

Spring Association 51 Meeting Minutes
Reston Regional Library
May 26, 2005

Opening Ceremony

The opening ceremony was presented by Carolyn Faraday and Chelle Youmans from SU 51-11. This was a presentation about "Planting A Girl Scout Garden".

Welcome to Special Guests

Mary Saunders welcomed Colleen Cibula, Manager Adult Volunteers; Barbara Krebs, Area Manager; Sandy Suluke, Program Specialist; Wendy Wysong, Member-at-Large.

Chair Report

Mary Saunders thanked the Girl Scout Troops that helped with the Northern Virginia Fine Arts Festival™. She also thanked Jim Kraftchak for all of his preparations for this meeting. One girl, Rene Lipari, has requested money for the Wider Ops. Mary then turned the meeting over to Jim to finish.

Assistant Chair Report

Jim Kraftchak reported that we will change the calendar set up on the website, but that we will keep it rolling. The website address is: www.GSAssociation51.org. He also said that he has ideas for improvements.

National Delegate Report

Sharon Kraftchak, our National Delegate, reported that the convention is Columbus Day weekend, Thurs. Oct. 6 – Mon. Oct. 10 in Atlanta. She passed out cards to remind us to go to www.GSCNC.org to give our input, to define the characteristics of the Girl Scout experience, and to make sure that the experience is girl centered. After signing on, click on "Help Chart the Course for GSUSA." This will define the six "Strategic Priorities": Program Pathways, Brand, Funding, Volunteerism, Culture, and Organizational Structure and Governance. To express your opinion, go to: www.inmyopinion@GSCNC.org. Anyone can go to Convention as a visitor. Be sure to visit the website to give your feedback. The more feedback we give, the more say we have. At convention there will be Cyber Cafes to express individual opinions about various issues. The deadline to sign up as a visitor is June 1.

Silent Auction of cakes

Penny Halpern led this in order for the Service Units to earn money towards SHARE.

The money raised for each by the Silent Auction was:

SU 51-1: \$70.00

SU 51-5: \$87.50

SU 51-7: \$33.00

SU 51-9: \$17.00

SU 51-11: \$93.00

Association: \$10.00

A live auction was held for a couple of cakes to raise more money.

Cookies

Regina Perez reported that we did make goal this year with the number of cookies sold. We sold 137,750 boxes, which was up from last year.

Treasurer's Report

Mary presented the attached report for Anne Parish, who was unable to attend as she was at a meeting for Ashgrove Adventure. Outstanding Expenditures: \$5.00 for the fall meeting room rental to Mary, \$25.00 to be sent to SU 51-11 for winning the attendance reward at the Fall 2004 Association Meeting, and \$100.00 to be sent to Rene Lipari for Wider Ops.

Recognitions

Kath Delia announced the following numbers of awards this year:

Outstanding Volunteer – 6, Outstanding Leader – 20, Ashgrove – 3, Sites – 3, Council Awards – 4, Gold Awards – 7, Silver Trefoil – 12, Graduating Seniors – 12. Members of the committee were Peggy Wolfe, Penny Halpern, Kathy Dowe, and Suzanne Olsen Cleveland.

Training

Jim K. announced that there are some weekday Blitzes coming up for level training. In the fall there will be a 260 – Backpacking, and there will be a 200 level training in August by Penny Halpern and Jenny and also one coming up by the Kraftchaks.

Service Unit Reports

51-1:

Lisa Stosch reported their service unit had an Encampment. They have a Leaders' Day Out planned to take a Winery Tour. They had these awards: Outstanding Leaders: 5, Honor Pin: 1, and Appreciation Award: 4. They are having their Girl Awards on June 15.

51-5:

Donna Fredrick reported that they had a Leader/Daughter Campout. They participated in the Reston Parade. They sang for at Giant for the SU's annual Sing For Food program. They had a Daddy/Daughter dance. There was Thinking Day at an elementary school. Three brownie troops participated in their first campout at Potomac Woods. Donna, along with Jackie Gadia Jan, is stepping down, and Tracy Chichester and Danielle Hicks are the new SU managers for 51-5. They will be participating in the Camporee at Hershey Park. The SU had 6 Gold Awards, 7 Graduating Seniors, and 2 Silver Trefoils.

51-7:

Pat Hutzler reported that they had their first annual awards ceremony. They had 4 Gold Awards, 3 Silver Trefoils, 2 Silver, and 12 bronzes awards. They had 300 turn out for their Thinking Day at Rachel Carson. The theme was "Movies Around the World". As part of their Teen Initiative, they held a pizza party. The Juniors held DDR – Dance Dance Revelation. They are participating in the Hershey Park Camporee. They held a

Father/Daughter Dance. They held their annual Brownie Adventure at Trinity Presbyterian Church where they had songs and flag ceremonies. Tracy Thomas is retiring as SU Manager, and Tracey Beauregard will be the new SU Co-Manager.

51-9:

Jennie Klenk reported that they had a Japanese Lock-in. The SU met their goal for SHARE. They participated in Core Camps. They had an entire Junior Troop earn their Bronze Award, and received their awards from the Mayor of Herndon. They collected eyeglasses for Halloween. They held Girl Council. Thinking Day was “Candy Around the World”. Veronica Lopez is retiring as SU Manager, and Jennie Klare is the new SU Manager.

51-11:

Chelle Youmans reported that the SU participated in the Herndon Homecoming Parade with SU 51-9. They had a train, with an engine in the front, caboose in the back, and different train cars in between. Earlier in the year, one of a troop leader died suddenly, and her sister was a co-leader with the troop. The parents of the troop have stepped up to keep the troop going. That troop was scheduled to go camping, but due to thunderstorms, they were limited in what they could do outdoors. The SU participated in Caroling for Cans. Thinking Day was “Naturally Wonderful”. The SU held a Daddy/Daughter dance and a Mother/Daughter PJ party. One troop went to “Way Out Broadway” as a Mother/Daughter event. A Junior troop went camping at Chincoteague. Some Teen scouts are starting to participate in backpacking. Some scouts participated in the inauguration. The SU held the Teen Recognition Ceremony where the awards given were: 1 Gold, 4 Silver Trefoil, 3 Graduating Seniors, 5 Silver and 2 Bronze awards. Chelle Youmans is retiring as SU Manager and Kirsten Frostad is the incoming SU Manager.

Minutes

It was moved by Veronica Lopez and seconded to approve the minutes from the Fall Association 51 Meeting. Motion carried.

Presentation of Slate

Cathy Gordon is retiring from the N&R Committee. An election was held to fill the vacancy. By unanimous vote Chelle Youmans was elected to fill the vacancy. (Helen Housely will be the new Chair of N&R.)

Penny Halpern suggested that we get contact information for the SU Managers in the Association.

Field Director's Remarks

Jenna Cooper reported about the upcoming camps. Camp Fairfax's Theme is “Human Games”, including Candyland, Mousetrap, Pretty Pretty Princess, Checkers, and more. Sampler Camp will be held for three weeks – June 27 – July 15. They will have three field trips: to Lake Fairfax, Frying Pan Park, and the new Air and Space Smithsonian at

Dulles. There will be a new station this year called Scouting Traditions. Camp Firefly is heading to the Caribbean this year.

Proposals and Operational Suggestions

Penny Halpern suggested that GSCNC create PDF forms that are fillable. That is currently being worked on. It was also suggested that the calendar deadlines match the deadlines for the Teen Girls to get recognized in the TTG. It was also suggested that the teen scouts could earn more money from cookies sales and forget the incentives. That is, the cost of the incentives be given directly to the Teen Girls in lieu of incentive items.

New Business

Fall Association Event

It was discussed whether the Association should have a cookout or a service project for a Fall Association Event. It was suggested as a service project we could do something "Growing Native", to collect seeds from an area park and send to Growing Native for them to use. This is a local group. The other possibility was for a cookout done as a State Fair, or as Iron Chef, where everyone has to cook something with one ingredient the same. The decision was made to focus on a Service Project. A park clean up and picnic. Jennie Klenk said she would help to coordinate an event.

Association Delegates and Alternate Delegates

There was a lack of Delegates and Alternates at the last Annual Meeting. To help correct this problem, there will be job descriptions sent to the SU Managers. There are a couple of meetings involved beyond the Annual Meeting. Any delegates and alternates who did not attend the annual meeting will be replaced. They will be chosen at the Fall Association Meeting. The Annual Meeting for next year will be April 8

QSP Chair needed

Veronica Lopez volunteered to be the new QSP Chair.

Closing Ceremony

The closing ceremony was given by SU 51-1: "Great Thoughts by Great People"

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.