

ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Annual Council Meeting of Girl Scouts of Western Ohio was held via video conference. President Victoria Nilles, was in the chair and Patrice Borders, Secretary, took the minutes.

MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED

Materials distributed:
Report of the Board Development Committee Memo

CALL TO ORDER

The thirteenth annual meeting of the council was called to order by Chair, Victoria Nilles at 4:30 pm with 29 members and 5 guests for a grand total of 34 people in attendance.

ELECTION REPORT

Corinne Hemesath, Board Development Committee Chair, reported on the process used to develop the slate of nominees and the online election results:

Board Member-at-Large, Two Year Term: 2021-2023

Melissa Cutcher	Teanya Norwood-Ekwenna
Michelle Furlong	Carole Williams
Jackie Janning-Lask	

Girl Board Member, One Year Term: 2021-2022

Kaitlyn Lott	Siobhan Miller
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Board Development Committee Member, Two Year Term: 2021-2023

Jennifer Baker	Monica Dwyer
Sheri Bogardus	Amanda Graven

MOTION

A motion was made:

That the 2021 Slate of Nominees be approved.

Motion approved.

BYLAW REVISION

The membership unanimously voted to accept the Bylaws revision that was made to comply with Proposal 5 – Constitutional Amendment on Consistency in Delegate Terms that was adopted at the National Council Session in October 2020; to include provisions for virtual meetings; and to delete the original merger provisions. A motion was made:

That the revisions to the Council Bylaws be approved.

Motion approved.

STATE OF THE REPORT

Roni Luckenbill, CEO, gave a brief summary of 2020. In March, after the news of the pandemic – COVID-19, we made an abrupt pivot in operations and shut down all in-person activities. We transitioned to the virtual world and were forced to overcome obstacles that we had never encountered or considered would be in front of us. We partnered in many ways to serve our 32,000 Girl Scouts in new and socially distanced ways. This included twice


daily badge workshops via Facebook Live and Zoom. We held drive thru recruitments, collaborated on community events, held community hike recruitments, and Girl Scouts dance parties in city parks. We partnered with more than 800 Girl Scout troops to provide free Zoom licenses and supplied almost 4,000 camp boxes to girls. We continue to be financially secure. We obtained two PPP loans that helped ensure that we could continue to operate with minimal disruption during the shutdown. We raised over \$600,000 from donations, including \$184,000 from a special COVID-19 campaign that brought in over 200 new donors. We managed a gross \$15 million cookie program, bringing much needed dollars into troop bank accounts. We also continued to raise funds for our Empower Her campaign, which now totals \$3 million. This allowed us to complete numerous capital projects at our camps, including building a new lodge, a new swimming pool, lodge refreshes, welcome centers, trail maintenance and many roof, door and window replacements.

RETIRING BOARD MEMBERS

Retiring members were recognized and given the opportunity to share their thoughts about their time on the board. Each will be given a certificate of appreciation.

ADJOURNMENT

The 2021 Annual Council Meeting was adjourned at 4:53 pm.


Patrice Borders, Secretary

