

Association 51  
Fall 2008 Meeting Minutes  
October 23, 2008

The meeting was called to order at Herndon United Methodist Church by Jim Kraftchak at 7 pm.

**Opening**

The opening was given by SU 51-1. They read a quote from Juliette Low regarding a turkey, as well as talked about wearing a badge and read a poem by Juliette Low.

**Introduction of Special Guests**

Shannon Babe-Thomas, Manager of Membership Initiatives  
Barbara Krebs, Area Manager for Fairfax County

**Secretary's Report/Adoption of Minutes**

The Minutes from the Spring 2008 Association 51 Meeting were approved as written.

**Treasurer's Report**

All dues are in for this year! See attached Financial Report.

**Destinations Reports**

Anna Dykhoff reported about her Destination Trip to Guatemala.  
Katie Henke reported about her Destination Trip to the Great Lakes Aquatic Biology in Michigan.

**Special Guests Report**

Shannon Babe-Thomas spoke about Targeted Outreach. Reaching out to Hispanics, People with Disabilities and many others. There is one camp brochure this year, for both Day and Resident Camps. It will be mailed at the end of Dec. There is an inclusion specialist on staff. Program called Partnering with Equador. They need teens to develop a program to learn about each other.

**Association Reports**

Jennie Klare is the Convention Delegate; let her know if you have any comments.

**QSP**

We need an Association Chairperson for QSP.

**SHARE**

Penny Halpern reported that we have had a slow start this year. We have made 11% of our goal. Each Service Unit should be sure to have this on their agenda at every meeting. It costs \$221 per girl for Girl Scouting. We don't ever turn any girl away from Girl Scouts.

**Cookies**

Regina Perez reported that the theme this year is "Imagine if..." Eco Ellie is the mascot. There is an award of pjs and slippers for 1500 boxes sold. Please have your troops do goal setting – they will sell more cookies that way. There are booklets – one for each girl level – with activities to help the girls sell. This is the first year that Daisy Scouts may sell cookies. Troop leaders should work with their Troop Cookie Managers. There is a new cookie this year – Dulce de Leche.

**Training**

Sharon Kraftchak, the Area Training Manager, reported there will be training on Nov. 6 for Daisy, Brownie and Junior Leaders. It will be at Camp Crowell. You can sign up on the GSCNC website. If you have any questions, contact Sharon at [GStweety@covad.net](mailto:GStweety@covad.net). Train the Trainer is on hold for now. They are looking for more facilitators. Red Cross training is still accepted for First Aid and CPR, but you won't find their classes listed on the website. There is a contract with National Safety Council.

**Potential Association Events for the year – Need a Chariperson for each activity.**

**Scout Level Events** to include Journeys – 1 or 2 per SU

**Bowling Night**

**Skate Night**

**Cook-off** – Jennie Klare will chair this event.

Association Movie Day – Bev Lesser will chair the movie, and Cyndie Lipari will take care of a service project – collecting used winter coats. Possible movies – Tales of Despereaux, Inkheart, or Race to Witch Mountain.

**Website** – The website will now be maintained by Dawn Walker.

### **Service Unit Reports**

#### **51-1**

They have 27 troops, with 250 girls. They have had a Camping Skills day for Brownies. An archery event raised money for SHARE. They held a Birthday party at Camp Crowell.

#### **51-5**

They held an Outdoor Skills Day, they are participating in the Reston Town Center Parade, Sing for Food at the North Point Giant, and having a Service Fair.

**Sue Hansen, Council Regocnitions Panel**, spoke next. She asked us to look around the Service Unit and Association to find people to be recognized. Check on the website for details. Deadline for recognitions to be given at the Annual Meeting is Feb. 14.

#### **51-11**

The Service Unit has had successful registration, participated in the Herndon Homecoming Parade with 51-9, are planning a Dec. “Celebration of Sisterhood” with all the leaders, and lots of plans are being formulated for next semester, including an Encampment, Thinking Day, PJ Party and Daddy/Daughter Dance.

#### **51-9**

They are starting a Service Unit – wide High School troop. It will be led by young adults. They had a camp “Come Get Dirty”, Girl Council, their Service Unit Team is full, and they have lots of Brownie Troops, multi-grade troops and multi-level troops.

#### **51-7**

They had a Service Unit wide meeting for all girls, a Sing-A-Long, celebrated Juliette Low’s Birthday, a skate night, and filled all but one of the jobs for the Service Unit. They have Leader Recognition, participate in the parade, SHARE, and many future events planned.

### **Field Director’s Report – Rachel Brown**

Rachel shared facts about herself. The Association Goal for membership is 2,054 and as of Oct. 23, we had 1,299. She is working in the Lorton office, and you may contact her at 571-642-0253 x 107, or [RLBrown@gscnc.org](mailto:RLBrown@gscnc.org). Rachel needs help with Camp Mari Posa, which translate to “butterfly” in Spanish. She is working on community outreach to bring in non-Girl Scouts. She is planning opportunities for teens. Some of these will be during Spring Break and early summer.

### **Other announcements**

The toaster that scouts contributed towards was delivered to Embry Rucker Shelter.

One leader had extra trinkets for us to take and use for our troops.

One teen from 51-5 is collecting new and gently used Beanie Babies for the Nurturing Parent Program.

Sarah D. White is working with Teen Scouts.

### **Closing**

Phyllis Martin from 51-5 ended the meeting with the “ABCs of Juliette Low.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm.

Thanks to 51-11 for getting the Meeting Location, 51-9 for the Snacks, and 51-7 for the Cleanup.