Girl Scouts of Michigan Shore to Shore
Board of Directors Meeting – September 28, 2013

The GMISTS Board of Directors met at the Muskegon Service Center. The board meeting was called to order by Chair Mary Becker-Witt and a quorum was present.

Board Action Items:

- Approved June 28, 2013 Meeting Minutes
- Accepted 1 board member resignation: Laurie Wharton (moved from area)
- Reaffirmed Standard Banking Resolutions
- Girl Scouts of Utah 2014 National Council Proposal was presented by Mary Becker-Witt, Board Chair.
    - Proposal would require Councils with six or more delegates to have at least two girl delegates.
    - Board considered and supported proposal for inclusion in 2014 National Council Session.
- GSMISTS Strategic Priorities was presented by Mary Becker-Witt, Board Chair. Board reconfirmed these Strategic Priorities for the 2013-2014 membership year:
    - Goal 1--ensure all girls that want to be Girl Scouts are given the opportunity to participate;
    - Goal 2--recruit and develop a large corps of volunteers, reflective of the communities they serve, that will support the Girl Scout Leadership Experience in the 30 county area;
    - Goal 3--increase the amount of non-girl-generated, public support funding;
    - Goal 4--provide quality programming above and beyond the troop level that meets the needs of girl members and is equitable and inclusive throughout the 30 counties.
- Report was given of the Bylaws and Governance Task Group by Verna George, 1st Vice Chair.
    - Policy for the Designation of Regions, Election of Delegates and Appointment of Delegate and Regional Chairs was approved by the Board.
    - Governance Volunteer Descriptions were approved by the Board.
    - A new form available to our members was also adopted: Compliment, Comments and Concerns.
- Finance Report was given by Gail Montgomery, Treasurer
    - 2013 -2014 GSMISTS Financial Budget was approved by the Board.
    - Current Financial Statements were approved by the Board.

Reports

- CEO Update was given by Gloria Lara
    - Introduction of Director of Fund Development and Communications Jennifer Wilson
    - Membership Update – Year-end girl Membership at 10,024, 6.7% growth from previous year.

An Executive Session took place, to begin the process of the CEO annual evaluation.

Strategic Discussion Agenda (after Board Meeting)

- Overview of Girl Scout Program Portfolio Presentation: Eva Berumen
- Cookie Discussion: Ed Bueche and Gloria Lara
- Fund Development Discussion: Jennifer Wilson
- Property Study Update: Cindy Ranshaw
    - **Reminder to all -- please attend the property visits. We are looking forward to hearing from all of you regarding our properties!**
- Upcoming Delegate Meetings
- Annual Meeting – April 26th – Norman Township Hall –Wellston, MI

Joining us for our meeting was Monna Loftis, Governance Consultant, from the GSUSA National team. She had come in yesterday to work with our Board Development Committee.

Yours in Girl Scouting,

Mary K Becker-Witt
Board Chair
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