

**Girl Scouts of Greater Mississippi
Board of Directors Meeting
Conference Call
Tuesday, May 28, 2019 10:00-11:00am**

Members in Attendance: Gloria Johnson, Chair, Dr. Janice Touchstone, Dan Robinson, Marlena Pickering, Candie Simmons, Sarah Palmer, Charlotte Seals, Janice Brown, Cindy Hollingsworth, Jennifer Hall, Michele Thames, Joni McClain, Betty Mallett, Trace Swartzfager, Mary Hill and Carmen Walters.

GSGMS staff members: Becky Traweek, Angie Miller and Sarah Edwards

Members Absent: Robin Robinson, Connie Moran, Steve Seale, Dan Thurtell, Kearn Cherry and Wanda Russell.

The meeting was called to order by Gloria Johnson at 10:00 a.m. noting a quorum was met.

Minutes:

Gloria presented the consent agenda. She asked that the strategic plan be pulled for discussion. A motion was made by Betty Mallett to approve the consent agenda and was seconded by Trace Swartzfager. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

A brief Installation Ceremony was held for new officers.

Board Development and Nominating Committee Report

Mary Hill reported that all new members participated in orientation. Mary reported that officers for the Board of Directors are to be elected by the board members according to the bylaws. The following slate was submitted for board approval:

- Gloria Johnson, Chair
- Michele Thames, Vice Chair
- Dr. Carmen Walters, 2nd Vice Chair
- Sarah Palmer, Secretary
- Candie Simmons, Treasurer

Jennifer Hall moved that the board approve the slate as presented. Joni McClain seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

The Board Development and Nominating Committee proposed Steve Seale and Dan Robinson as members-at-large to the Executive Committee.

Betty Mallett moved to approve Seale and Robinson as members-at-large to the Executive Committee. Jennifer Hall seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

Finance Committee Report

In the absence of Pam Britt, the council finance report was presented by Angie Miller, who pointed out the following:

- 1,007,500 boxes of cookies were sold in 2019! We had budgeted 975,000 boxes.
- We currently have about \$20,000 in cookie debt that we are working
- The March financials reflect 6 months into the year. Our revenues are under goal in annual giving and United Way funding.
- Our fall product program sales, our special events and in-kind donations will come in later in the year.

Property Committee

Dan Robinson invited new board members to join the property committee if they were interested. He said there will be a property tour in late September, after the weather cools off. He noted that volunteer feedback was solicited throughout the spring for improvements to our properties, especially camp. New mattresses are the number one request of the volunteers. These will cost \$35,500.00. He noted that other concerns are archery, lighting, air conditioning in additional building and additional parking at Camp Wahi. He asked for a motion for the purchase of the mattresses for an amount up to \$38,000. Joni McClain made a motion to approve the mattress purchase up to \$38,000. The motion was seconded by Betty Mallett. There was no further discussion. The motion was approved.

Executive Committee Report

Gloria reported that there was no meeting, but there were emails to establish Board Development and Nominating Committee meetings to establish a slate of officers.

Gloria asked everyone to join a committee. Please email Becky with your choice(s). She added that Candie Simmons is the chair of the Fund Development Committee, and that all board members are part of that committee. Also, a Human Resources committee has been added to our list of committees.

Candie Simmons moved that they go into Executive Session. Trace Swartzfager seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting went into executive session at 10:32.

Trace Swartzfager made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Joni McClain seconded the motion. There was no discussion and it passed unanimously. Executive Session ended at 10:38 a.m.

The board reviewed the strategic plan. Becky gave background on our current plan and on the necessity to cut back on our in-school programs due to the increase in dues and diminishing United Way funds that support that program. She talked about our success this summer expanding our program in daycares.

Gloria stated the Board support for the strategic plan and the need for the Board Members to help explore other avenues for revenue.

Board members then each individually introduced themselves.

Trace Swartzfager made a motion to adjourn the board meeting. Jennifer Hall seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously. The board meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

These minutes were prepared by Sarah T. Palmer, Board Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah T. Palmer, Secretary
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