

Association 51
Fall 2007 Meeting Minutes
October 11, 2007

The meeting started at 7:00 pm at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church.

Opening

Opening was given by SU 51-9, led by Jennie Klare. She and others read a poem about how trees are like Girl Scouts.

Introduction of Special Guests

Lilian Cephas, GSCNC Board Member-at-Large

Roxie Nicolle, GSCNC Board Member-at-Large and N&R Committee

Leah Paul, Association 51 Field Director

Melinda Smith, GSCNC Program Specialist

Secretary's Report

The minutes from the Spring 2007 Association Meeting were reviewed. It was moved by Penny Halpern to approve the minutes as written. It was seconded by Jennie Klare. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Anne Parrish gave her report. She shared the Financial Report, Income Expense Report, Spending Report, and the Budget from last year. (See attached reports)

Election of Association Delegates

Vicki Morse presented the slate for the Delegates and Alternate Delegates. On the Slate for Council Delegate for a three year term: Debbie Szymczyk (A) SU-1, Judy Murden (A) SU-5, Pat Hutzler (A) SU-7, Anne Juran (A) SU-9 and for Alternate Delegate: Sheri Ruffle (A) SU-1, Jackie Leonard (A) SU-1, Emma Baum (G) SU-1, Alison Hutzler (G) SU-7, Jennie Klare (A) SU-9. Nominations from the floor added Chelle Youmans (A) SU-11 as a Council Delegate. The voting took place and the ballots were collected. The slate plus Chelle Youmans was duly elected.

Special Guest Reports

Nominations and Referral Committee

Roxie Nicolle reported from the Nominations and Referral Committee at the Council Level. She asked for Referrals for Girl Scout Positions to be made by Nov. 15. At the Association Level there are 7 Officers and 7 Members at Large. They would like broad representation of 1 Delegate and 1 Alternate from each Association, as well as one from VA, MD, and DC. The National Convention is Oct. 30, 2008 – Nov. 2, 2008. There will be seven Constitutional changes to be voted on.

Recognitions Panel for Association 51

Pat Hutzler reported about the Recognitions Panel. We need representatives from each Service Unit. They work with the various members of the Service Unit Teams to have candidates and nominate adults at the Association and Council Level. There will be training November 17. Each SU is to recruit members for this panel.

Share

Penny Halpern reported on SHARE from last year. We were one of two Associations to make goal. Every SU in Association 51 made goal last year. (See attached report for last year's numbers and this year's update.)

Cookies

Regina Perez reported about this year's cookie campaign. The theme is "Make It a Hit." The prices for cookies are the same. There are new cookies, and the brownie pieces are gone. The prizes are: a shower radio, T-shirt, back bag, stuffed doggie, star shaped radio pillow, dog radio, light up mirror, patches, and the troop award is a megaphone. Teen girl troops can also get money instead of prizes. Jan. 4 is the start date. There is a new Little Brownie program, using a deck of cards, the girls are helped to realize that they are learning life skills through the cookie sales.

Area Training Manager

Sharon Kraftchak reported that Nov. 19 is the tentative date for Training the Area Trainer's meeting. If anyone knows of training that leaders need, please contact Sharon at: gstweety@covad.net. There can be training with 10 people interested.

Trainers

Sue Hansen asked for people who may be interested in becoming Trainers. It is easy to become a Trainer. The first step is to take the Train the Trainer class. Then you would be an Apprentice Trainer for 6 – 18 months, depending on your comfort level. You would have a mentor trainer who is experienced work with you. There is team training, then you would be an Experienced Council Trainer.

Encore Theater Arts Project

Mary Hubert spoke about the non-profit youth performing company. There are 38 girls and 1 guy who are 9 – 18 years old. They will perform 11 professional shows at the Community Cultural Center at the NOVA Annandale Campus: Dec. 8, 9, 14, 15, and 16. The shows are various times each day. There is a special package for Girl Scouts, \$15.00 a person, which includes a snack at intermission. They also can work with your troop for badge requirements, to see back stage, for example. You can contact them: www.Encore-tap.org or 703-222-5511.

GSCNC Member-at-Large

Lilian Cephias thanked everyone for the increase in membership, and for the help with the Sing A Long on the Mall. There were 49 out of 50 states represented. North Dakota was the only one missing. Camp Winona is near completion. They should be online for dates by Oct. 15. Nov. 10 will be a celebration for the dining hall, 2 glen shelters, and the pool house. She spoke about the National Convention in Indianapolis, IN, Oct. 30 – Nov. 2, 2008. Visit GSUSA/ constitution survey on the website. Thank you for your feedback.

Association 51 Chair

Jim Kraftchak spoke about the local governance of Associations and Service Units. There are proposals to have the delegates switch from 3 year terms to 1 year terms. Another change would be to change the number of delegates from 1 delegate for every 150 girls to 1 delegate for every 200 girls. Each SU needs 1 delegate and 1 alternate. If the

Association Chairs want to have a vote, they would need to be elected as a delegate. They are also proposing to use forums instead of the 2 minute statements. They would then summarize the forums. Another change could be to have the Nominations and Referrals be at the SU level instead of the Association Level. Sue Hansen suggested that these are suggested changes to present at the Annual Meeting and they are trying to build in flexibility. If you have any questions you may contact Pam Duncan.

Service Unit Reports

SU-9

Jennie Klare reported: Girls represented our SU at the Commander Herndon 150th town anniversary ceremony in Sept. There are 8 new troops so far this year. The SU is kicking off Girl Council again, starting later this month. They will be selling SU T-shirts in November, with the logo designed and decided on by girl council. There is a brand new bilingual brownie leader at Hutchison. The SU will have 100+ girls marching in the Herndon Homecoming Parade, Oct. 13th. They reached over 1/3 of our SHARE goal so far this year. The SU recruited at every Back to School night in our SU.

SU-5

Phyllis Martin reported that Rebecca Besbris is the Co SU Manager. The SU made over goal last year for SHARE, and they have started out well this year with SHARE. They are participating in the Reston Holiday Parade. They will be Singing for Food. They have Girl Council again this year. The SU will be holding their annual Leader/Daughter Camp Out.

SU-1

Anne Neal reported that last spring they held an Outdoor Day, where they taught outdoor skills. They will be having an Encampment, November 2-4. They will be Caroling for Cans in early December. The SU will hold a GS Supply Sale (uniforms, craft supplies) to benefit SHARE. Other upcoming activities: Mother/Daughter Tea, Father/Daughter Dance, Thinking Day, and the Thanksgiving Parade at Reston Town Center.

SU-11

Carol Frost reported that we made our SHARE goal last year, as already noted. We had 11 Honor Troops from last year. We are having a Leader fall Holiday Party this year. There is a possible Boy Scout/Girl Scout Membership drive and Halloween party coming up. Our Back to School nights did not recruit as many new scouts as we would have liked. The SU is participating in the Herndon Homecoming Parade. One of our Teen Scout troops is leading Girl Council for us this year.

SU-7

Pat Hutzler reported that the SU had Thinking Day, "Save the Earth". They are having Juliette Low Day. The SU has new troops and members. Bev Lesser is the new Co SU Manager. Thank you to Bev for her help.

New Business

The Association would like to sponsor another movie to recruit new members. This movie would be "Golden Compass." The goal would be Dec. 8, opening day. The movie is probably rated PG. Worldgate Theater is Open to the idea. They would open that Sat. before normal hours. Girl Scouts would each be allowed to bring a friend, and the scouts

and friends would be free. Adults and siblings would pay to see the movie. Pat Hutzler has the point of contact. They found the flyer to be beneficial last year, and this was a great recruiting tool. Cindy Lapari volunteered SU-5 to collect coats as a service project at the movie. We still need volunteers to take the lead with this.

Girl Council

Jim Kraftchak discussed the idea of starting a Girl Council at the Association level. The goal would be to plan a spring event, such as a One-pot Cook off. Each SU would have its own competition, and then the winners would compete at the Association level. Discussion continued about teen and junior troops leading Girl Council, and whether or not the younger scouts should be included in Girl Council. It was suggested to ask the Service Units. Before anything can be decided, there would need to be 2 adults willing to lead Girl Council.

Closing

Carol Frost from SU-11 read a poem called, "The Dash."

Thanks to:

- 51-9 for the Opening
- 51-7 for finding the Meeting Location
- 51-5 for providing the snack
- 51-1 for Clean-up after the Meeting
- 51-11 for the Closing

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Frost
Recording Secretary
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