

March 21, 2022

Dear Friends:

We hope that you and your families are doing well. COVID-19 has disrupted our lives in ways none of us have ever seen. Our thoughts and prayers are with those families hit hardest by this pandemic.

The safety of our members, including volunteers, girls and staff, is always at the forefront of everything we do. The Board of Directors recently decided, with safety in mind, to hold the annual meeting again this year through a Zoom virtual meeting on Saturday, April 23<sup>th</sup>, 2022, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Mississippi Code has provisions for "emergency by-laws" that allows a board of directors to adopt special emergency actions for basic functioning of an organization during an emergency. (You may refer to MS CODE ANN <u>79-11-147</u>, 1988)

During this year's virtual annual meeting, we will present the proposed slate of nominees from the Board Development Committee. We will then vote on the slate to fill positions that will be open. For your review, attached please find your delegate packet including the following items:

- 2022 virtual annual meeting agenda
- Slate of nominees for board of directors
- Slate of nominees for Board Development Committee members
- 2021 annual meeting minutes
- Standing rules
- Simplified special rules for zoom meetings
- 2021 audited financials
- 2021 Impact Report

A link for the annual meeting will be sent out closer to the meeting date.

As you review the information included in this Delegate Packet, we would like to share some of the accomplishments and major projects that the council has been working hard toward for the betterment of the Girl Scouts of Greater Mississippi.

- ✓ Excellent fiscal operations were maintained and we ended the year strong financially. We had another "clean" audit report from our auditors.
- ✓ Despite the challenges, we had a successful fall product sale due to safety innovations developed by troop leaders, girls, and staff.

- ✓ Although the cookie program was down in boxes of cookies sold, the "per girl average" was up, which shows how hard the girls (and their supporters) worked and how much the public loves to see them with their cookies each year!
- ✓ We started a major revitalization at Camp Wahi.
- ✓ We were able to hold in-person overnight camps, AND we provided online program opportunities, as well..

You, as a voting member, are essential to the governance of our council, and your vote on issues of importance to the council is critical. We look forward to welcoming you to the virtual annual meeting. Thank you for furthering the continuation of our mission, to build girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place. And once again, please do not hesitate to call with questions or concerns, or if we may be of assistance to you and the girls we serve together. Stay well and we look forward to our review of the past year and how we will move forward together. Again, thank you for your dedication to Girl Scouts!

Sincerely,

Robin Robinsin, Board Chair Becky Traweek, CEO

