

Girl Scout Association 51
Fall 2005 Minutes
November 8, 2005

Meeting called to order: 7:00 pm, by Jim Kraftchak, Assistant Association Chair.

Opening Ceremony

The opening ceremony was presented by 51-1, led by Peggy Woolf. This was “The Making of a Girl Scout Troop” – putting trail mix items in a bucket, and reading quotes about how Girl Scouts are like each of those items.

Welcome Special Guests

Jim Kraftchak introduced Charlene Meidlinger, Assistant Executive Director, Sharon Gleason, Director of Development, and Diana Pethtel, Training Specialist. Also introduced later in the meeting was Amy Hinojosa, Linguistic Outreach Specialist.

Destination Report

Renee Lipari went to the Jamboree in Iceland. She went white water rafting, snowmobiling, participated in ceremonies, camping, had visits from local people, the President of Iceland, saw bands perform, visited the capital of Iceland, went horseback riding, sight seeing. The people she met were amazing. That was her favorite part of the trip. She enjoyed all of the different cultures. In order to go, she applied for grants from different organizations and participated in fund raisers. The theme for the Jamboree was “Earth’s Energy”. She got to visit the Blue Lagoon.

Assistant Association Chair Report

Jim Kraftchak reported that he is keeping up with the Association Website. There are also News and Notes on the website: newsletters from Jenna, different ones each month.

Elections

Chelle Youmans presented the slate. Delegates on the slate for a three year term: Sandy Alexander, Kim Baum, and Debbie Szymczyk. Alternate delegates on the slate were: Helen Housley and Jim Kraftchak. Nominations from the floor for alternate delegates were: Cyndie Lipari and Jennie Klare. Voting was done by ballot.

National Delegate Report

Sharon Kraftchak reported on the National Convention, Oct. 7-10, 2005, “Soaring Beyond Greatness”, held in Atlanta, GA. There were over 13,000 scouts, including the “Men in Green.” There were 5 issues that were discussed in Strategy Cafes; Brand, Volunteerism, Program, Funding, and Governance. In addition, Governance was discussed during an Open Space event that lasted all day on Friday. There were 5 Proposals discussed and decided.

- Proposal 1:
- GSUSA President is limited to 2 consecutive terms.
 - Elimination of the requirement that officers must be a member of the National Council

- Proposal 2: Reduce the size of the National Board of Directors from 35 to 25.
- Proposal 3: An amendment was made of the Preamble to the Constitution.
- Proposal 4: Constitutional Amendment to Article III
- Proposal 5 -Reduction of the size of the National Nominating Committee from 9 to 7.
-CEO as a non-voting member of the National Nominating Committee.
-Proportional realignment of the 1st and 2nd terms on the National Nominating Committee

Election at Convention:

President: Patricia Diaz Dennis
1st VP: Sharon H. Mathews
2nd VP: Mary P. Borba
Sec.: Linda P. Forma
Treas: Gwendolyn J. Wong

Teresa has a new album out about being a Girl Scout. She has an album out called “Brave New Girls”, and “Being a Girl Scout”. You can get more info and order CDs on “Teresa.com”

The next National Convention will be in Indianapolis, IN, Oct. 30 – Nov. 2, 2008.

We will be hosting “Still Singing After all These Years” June 2007

Treasurer’s Report

Anne Parish gave the Treasurer’s report. See attached.

SHARE

Penny Halpern gave the SHARE report. So far, the Association has collected \$1,614.00. Penny passed around an envelope to collect our small change. Associations that have special events planned to raise money for SHARE: 51-7 is having a Bingo night, and 51-5 and 51-11 are having Movie nights.

Cookies

Phyllis Martin gave the report for Regina Perez. The permission slips have changed this year. The prizes the girls can earn are on the cookie card instead of the permission slip. To be a cookie Diva, a girl needs to sell 150 boxes and will receive the patch and pin. This is the first year that the teen scouts can put extra \$ into their accounts rather than earn the prizes. They would earn an extra \$.05 per box. The entire troop has to get the money instead of prizes, or they may decide for all of the to get prizes. The cookie prizes are cumulative this year. When you reach a level, you will earn all the prizes “under” that level. There is a new cinnamon flavored cookie.

Calendar Sales

Pat Hutzler discussed the calendar depots.

Recognitions

Peggy Woolf reported that the committee will start looking at recognitions in the Feb.-Mar. time frame. Please get your letters of recommendations in soon. Also, it is important to thank the organizations who let us use their buildings by sending in recommendations for the buildings. They will receive a plaque.

Training

Diana Pethhel spoke up in Sandy Alexander's absence. She said to contact Sandy if you have any training needs. There is a 101 Training next Thursday in Sterling. Leaderfest is coming in Feb.

QSP

Veronica Lopez reported that after her training about QSP, she will let us know more.

Report on Election

Chelle Youmans reported that the slate passed unanimously. For the fall 2005 – fall 2008 term, the Delegates are: Sandy Alexander, Kim Baum, and Debbie Szymczyk. The Alternate Delegates are: Helen Housley, Jim Kraftchak, Cyndie Lipari, and Jennie Klare.

Minutes

The minutes from the Spring 2005 Association Meeting were accepted as written.

Service Unit Reports

SU 51-1

Peggy Woolf reported their activities: Older Girl Encampment coming in the spring, participating in a parade at the Reston Town Center, Thinking Day plans are coming along, Father/Daughter dance, a Hoe Down, Skating at Skate Quest, Brownie Day, a Junior event, wine tasting last spring (for the leaders) and a tour and picnic.

SU 51-5

Danielle Hicks and Tracy Chichester reported on their activities: a Leader/ Daughter campout in Oct., SU Budget is being worked on, revamping the SU positions, having a SHARE Movie night, planning a Cookie kick off, a Sweetheart Dance, and skating at Skate Quest.

SU 51-7

Pat Hutzler reported that they have: SHARE Bingo, coat donations are being collected, they are fixing Badges in Boxes for the Girl Scout troops in the Gulf, Collecting for Council, Thinking Day will have a musical theme, Encampment in the Spring, SU awards ceremony in early June, Brownie Blitz, and skating at Skate Quest with 51-1.

SU 51-9

Jennie Klare reported their activities: a spring encampment, a Service Unit Sing-a-long, collecting toiletries for an abused women's shelter, Father/Daughter Dance, and the SU won Best in Parade in the Herndon Homecoming Parade along with Best in Civics.

SU 51-11

Carolyn Faraday reported their activities: there is a new SU manager, Kirsten Frostad, the SU won Best in Parade and Best in Civics in the Herndon Homecoming Parade along with SU 51-9, they started a calendar on Yahoo that has all the SU activities and school activities that need to be considered when setting dates for activities, one Daisy scout collected 1,500 pairs of colorful socks to send to kids in Europe, there will be an event for 6th grade girls as they are looking at becoming Teen Scouts, a Brownie Outdoor event that will teach the girls about camping then take them camping, a birthday party, Daddy/Daughter dance, a lock in, Girl Council, SHARE movie night, and an Eids Party at the ADAMS Center. Most of these activities are girl driven.

Field Director's Remarks

Jenna Cooper reported about the summer camps. Camp Fairfax had Candyland for their theme, and next year will be Disney comes to Camp Fairfax; Camp Firefly had a Caribbean Adventure, and next year will be a Blizzard in August; the Girl Scout Sampler Camp started out with 59 girls, and ended up with 101 girls – they learned about scouting traditions as an Eagle Scout worked on his project. SU 51-5 needs a Registrar. For now Jenna is handling their registrations. The Association is 36% ahead of last year's membership, and only 74 more registrations to make goal.

Camp Mi Vida will be Dec. 26 – 30 for 4th – 8th graders. There will be art, music, theater, and dance along with games and lunch provided. This is for non-Girl Scouts to learn about scouting.

Proposals and Operational Suggestions

None

New Business

Fall Association Event – Movie Day – we will go see “The Lion, Witch, and the Wardrobe.” It isn't rated yet. The decision was made to go to the Reston Town Center Dec. 17 at 9:00 am if it is available. Other possible events are a Day at the Mall and a Family Fair. Chelle Youmans will chair this event.

Closing Ceremony

SU 51-5 presented the Closing Ceremony, using words to describe a Girl Scout Volunteer.

SU 51-11 received the attendance award.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.