ms. Moran's behalf. The "Go for the Green" golf outing is scheduled for Monday, August 11, 2008 at the North Hempstead Country Club in Port Washington. The honoree for the outing is Lisa DiFillippi, Vice President of Allure Home Improvement. Registration begins at 10:00 am, brunch starts at 10:30 am and shot gun is at 12 noon. Cocktails and food will be served starting at 5:30 pm followed by the program at 6:30 pm, which includes dinner and dessert. The evening events include a presentation to the honoree and a live auction of camperships. The event sponsor is Alure, dinner sponsor is Amerisc and Roslyn Savings Foundation, stationary sponsor is Cullen & Dykman and recognition sponsor is Capital One. Sponsorships and Foursomes are still available. Our Committee Chair is Anthony Martillotti, partner at Amerisc.

Our Annual Luncheon will be held on Thursday, October 28, 2008 at the Garden City Hotel. Reception begins promptly at 11:30 am, lunch is served at 12 noon and the event ends at 2:00 pm sharp. Dr. Adrienne O'Brien will receive the "Juliette Low Award of Distinction." DHL will receive the "Making a Difference for Youth on Long Island" award. The Girl speaker for the event is Gold Award recipient Maureen Lovetro. Committee Co-Chairs are Dr. Pam Lennox and Kathie Eagan. The Kick-off was held on June 2, 2008 at the Garden City Hotel.

Sponsors to date are:

- Event sponsor, Pall Corporation
- Gift sponsor, Leslie Segrete
- Photography sponsor, Carol Ransom and Melissa Connolly
- Flower sponsor, Sandra Echols Williams
- Celebrations sponsor, Maggie Martinez Malito.

C.W. Post and Hofstra University have taken Gold Packages and the O'Brien Family has taken a Founders Package.

There will be auction baskets for both events. Ms. Duckson-Bramble stated that we are accepting items for the baskets – wine, certificates to restaurants, day spa and hair salons, etc.

Delegate Communications Committee

Chair, Diane White, read her letter for *GirlFriends* to the Board. She did not recommend calling a special meeting to vote on the proposals that were on the agenda for the Annual Meeting in May but were not discussed or voted on because there was not two-thirds of the voting membership in attendance; which is needed to vote on Bylaws changes. However, she did recommend bringing the proposals forward again next year. Ms. White spoke about studying alternative way of changing the governance system without requiring revisions to the Bylaws such as reducing the number of voting delegate members. National Council has recommended reducing the size of voting groups. Another consideration would be to realign some Associations where there is not a strong representation.

Executive Report

Management Update

Donna Ceravolo, Executive Director/CEO, reminded the Board that our Board packets are now paperless, however if a Board Member prefers a printed copy they would just ask and we'll be happy to send it by mail.

The bathrooms at Blue Bay are beautiful and about 99% complete. There was a problem in the ceiling of the activity building – animals have nested in the ceiling; it will be replaced in the fall. Leslie Segrete recommended a one-way door so the animals could get out but not back in the ceiling. She has contractors that she can recommend.

Donna spoke briefly about Advocacy, Girlfest and the new Program Model.

New Business

Sandra Echols Williams spoke about the letter from ELLM that was in all the Board packets. She asked Diane White, Chair of the DCC to address the letter. The DCC has discussed the letter and felt that the effort made by ELLM should be looked on favorably by the Board and that it was a good idea. A discussion followed and there was a consensus by the Board to have the DCC further investigate new language for the proposal. [A copy of the letter from ELLM is attached to these minutes.]

Ms. Williams extended a congratulation to Paige Charles, who was inducted into the Links Incorporated, Long Island Chapter and to, Marianella Jordon, who received the "Making a Difference for Women Award" from Soroptimist International of Nassau County.

Alison Gilbert spoke eloquently about her experience as a GSNC volunteer and thanked everyone for letting her be part of such a wonderful organization. She will be moving to Colorado next week so this will be her last meeting. Sandra Echols Williams thanked her for all her time and help.

Austin Cannon advised the Board that the Human Resources Committee is looking for additional members.

Adjournment

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

Moved, seconded (Debra Ieraci, Diane McFarlane) and voted unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra Ieraci
Secretary