
Girl Scouts of Nassau County, Inc.

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Girl Scouts of Nassau County, Inc. was held on September 17, 2008 at the office of the Corporation, 110 Ring Road West, Garden City, New York.

Lisa Burke
Austin Cannon
Donna Ceravolo
Paige J. Charles
Melissa Connolly
Mark Florio

Debra Ieraci
Deborah Johnson-Schiff
Edward Kang
Allison Kasson
Thomas Lawrence

Miriam Lopez
Diane McFarlane
Betty Monroe
Vilma Osborne
Leslie Segrete
Sandra Echols Williams

Sandra Ashby
Andrea Borah
Donna Geidel
Marianela Jordan

Eileen Owen Masio
William Mays
Domenique Moran
Carol Ransom

Eric Rogers
Brian Rothschild
Diane White

Staff:

Deborah Goldsmith, Chief Operating Officer
Fran Monahan, Associate Executive Director
Luci Duckson-Bramble, Fund Development Officer
Joyce Wagner, Director Collaborative & Volunteer Services
Fran McAllister, Team Manager
Sonia Oxford, Program/Product Coordinator
Carol Aksak, Volunteer Coordinator

Guests:

Christine Bonczyk, Nominating Committee

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 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 staff and visitors in attendance. Ms. Williams acknowledged that Treasurer, Dr. Pam Lennox resigned from the Board of Directors. Dr. Lennox has accepted a CEO position with Girl Scouts of Citrus Council in Orlando Florida. The Board is grateful for Dr. Lennox's years of service and wishes her all the best in her new Girl Scout position.

Girl Scouts of Nassau County Team Manager, Fran McAllister presented a brief overview of the 2008 Fall Products Program. The theme this year is "Go Green" and new this year is the ability to order magazines on line. The Fall Products Program begins Saturday, September 13th and ends Monday, November 3rd. Fran urged the Board Members to show their support by purchasing items available through the program.

_____ seconded (Austin Cannon, Allison Kasson) and voted unanimously to accept the Consent Agenda, which comprised:

- Minutes, June 11, 2008
- Minutes, April 9, 2008
- Appointment of Interim Treasurer Eric Rogers
- Board Meeting Dates (updated)

Ms. Williams thanked Eric Rogers for stepping up to take the Treasurer's job.

As of July, 2008 income, before the transfer from the New Directions fund, is down \$50,900 or 1.5% from July 2007.

Combined annual giving is up \$24,000 over July 2007 figures, a 16% increase. Income from United Way, Funds and Chests, and foundations remain on par with prior year however, we have had a significant decrease in miscellaneous income. (Interest income of over \$46,000 or 66% from 2007.)

Expenses are up \$434,000 over 2007; 74% of which is a direct result of the capital improvements at Camp Blue Bay.

In the absence of Chair Dominique Moran, Fund Development Officer, Luci Duckson-Bramble spoke to the Board on Ms. Moran's behalf. The "Go for the Green" golf outing that was scheduled for Monday, August 11, 2008 was cancelled due to bad weather. The North Hempstead Country Club has graciously rescheduled the Golf Outing for October 2, 2008. There are still spots available if anyone is interested. Ms. Duckson-Bramble also shared with everyone the wonderful news that Winthrop University Hospital has joined us as a Community Partner Sponsor for the Luncheon and for Critical Issues. The Annual Luncheon will be held at the Garden City Hotel on October 28, 2008. The reception begins promptly at 11:30 a.m., 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. There are still sponsorships available.

Associate Executive Director, Fran Monahan gave an explanation of the proposals that will be presented this year for vote at the 2008 Girl Scouts National Council Session and 51st Convention. Ms. Monahan touched on some of the concerns that other Councils have about the proposals and the YouTube videos about the proposals and GSUSA. Our Delegates have been told to vote informed not instructed and we look forward to what should prove to be a very interesting convention.

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

Girlfest will be held Sunday, September 21, 2008 at Broadway Mall in Hicksville from 12pm to 4pm - so far we have over 800 girls registered and we are expecting over 1000 girls to attend.

Sandra Echols Williams congratulated Lisa Burke for being chosen to chair the 2008-2009 Nominating Committee. Ms. Burke spoke briefly about the positions that must be filled this coming year which include Officers, Members-at-Large and Nominating Committee members for next year.

Ms. Williams stated that Donna Ceravolo's annual performance review will be postponed until the November Board meeting.

Mark Florio commented that the downward investment performance of the Council's New Directions funds is a direct result on the state of the country's economy and if anyone wants to speak to him about this they can contact him at anytime.

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

_____, seconded (Debra Ieraci, Vilma Osborne) and voted unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra Ieraci
Secretary