

Association 51
Spring 2007 Meeting Minutes
May 2, 2007

The meeting began at 7 PM at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church.

Opening

Opening was given by Pat Hutzler from 51-7. She shared a poem called "Alone" written by a sophomore from Oakton HS in memory of the recent VA Tech tragedy.

Introductions

Special guests were introduced: Lillian Cephas, Member at Large, Board of Directors; Renee Lipari, Member at Large, Board of Directors; Veronica Rosales-Sanchez, Liguistic Outreach Specialist, Area C

Minutes

Peggy Woolf from 51-1 moved and Penny Halpern from 51-9 seconded that the minutes from the Fall 2006 Association Meeting be accepted. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Anne Parish, Treasurer, gave her report. This included two pages – Association 51 Income Expense statement for 2006-2007 and the Financial Report. See attached sheets. Anne expects to write more checks soon for the Association Sing-Along.

Elections

Vicki Morse presented the slate as chosen by the Assoc. Nominations and Referral committee. The 3year term runs from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2010. Jim Kraftchak was selected to run for Association Chair and Pat Hutzler was selected to run for Assistant Association Chair. Nominees for the Nominations and Referral committee were also presented: Sandy Alexander, Cyndi Lipari, and Carolyn Faraday were selected to run. Vicki and Sandy passed out ballots while Cyndi described the duties for each person on the slate. The membership was at quorum with 23 members present, and 22 required for the vote. It was mentioned that in the Fall we would need more delegates, and there is a goal to get more teen delegates.

Jim then asked for nominations from the floor. None were submitted, so the nominations were closed. The result was a majority vote (2 abstained) for the slate as proposed by the Nominations and Referral committee. So Jim Kraftchak is the new Association Chair and Pat Hutzler is the new Asst. Assoc. Chair. Sandy Alexander, Cyndi Lipari, and Carolyn Faraday are the new N&R delegates.

Recognitions

Peggy Woolf said 7 Outstanding Leader Awards, 12 Outstanding Volunteer Awards, and 1 Ashgrove Award were submitted by the committee as well as one Thank You plaque for the ADAMS center. She gave out certificates for graduating seniors to one troop. Please give Peggy names if there are any more Gold, Trefoil, or graduating seniors that she doesn't know about yet. Peggy will be stepping down. She made lamplights for all

attendees. Peggy presented a 35 year pin to Penny Halpern and the Ashgrove Award to Pat Hutzler for her distinguished work. Troop 4515 was also recognized for assisting with the Association Sing-Along.

Destination Report

Robin Parish reported on her Peachy Days and Starry Nights Destination to Atlanta, Georgia last summer. She also visited Savannah, Camp Misty Mountain, and Stone Mountain Park. She stayed with home hospitality families as well as in the Georgia Tech dorm. Highlights were a lake cruise with dolphins, a Ghost walk, canoeing and swimming, and a high adventure climb/zip wire. Robin also presented her SWAP board.

SHARE Report

Penny Halpern said we were the second Association to reach goal, and we have even surpassed our SHARE goal. Money keeps coming in! The official deadline is June 30, but SHARE never really ends, it just gets credited towards the next year's goal. Penny presented the Assoc. with a ribbon for the Assoc. flag. Penny passed out SHARE Thank Yous to Peggy Woolf, Angela Peppell, Donna Frederick, Carol Burns, and herself.

Training

Sandy Alexander mentioned that there had been encampment training, SUM training, and campout training recently. The recent Enrichment Blitz had attracted 78 adults with seventeen people taking multiple classes. Of the 7 classes offered, there were only 6 no-shows! Twenty teens attended the Gold Award Workshop. Girl Ownership classes were popular. A trainers' meeting next week will determine the summer training schedule for Coles Trip, Potomac Woods, and the Brighton Woods Blitz.

SU Reports

51-7: Pat Hutzler mentioned that the teen troop 4515 who put together the Assoc. Sing-Along as well as the typical SU activities: Thinking Day, Father/Daughter Dance, Mother/Daughter celebration, and a Brownie Adventure Overnight. She also mentioned their teen pizza party where the current teens invite 6th graders and their parents and leaders. Pat Beauregard is stepping down as Asst. SUM, so Pat Hutzler is looking for a new Asst. SUM.

51-9: Penny Halpern mentioned their sing-along on the Herndon Town Green as well as a Brownie Science Weekend and a soccer clinic for different-abled children. Vicki Morse mentioned that she is involved in commemorative items for Friday Night Live, and sit-upons will be available this summer.

51-5: Phyllis Martin mentioned a sing-along, a sweet-heart dance (Dads), sending cookies overseas, SHARE movie night, and a Thinking Day Fashion Show.

51-1: No report

51-11: Chelle reported on Fall Encampment and camping with her Brownies and another troop of Brownies at Bull Run. Cathy Gordon reminded her of the Fantasy Flight where

Girl Scouts assisted children with crafts and singing and passing out presents from Santa and Mrs. Claus and dressing up as Sponge Bob, Rudolph, and Elmo.

Field Director Report

Leah Paul is from Western NY and is in her 9th year as a professional GS. She lives in Assoc. 51. Her report is attached. She distributed flyers for Camp Funshine to be held in Chantilly. Local Herndon and Reston campers will be bused from Hutcheson ES, Herndon ES, and one other school.

Special Guests Report

Renee Lipari, Board Member reported. For the recent Annual meeting of April 14, 625 participants were there including 7 Board members and 2 Girl Scout Teen Board Members. Next year's Annual Meeting will be April 19, 2008 on a Saturday. Therese Grossman of Assoc. 55 received the Knox Award. The funding department is setting up a task force to solicit Big Monetary Gifts in the amount of \$10,000 or more. Renee reminded everyone about the 95th Anniversary Sing-Along on the Mall from 1-4 PM on June 9th. Volunteers are needed to assist at Metro Stations. The GS-USA structure is still scheduled to change. Renee passed on the question concerning the Gold Award to GS-USA.

Association Business

Jim Kraftchak mentioned thinking about another movie night for Association 51. He also mentioned the Virginia Renaissance Festival in Spotsylvania near Lake Anna.

SU 51-7 received the Attendance Award! (\$25)

Someone suggested a drive-in movie.

Anne Parish floated some ideas to increase SHARE participation such as a patch or a t-shirt. Penny felt strongly that it is a family decision and should not hinge on a recognition. SU may recognize troop SHARE Moms and troops who participate at their discretion. Sandy Alexander warned about not "over-patching" the girls.

Closing

Penny Halpern led us in the "Nobody Told Me" ceremony.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted:
Chelle Youmans, substitute Secretary