

Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania
Annual Meeting
May 2, 2009

The second annual meeting of the Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania Council was held at the Bloomsburg Fairgrounds on Saturday, May 2, 2009. The following represent minutes of that meeting.

After the attendees recited the Girl Scout Promise and Law and a flag ceremony was conducted by several girl scouts from the council, Board Chair Lee Beard called the business meeting to order at 10:40 am and welcomed everyone. She recognized John Thomas, CEO for the United Way of Columbia County, and those legacy council past presidents and lifetime Girl Scout members in attendance at the meeting. Lee also asked for a moment of silence for those volunteers, friends and family members whom we had lost in the past year.

Kate Crowley, Board Secretary provided the following quorum report:

- 151 delegates in attendance
- 65 Service Units represented

Since there was a majority of service units represented and at least 25% of the total delegates in attendance, Kate reported that there was a proper quorum, pursuant to Section 10 of Article 1 of the bylaws. She also mentioned that there were 228 total in attendance which included alternate delegates, guests, senior girl scouts, and staff.

Kate then provided the Secretary's Report and indicated that the board of directors had met 10 times within the last year with a quorum at all meetings. She also indicated that the Executive Committee had met four times and the board had held one all-day planning meeting. Kate asked if there was any objection to waiving the reading of the minutes of the 2008 annual meeting and there was none, nor were there any corrections to the minutes. Virginia Goodrich moved to approve the minutes of the 2008 annual meeting and Janice Black seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Board Chair Lee Beard then provided her Leadership Report. She spoke of the many challenges that the council has been faced with in its first two years, each handled in typical Girl Scout manner, with courage, character and confidence. Lee went on to thank many groups and individuals, including the Long-Range Property Planning task group, the Fund Development Committee, the Finance Committee, the Volunteer Recognitions Committee, the council's National Delegates, members of the Girls CAN group, our interim CEO Shirley Valentine-Attoh, the Executive Committee, the Board of Directors, and the entire council staff.

Bill Hoffmann, Treasurer then gave the Financial Report and reviewed the recently completed council audit for the year that ended on September 30, 2008. The auditors had provided a clean opinion and management was following up on the internal control recommendations that were received. Bill also outlined the council's net assets as of the end of the fiscal year, and significant financial events of note since then including the proceeds of the sale of the Scranton office, the one-time gas rights lease

payment for the Camp Archbald property, a successful cookie sale, and the expected savings realized from the staff restructuring in early 2009. Bill noted that the council Line of Credit has been paid in full and emphasized that we have investments available to cover cash needs even though our reserves are declining. He also reinforced the need to increase donor contributions.

In summary, Bill reinforced the dedication of the board, the finance committee and the management team toward ensuring that council is able to provide needed services in a fiscally prudent manner.

After the Financial Report, Bill and Lee entertained questions regarding council's finances.

Carolyn Warman, chair of the Board Development Committee then gave the report of that committee, presenting the slate of nominations. Carolyn explained the work the committee had conducted in the last year, including refining job descriptions, providing board education, and completing new board member recruitment, cultivation and nominations. She thanked all those who had recommended individuals for the committee to consider. She then presented the following slate, as recommended by the Board Development Committee:

Officers

- Kate Crowley – Chair '11
- Mary Malone – Vice Chair '11
- Mindy Inners – Secretary '11
- Paul Lewis – Treasurer '11

Members-at-Large

- Lee Beard '10
- George King '10
- Heidi Nicholas '10
- Catherine (Cappy) Bush '12
- Manisha Nahar '12
- Donna Simpson '12

Board Development Committee

- Lee Beard '10
- Catherine (Cappy) Bush '11
- Marty Brown '11
- Mimi Coppersmith '10
- Sharon Hoffmann '11
- Merry-Grace Majors '11

National Delegates

- Ann Baker '11

- Manisha Nahar '11
- Laura Smith '11

Kate affirmed that no additional nominations, pursuant to the bylaws, had been submitted. Lee closed the nominations and asked for a motion to approve the slate of officers, board members, board development committee members, and national delegates as presented. Carolyn Warman moved to approve the slate and Kyle Kauffman seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. Lee congratulated all those elected.

Lee then introduced Ginny Denn who spoke of her many years in Girl Scouting and the life lessons that the organization provides. Ginny then inducted all newly elected officers, board members at large, board development committee members, and national delegates. After the induction, Lee recognized outgoing board members and board development committee members. Each was given a plaque recognizing them for their service and commitment to the council.

The Executive Committee members then took turns in a "hat's off" routine saying thank you to various volunteer groups who have been so instrumental in the work of the council this past year.

Lee thanked the members of the CEO Search Committee, and then introduced the council's new President and CEO Jane Ransom. Jane discussed her background and offered insights into what motivated her to join the organization. She pledged her commitment to fulfilling and advancing the Girl Scout mission.

Lee then handed over the gavel to Kate, the new board chair. Kate thanked Lee for her service as the first GSHPA board chair and presented her with an engraved gavel plaque on behalf of the entire council. Kate also offered her commitment to the membership that she would work hard to move the council forward in a positive, productive and responsible fashion, no matter what challenges we encounter.

Finally, Kate entertained a motion to adjourn the business meeting which was made by Joanne Kuhn. Hearing no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

*Kate Crowley
Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania Board Secretary*