

Girl Scouts of Greater Mississippi
Board of Directors Meeting Conference Call
Tuesday, March 23, 2021 10:00 am

Members in Attendance:

Gloria Johnson, Chair, Ron Mumbower, Barbara Travis, Candie Simmons, First Vice Chair, Betty Mallett, Dan Robinson, Trace Swartzfager, Laura Hearn, Janice Brown, Mary Hill, Janice Touchstone, Robin Robinson, treasurer, Kearn Cherry.

Members Absent: Cindy Hollingsworth, Charlotte Seals, Wanda Russell, Steve Seale, Sarah Palmer, Joni McClain, Jennifer Hall.

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

The meeting began at 10:07 a.m. by Gloria Johnson, Board Chair.

The January 26, 2021 minutes were removed from the consent agenda. Barbara Travis moved that the consent agenda be accepted without the January 26 meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Betty Mallett. The motion passed unanimously.

CEO Report – Membership staff is working very hard on big spring recruitment efforts.

We just completed a very healthy cookie season, all things considered. The community was very supportive of the sale. We moved our targeted number of packages sold up and up. Right now, it looks like we will hit 800,000 packages which is well above initial projections. Every staff member worked so hard during cookie season.

In-person summer camp registration is open!

Finance Report – Robin Robinson, Treasurer, and Pam Britt presented report. The council has been in “cookie mode” with cookies on site for the past 5 weeks. The next phase of the cookie sale is the ACH withdrawal for payment of cookies received by each troop. We will see proceeds from cookies on next month’s finance report.

Our initial PPP loan has been fully forgiven, so that amount will show as a contribution to the council. In February, we applied for PPP2. We will apply for forgiveness when

the time comes. This is unprecedented for a 501 (c) 3 organization. We now have 11 ½ months of reserves.

Our current year deficit is \$580,840. Last year at this time, our deficit was \$630,854. We are currently tracking better in 2021 than in 2020. In April, once cookie money is collected from troops, we will no longer be in a deficit.

Gloria asked about our Women of Distinction event. We are planning to have that in-person event in September of this year.

Property Committee

In the recent round of storms, we have had lots of limbs down at each camp, but no real damage.

We will be starting work at Camp Wahi on the bath houses very soon.

Board Development Committee

Mary Hill reported that the committee met January 21. They have received 2 resignations from current board members, Joni McClain and Steve Seale. There are also two current board members who are rolling off the board, Candie Simmons and Wanda Russell.

To fill these vacancies, the committee is nominating the following individuals:

Meredith Aldridge
Henry Michel
Cathy Northington
Pam Ware

The committee is nomination the following current board members for a second term:

Sarah Palmer
Dan Robinson
Robin Robinson
Connie Moran

Executive Committee Report

There was no meeting but there were two virtual votes. One was to approve the upcoming annual meeting as a virtual meeting. The second was to approve the second PPP request.

After the annual meeting, the board must vote to approve the new officers. A nominating committee to come up with the slate officers. Those interested in serving should email Gloria or Becky.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45.

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