

Girl Scouts of Greater Mississippi
Board of Directors Meeting Conference Call
Tuesday, September 27, 2022 10:00 am

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m. by board member Jennifer Hall.

Members in Attendance: Mary Hill, Janice Brown, Tina Lakey, Betty Mallett, Henry Michel, Ron Mumbower, Jennifer Hall, Meredith Aldridge, Dan Robinson, Barbara Travis, Laura Hearn, Cindy Hollingsworth and Kearn Cherry.

Members Absent: Connie Moran, Charlotte Seals, Robin Robinson, Sarah Palmer, Janice Touchstone, Cathy Northington, Lauren McGraw and Pam Ware.

GSGMS staff members: Becky Traweek, Pam Britt, and Sarah Edwards.

Minutes: The minutes of the July meeting were presented. A motion was made by Mary Hill to accept the minutes as presented. It was seconded by Meredith Aldridge. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Laura Hearn, board treasurer, presented the report. The finance committee met on September 20, 2022 to review the proposed budget for the year 2022-2023. The budget reflects a 17% increase over last year's budget. We will bring in more revenue than was budgeted for 2022. This is primarily due to the wonderful cookie sale in 2022, the insurance payment made on the claim from the tornado at Iti Kana in March of this year, and the PPP-2 and ERTC loan forgiveness. Additional notes are in the board packet in the budget materials. The Capital Needs/Significant Expenses list was also reviewed.

The finance committee recommends approval of the 2022-2023 budget included in the packet. Since the motion comes from committee, no second is needed. Proposed budget passed unanimously.

The committee also requested that the board approve submissions for United Way funding from our partner United Ways. Since the motion comes from committee, no second is needed. The motion passed unanimously.

Laura reviewed the August financials that were attached to board packet. She reviewed the financials, noting a strong financial position for the organization. She then made a motion to approve the August financials. It was seconded by Dan Robinson. The motion passed unanimously.

CEO Report

Becky Traweek delivered the CEO report which is included in the meeting packet. She reminded the board that we need to be at 100% giving by the board. Grant applications ask about board giving. GSUSA asks what per cent of board members donate. She offered a monthly payment plan if needed.

COO Report

Sarah Edwards delivered the COO report which is included in the meeting packet.

Community Partnership Report

Meredith Aldridge reported the committee had met and set a goal for the new year of meeting potential donors. She asked for the board's help in opening doors to potential donors. They discussed using the "Phase 2" plans for Camp Wahi revitalization to attract and engage donors.

Fund Development Committee

Becky Traweek stated the committee consists of all board members. Everyone is asked to think of one or two people to visit and ask for a donation for Phase 2 at Camp Wahi. The board was asked to submit names to Ashley Belew or Becky Traweek.

Property Committee

Dan reported that we have had a great year. Phase 1 is complete at Camp Wahi, and it looks great!

At Camp Iti Kana, the March tornado took out about a quarter of the camp, with one campsite being hit especially hard. Robert Boone did a great job with emergency repairs. He also salvaged some of the timber. He met with a forester last week to have 20 – 30 acres replanted soon. Another 40 acres could be replanted at a later date. New roofs have been put on several buildings. Water lines broken during repairs have been fixed.

Moving from repairs at Iti Kana to revitalization – we have \$450,000 in insurance proceeds. To date, we have spent \$130,000. It has become apparent we need construction company to oversee the revitalization projects.

HANCO construction has been chosen. They are now working on the scope of the project. We will be spending the remainder of the insurance proceeds on Iti Kana repairs and revitalization. The committee would like a motion to approve an additional \$180,000 to \$200,000 so work can continue without having to return to the board for more approved spending each meeting.

A motion to approve up to \$200,000 in additional spending was made by Mary Hill. It was seconded by Ron Mumbower. The motion passed unanimously.

We are still working on the lien that was placed on Camp Wahi regarding A-1 not being paid by McDonald Construction for the front deck. Jennifer Hall is helping us. Baker Donelson is taking this on for us pro bono. Fountain Construction looked at the safety of certain structures impacted by the work in question. Brad Fountain stated all structures are safe and structurally sound.

Asset Management Committee

Henry Michel reported the committee met on August 4. They feel we need to pursue purchase of a new van. A motion was made to purchase a new van when one is found by Dan Robinson. It was seconded by Ron Mumbower. It passed unanimously.

A replacement farm truck will be needed at Camp Wahi in the new future. Given that good used trucks are very hard to find right now, we want to be ready to move on it when our truck dies. Therefore, a motion is requested to get a new-to-us truck.

A motion to approve the purchase of a truck not to exceed \$20,000 was made by Tina Lakey. It was seconded by Dan. It passed unanimously.

Strategic Planning Committee

Becky reported the committee met August 16. GSUSA is donating consultants to look at our office spaces, evaluation safety, visibility, branding, etc. We will request we start on our Gulfport and Meridian offices.

There is a CEO/Board Chair meeting in November and expects news on GSUSA's national strategic plan for the movement at that meeting. Increasing membership is always the #1 priority.

The next Board of Directors meeting is November 29th, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:58 am.