

Fall Association 51 Meeting Minutes
Buzz Aldrin Elementary School
October 19, 2004

Opening

The opening was a Bingo game for us to find out information about each other, presented by Lisa Stosch from 51-1.

Opening Ceremony

The opening was a Pearl Ceremony, presented by 51-9, led by Veronica Lopez.

Welcome to Special Guests

Mary Saunders welcomed these guests to our meeting: Ellie Reinhardt, Director of Development, Debbie Pearce, 2nd Vice President, and Rebecca Crouch, Council SHARE Chair.

Chair Report

Mary Saunders introduced herself to the group. She is new at this job. She has been a Girl Scout since she was in 2nd grade, with a brief break. She has been a Girl Scout for more than 20 years; as an adult member, she has been a Leader, usually of 2 troops at a time; and she has been our Association Cookie Chair. While living in England, Mary was a Co-Guider for 3 years as well as a District Commissioner.

Assistant Chair Report

Jim Kraftchak reported that we have a website for the Association: www.GSAssociation51.org. It has a calendar, and Jim can add in SU meetings and special events. Jim is the Webmaster, and you can contact him at: ASSTChair@Assoc51.org. Links will be added to this. Pictures can be posted, but everyone in the picture must be registered Girl Scouts (girls and adults). If you have a pop-up blocker, you will need to turn it off for the calendar to work. There will be a News and Notes page as well as meeting minutes.

Investiture

Debbie Pearce invested Deana Demichelis into the Juliette Low Society. She was recognized for her planned giving.

Minutes

It was moved by Veronica Lopez, and seconded, to accept the minutes from the Spring Association 51 meeting. Motion carried.

Elections

Cathy Gordon took nominations for the ballot. Those placed on the ballot for 2004 – 2007 were: Delegates: 51-1, Deana Demichelis and Elizabeht Goswick, 51-5, Suzanne Olson-Cleveland, 51-7, Betyann Debner and Patricia Hutzler, and 51-11, Michelle Youmans. Alternates on the ballot were: 51-11, Deborah d'Hedouville and Kim Mister, 51-5, Cyndie Lipari, and 51-1, Peggy Woolf. After a door prize of Reston Root Beer was given out, the Report on Election was given, with 32 votes the ballot was accepted unanimously.

The Executive Committee is adding girl member-at-large positions to the committee. We had three nominations for the two spots for Members At Large: Beverly Faraday, 11th grade, Stephanie Klare, 12th grade, and Jenni Klenk, 12th grade. The Exec Committee will contact the nominees.

Treasurer's Report

Anne Parrish reported a beginning balance of \$819.16 as of May 25, 2004. There was income totaling \$374.00, expenditures totaling \$357.72, giving an ending balance as of Oct. 18, 2004 of \$835.44.

Field Director's Remarks

Jenna Wood shared her written report, which we were free to read, but she also shared some fun cookie facts with us. She told us what our personalities were, based on our favorite Girl Scout Cookie. Then she gave everyone a packet of recipes to use with Girl Scout Cookies. Also, you can find information out on the Little Brownie Baker website.

Wider Op Report

Sophia Armstrong reported on her trip to Nevada; "Bright Light, Starry Nights." She spent two weeks with 43 girls and 6 adults. They went backpacking, cut a trail for a service project, spent time in Eureka, NV, and met a judge there, which was one of her favorite activities. There were three girls from our council on this trip.

Door Prizes

More door prizes were given out.

Council Nominating And Referring Committee

Rebecca Crouch reported on the 2005 National Convention. It will be held Oct. 7 – 10, 2005, in Atlanta, GA. Those who want to be a Delegate may apply, using the "Referral for Girl Scout Positions" form. The deadline for applying is Dec. 15, 2004. There will also be Alternate Delegates. Everything is paid for the delegates: transportation, lodging and food. You can register as a visitor, but you will be responsible for your own lodging, food and transportation. There will be three girls from MD, DC, and VA who will attend. They will be interviewed. The Nation's Capital has hospitality available all day long during convention.

SHARE

Penny Halpern reported that Association 51 has brought in \$1,583.19 so far. Service Unit 51 – 9 is \$200 ahead of everyone else as of Oct. 18. Penny passed the hat to ask for donations for SHARE, amount received to be reported at the next meeting. You can ask your company to do payroll deductions if they have a program allowing it. There is a presentation on the GSCNC website www.gscnc.org/donate/share.php. Also, be sure to tell your parents that every publication with the SHARE emblem on it has been paid for by SHARE.

Cookies

Regina Perez reported about the cookies for this year. The theme is C.A.T., which stands for Cookie Action Team. The rewards include a black and pink stuffed cat and a black t-shirt with glow in the dark cat eyes. Regina needs the names of the Service Unit Cookie Booth Managers. Boxes of cookies sell for \$3.50 each this year, and the troop gets \$.60 per box.

Recognitions

Kath Delia reported there were 10 leaders in our Association who received Outstanding Volunteer Pins, 18 leaders who received Outstanding Leader Pins, and 4 leaders who received the Ashgrove Award. There were many girls who earned their Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards, and many Graduating Seniors. We still need letters of recommendation from scouts to honor the many buildings/organizations who let us use their facilities for various Girl Scout functions. If there are any changes of representatives for each Service Unit on the Recognitions Committee, then please let Kath know.

QSP

No report

Training

Sandy Alexander reported about the successful Leader Blitz that was held Oct. 6th at Camp Crowell. There were two 200 classes in Aug. and Sept., and another will be held in Nov. Other upcoming training includes Recertification on Nov. 28. There will be an Outdoor Odyssey on Sat. Mar. 12 at Potomac Woods. Associations 50, 51, and 56 will be sponsoring a Leader Blitz in the spring, on Sat. April 16, at Trinity Presbyterian Church. Some classes they will have include games, songs, crafts, working patrols, cooking in box ovens. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to lead a class, please email Sandy or Darlene Dickerson. This year there were 37% more new leaders, 400 more trainees, and 51 of the 101 classes to date, with 6 more being held this week. Please remember to cancel if you can't come to a training for which you are registered. Be sure to go online to check on what trainings are available, as trainings are being added frequently. There are a limited number of trainers available for the 100 A & B classes and the 101 classes.

Song

Association 51-1 led us in the song "Chocolate Chip Cookies."

Service Unit Reports

51-1:

Lisa Stosch reported that 2 troops sponsored a Bingo night that raised \$150 for the Service Unit, and some money for the troops. They are going to have a Hoedown on Nov. 5, put on by 2 troops. They will be having an Encampment.

51-5:

Jackie Gadoua-Jan reported that they had a leader/daughter event, and camping. They have 7 – 9 new leaders. They will be having a Valentine Daughter/Older Male Role Model Dance.

51-7:

Tracy Thomas reported they are working on a Teen Initiative, trying to do activities for the many Juliettes that they have registered. They are planning a pizza party, various activities, and a singing party on Oct. 28. They are trying to get Moms to sign up. They are starting a Girl Council.

51-9:

Veronica Lopez reported that in the Herndon Homecoming Parade, 51 – 9, 51-7, and 51-11 went together, and earned 2nd place in the Civic Category. They are having a Brownie Lock-in, Father/Daughter Dance, Thinking Day at the Herndon Middle School, Girl Council, and a Lock-in at the YMCA in Feb.

51-11:

Carolyn Faraday reported that there are 276 girls and 105 adults in the Service Unit, with a total of 28 troops. Chelle Youmans reported about the Herndon Homecoming parade, and described the theme of the Herndon Train. For future activities, there is a troop sponsoring the Daddy/Daughter Dance, another doing the Mother/Daughter PJ party, a Brownie Try It Workshop, and an Eid Party. The Service Unit might have a Lock-in.

Proposals and Operational Suggestions

None

New Business

Budget

Anne Parrish proposed the attached budget. The suggestion was made for money to be allocated for funds to purchase materials to advertise for adult women in order to try to get their daughters in scouting, particularly those of various ethnic groups. Materials are available from Council for free, so Jenna Wood and Amaarah DeCuir will discuss the way to carry through with this idea. Sharon Kraftchak moved to accept the budget and Veronica Lopez seconded. Motion carried.

Attendance

These are the numbers in attendance: 51-1 had 6, 51-5 had 6, 51-7 had 3, 51-9 had 9 and 51-11 had 10. SU 51-11 received a \$25.00 gift certificate to the Girl Scout Shop for having the most members in attendance.

Association Annual Event

Voting took place on what kind of event to hold for the leaders and daughters. The choices were: a Lock-in, Bowling, or a Tea. Bowling won.

New

There is now an Association Program Manager, Phyllis Martin. Phyllis spoke of how they are still working on fine-tuning her role. She is the liaison to program, just as Sandy is to training. She is trying to meet the needs of the Association in terms of program and providing resources for the Association.

Closing Ceremony

Tracy Thomas from Service Unit 51-7 recited a joke, and her daughter Summer, sang "Taps."

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Frost
Association Secretary