

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Girl Scouts of Western Ohio was held at the Girl Scout office in Dayton. President, Ellen Iobst, was in the chair and Kimber Fender, Secretary, took the minutes.

**BOARD MEMBERS
PRESENT**

Board members present:
Ellen Iobst, Chair
Victoria Nilles, 1st Vice Chair
Ann Hartmann, 2nd Vice Chair
Zo Redman, Treasurer
Cassie Barlow
Stephanie Cihon
Kathryn Cordeiro*
Sue Gantz Matz
Shannon Glass
Theresa Hirschauer
Anna Jones Monnett
Michelle Krummen
Roni Luckenbill, CEO*
Jenny Michael
Bill Schretter
Jody Wainscott*
Whitney Weiss*
Rebecca Westlake
*ex officio

**BOARD MEMBERS
PRESENT BY PHONE**

Board members present by phone:
Kimber Fender, Secretary
Angela Granata

**BOARD MEMBERS
ABSENT**

Board members absent:
Patrice Borders
La Costa Moore
Susan Redman-Rengstorf

**STAFF MEMBERS
PRESENT**

Staff members present:
Marcia Dowds, Chief Development Officer
Cheryl Drinnen, Assistant to the CEO
Linda Odenbeck, Chief Financial Officer
Susan Osborn, Chief Operating Officer
Chris Salley-Davis, Senior Director of Program & Product Sales

GUEST PRESENT

Guest present:
Alex Bielecki

**PRE-MEETING
MATERIALS**

Materials mailed:
Agenda Board of Directors Meeting
Consent Agenda Memo
March 2017 Board Meeting Minutes
Give/Get Policy Memo

Fund Development Dashboard
Board Monitoring Memo & Form
Investment Update

HANDOUTS

Materials distributed:
Generation STEM: What girls say about Science, Technology,
Engineering, and Math
Handwritten note from a Girl Scout

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Ellen Iobst, at 4:58 pm.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA
MOTION**

A motion was made to approve the agenda. Motion approved.

**APPROVAL OF
CONSENT AGENDA
MOTION**

The consent agenda was approved. The following agenda items were included on the consent agenda:

- Minutes of the March 2017 Board Meeting

BOARD CHAIR REPORT

Ellen Iobst, Chair, gave a brief overview of the agenda for the meeting. She also provided information on the upcoming G.I.R.L. 2017/54th National Council Session that will be held October 4-8 in Columbus. There will be over 10,000 Girl Scout members attending the convention and we are one of the host councils. Our delegation will be staying at the Crowne Plaza and will have a suite to use as a meeting place, and all members of the council attending the event are welcome. In addition to the election of the National Board of Directors and National Board Development Committee, there will be three proposals to discuss and vote upon: 1) Reducing the Size of the National Board; 2) Establish the National Board Development Committee as a committee of the National Board of Directors; and 3) Lifetime Membership Dues.

**FUND DEVELOPMENT
TASK GROUP**

Theresa Hirschauer, Fund Development Task Group Chair, shared that over the last several years overall contributions to the council are increasing, and with the introduction of the ToGetHerThere Circle (\$1,000+), the increase in the amount of personal gifts of board members has increased. She then shared some information on why the task group thinks it is important that the council implement a give/get policy for the board and shared data from a GSUSA dashboard report regarding these policies in other councils in the same region as Western Ohio, which showed 55% have a give policy and 31% have a get policy. The task group is recommending that the board implement a give/get policy over a three year period, starting with the 2018 board leadership campaign. The board broke into small groups to discuss. The task group will meet to review the information and bring a final recommendation back to the board.

**OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE
& PROPERTY TASK GROUP**

Sue Matz, Outdoor Experience & Property Task Group Chair, presented an overview of the work of the group to date, and since there were new members on the board, she also provided an overview of what the group has been tasked to complete. The task group will be visiting Camp Butterworth in May and Camp Stonybrook in June to review some potential projects, and then will complete the overall camp project prioritization and make recommendations for the 2018 budget.

BOARD EDUCATION

Chris Salley-Davis, Senior Director of Program & Product Sales presented information on STEM (Science Technology, Engineering and Math) In Girl Scouting, another one of the four pillars. Entrepreneurship was presented at the March meeting by Ashley Thoreen. GSUSA is really focused on defining and investing in strategies for STEM and Outdoors for the coming year. She shared information on why STEM and what we have been doing, including partnering with others such as P&G, GE, Cincinnati State, University of Cincinnati, Sylvania STEM Center, and more. Chris also reported on some future work, including a new robotics badges, new STEM Journeys, and more community partners. Discussion followed.

HOW DID WE WORK?

Jenny Michael, April Board Monitor, reported on her assessment of the board’s performance during the board meeting. She used the monitoring evaluation and shared her assessment of the board’s compliance. The evaluation form is used at each meeting and kept with board files.

AGENDA PLANNING

The following agenda items will be included in the June meeting, which is scheduled for Tuesday, June 27, 2017, via conference call:

- Fund Development Task Group Report
- Governance Task Group Report
- Outdoor Experience and Property Task Group Report
- Monitoring Reports
- Board Education
- Report on the National Girl Scout Convention

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:36 pm.

Kimber A. Fender

 Kimber Fender, Secretary

