

Association 51 Minutes
October 29, 2003

1. Vickie Morse of 51-9 graciously donated 2 Wizard tickets to the association valued at \$80.
2. Amanda Altoff from troop 1120 50-6 presented two fund raising programs for her. Camping Kaper Cards and Swap pins are available from the troop. Amanda passed out order forms.
3. Troop 1823, 51-9 opened with a flag ceremony and a skit explaining the meaning of the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Betsy Montgomery welcomed everyone and introduced Debbie Pierce from the Council Office.
5. Regina Perez presented the Spring Association minutes. Penny Halpern moved that they be accepted and the motions pass unanimously.
6. Erica Frederick told us about her Wider Op trip to Houston Texas. She passed around a scrap book detailing her trip. She went to the Johnson Space Center, square danced (her favorite activity), went to an Indian Reservation, and visited an Earth Interactive Tree farm. She is available to visit troops to talk about her adventures. Erica thanked the Association for the \$100 contribution toward her expenses. Her trip was for 8 days and she met 24 scouts from 17 states.
7. Kath Delia presented her Recognitions Committee Report. 90 volunteers were thanked. 15 leaders received outstanding leader pins. 1 church received a Thank You plaque and 1 Ashgrove Pin was awarded.
8. Debbie Pierce informed us that the GSCNC Board will need 7 adult candidates and 2 Girl positions on the board. Interviews will be held in January. One may nominate one's self. Council is especially looking for Hispanic and Asian descent candidates.
9. Betsy passed the candy jar. Attendees guess how many were in it.
10. Cathy Gordon from the Nominating and Referral Committee held elections for delegates to the Annual GSCNC Meeting.

The slate was as follows.

Tracy Thomas 51-7	2002-2005	
Roz Cherry 51-7	2004	1 year
Beth Lu 51-9	2004	1 year
Veronica Lopez 51-9	Alternate	
Jennifer Gadoua 51-5	Girl	
Jackie Gadoua-Jan 51-5		
Anna Costigan 51-9		
Katrina Coulter 51-11	Girl	

Alternates 2003-2006

Victoria Gonnella 51-11
Veronica Lopez 51-9
Donna Frederick 51-5
Helen Housley 51-1
Sandra Alexander 51-1
Joan Hall 51-11
Mary Saunders- 51-5

Penny Halpern moved to close the ballot. The slate was accepted by proclamation. 35 votes were counted unanimous!

11. Casey Young from 51-5 presented her Gold Project. She is holding a Conservation Expo at McLean Bible Church on November 15. Girl and Boy Scouts are assisting. It is 3 hours long. There will be speakers from various environmental groups and a film will be shown. The expo is geared to younger scouts.

12. Betsy held a prize drawing. Anne Parish's number was drawn by Judy Baldwin.

13. State of the *Service Units* was next on the agenda. Each *Service Unit* discussed their plans for the Association Group Event.

51-5 is planning a Camping Skills and Outdoor game day for the Daisies. The girls will learn to make sit up-ons, swaps, fire kisses, football pudding and see a good camper/ bad camper skit. The activity will be held April 24, 2004 from 5-8 PM.

Veronica Lopez spoke for 51-9. They are planning Brownie Try-It workshops. They will be offering 5 different Try-its. They plan to hold the workshops in March. They will be held different days and different places. The Brownie troops will sign up for the workshop they want. A flyer will be available in January.

Chelle Youmans is in charge of 51-11's Junior Encampment. She is trying to set up a time and place.

51-1 is planning a Juliet Lowe Women Through History Event for the Cadettes.

51-7 is holding a planning meeting November 3.

14. 51-9 is planning an encampment for their Service Unit per Veronica Lopez. Carolyn Faraday reported 51-11 is planning a lock-in at the community center and a Brownie Outdoor Day. 51-7 had a Rope Runner Contest. Tracy Thomas reported they had a lot of fun. The idea was in the Mosaic.

15. Cluster meeting for Service Unit managers will be held Tuesday at the Brown Bag Room in Reston.

16. Mary Saunders reported on the 2004 Cookie Sale Kick Off Meeting goal is 4.2 million boxes the same as last year. Council average is 115 boxes per girl but the national average is 135 boxes per girl. The theme is Go Girlfriends. The mascot is ladybugs which are a sign of luck. Mary showed us the incentives to ooohs and aaahs. She also showed the new hand held Booth Signs. Judy Baldwin reminded us that girls must be registered before they can sell cookies. Girl who pre-sale 150 boxes will receive a special Cookie Diva Patch Pin. This year Sisters can combine sales to receive a Council letter Congratulations for sales of 500+ boxes.

17. Betsy held another prize drawing. Judy Baldwin drew #7 Stephanie Choe and #33 Tracy Thomas.

18. QSP Chair was absent therefore no report.

19. Eddie Mae Walker gave the SHARE report. An incentive was announced for troops who have 100% participation by their October Service Unit Meetings. They would receive a prize. One service unit has already met their goal. Anne Parrish accepted their recognition.

20. Anne Parrish gave the Treasurer Report (see attached). She reminded us that Association Dues of \$25 per service unit are due.

21. Sandra Alexander gave the training report. She announced that several courses have been added to the schedule: Nov 7, Daisy Level at Camp Crowell, Nov 14, Brownie Level at Chantilly Library, Nov 21 Domestic Travel at Hiddenbrook Clubhouse, Nov 8 Beyond 200 or 214, Nov 6 International Travel at Church of the Good Shepherd. Registration for all training is available on line.

22. An attendee had a question about behavior problems at troop meetings, specifically conflict resolution. It was suggested she check out Safety Wise pages 16-17 and to also read Leader

Manuals.

23. There was a suggestion that calendars begin in the Fall rather than in January so it would no be necessary to carry 2 calendars around.

24. Veronica Lopez guess the correct amount of candy. She also won the tickets! Nancy Willis won the last drawing.

25. Judy Baldwin gave her Field Staff Report (see attached). She also explained that a troop crest is to be placed before the troops numbers on uniforms. There are 23 crests available and troops can design their own crests. She also wondered why so few adults are registered this year. Helen Housley suggested that perhaps people became lifetime members particularly since dues were raised.

26. Penny Halpern from 51-9 did the closing, "Exercise Program" (see attached).

27. Meeting ended at 8:38 PM.

Financial Report- Association 51

October 29, 2003

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GSCNC Association 51 Expense Statement for 2003-2004

AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST FROM THE ASSOCIATION CHAIR

Field Staff Report to the Association

Ashgrove West

May 15, 2003

by

Judy Baldwin

CATEGORY	6/30/02	6/30/03	% CHANGE
GIRLS	2,045	2,090	2.2%
ADULTS	1,088	1,034	-5.0%
TOTALS	3,133	3,124	-2.8%
TROOPS	186	193	3.8%
SERVICE UNITS	5	5	0%

Some Summer Activities

Ashgrove Adventure Day camp transformed Camp Crowell into Hawaii with a luau, leis, Hula performers and a feel for the language of the islands. The weather wa properly Hawaiian and 420

campers were reluctant to board the outriggers (buses) at the end of the day. All campers earned the Hawaii patch offered by the Girl Scouts of Hawaii to encourage more knowledge of their islands.

Camp Firefly hosted several cartoon characters including Sponge Bob Square Pants, Blue, and Scooby-Doo in keeping with its Nick at Nite theme. The characters tied together nature, crafts, music, hands on science and the GSUSA Girl Power program, serving 397 campers.

Camp Fairfax took 336 campers through the ages from prehistoric to modern. Canoeing on the lake and archery were great fun for Juniors and above while they younger campers enjoyed the lake view from the pontoon boats. Swimming at the Watermine was fun for all

The **Girl Scout Sampler Camp** had its best year yet at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Herndon, serving 107 girls and 38 brothers of girls attending. 67 of these girls were brand new to Girl Scouts. Camp ran for six weeks for the first time which was well received by the community. A highlight was the trip to Burke Lake Park to ride the train and carousel and do a nature hike.

Thanks to:

The very hard working service unit managers who have gotten 2003-2004 off to a great start.

51-1 Jani Drury and Kathryn Kahn

51-5 Jackie Jan and Donna Frederick

51-7 Nancy Willis and Tracy Thomas

51-9 Veronica Lopez

51-11 Chelle Youmans, Carolyn Faraday and Phyllis Martin

51-11

AND the super registrars who have turned in 1486 girl registrations so far which is ahead of last year at this time.

51-1 Cindy Wagner

51-5 Lisa Brininstool,

51-7 Nora Thompson

51-9 Sharon Kraftchak

51-11 Carol Frost

Troop Crests

In the early days of Girl Scouting, troop crests were used to identify a troop. The rapid growth of the movement soon made numbering necessary, but crests were kept as a symbol of a troop's goal or main interest.

Today's troops should think carefully about the crest they choose. It should have a special meaning to them. One they can pass along to new members each year. The symbol can be used on troop flag or to mark troop equipment. Every member should know what their crest is and what it means.

There are twenty-three crests available through council resale and a blank crest for troops wishing to embroider an original design. The following are the current crests and what they stand for or symbolize.

- Bluebird-** Traditional symbol of happiness and usefulness
- Cardinal-** Known for its whistle, "Good Cheer!"
- Clover Leaf-** Traditional symbol of good luck, also the shape of the Girl Scout trefoil pin
- Daffodil-** Spring flower, symbol of a sunny personality
- Dogwood-** Symbolic for Christians of the Resurrection
- Falling Star-** Symbolic of good luck, makes a wish come true
- Forget-me-knot-** Long-standing symbol of friendship and loyalty
- Hawaiian Lei-** Symbol for the circle of friendship
- Lightening-** Symbol of power in nature
- Lily of the Valley-** Symbol of purity, in folklore it is known as fairy bells
- Morning Glory-** Symbolizes the awakening of a new day and glory to God
- Music Notes-** International symbol for music and song
- Pansy-** Also known as "Hearts-Ease" stands for service and friendship
- Pine Tree-** Symbolizes boldness, loyalty, and stability
- Purple Violet-** Symbolic today of clean environment and a clean Earth
- Red Rose-** The "All-American" flower, symbol of beauty
- Sailboat-** symbol for free as the wind
- Seashell-** Symbolizes gifts from the sea
- Star of Bethlehem-** A guide, a goal, it shows the way
- Unicorn-** Symbol of chastity, purity
- Waterfall-** Symbol of preservation, redemption, cleansing
- White Rose-** Symbol of the royal house of Stuart. It stands for loyalty and challenge. It was the crest of the first Girl Scout troop in Savannah, GA
- Wild Rose-** Cherokee rose, found hidden in places that take an explorer to find it

Exercise Program

The doctor told me, "Physical exercise is good for you." I know that I should do it daily, but my body doesn't want me to do too much so I worked out my own special program:

- ~~B~~eating around the bush
- ~~J~~umping to conclusions
- ~~C~~limbing the walls
- ~~S~~wallowing my pride
- ~~D~~ragging my heels
- ~~P~~ushing my luck
- ~~M~~aking mountains out of molehills
- ~~H~~itting the nail on the head
- ~~W~~ading through paperwork
- ~~B~~ending over backwards
- ~~J~~umping on the bandwagon
- ~~B~~alancing the books
- ~~R~~unning around in circles
- ~~T~~ooting my own horn
- ~~C~~limbing the ladder of success
- ~~P~~ulling out the stops
- ~~A~~dding fuel to the fire
- ~~O~~pening a can of worms
- ~~P~~utting my foot in my mouth
- ~~S~~tarting the ball rolling
- ~~G~~oing over the edge
- ~~P~~icking up the pieces

WHEW! What a workout.

You are invited to use my program without charge!