

Highlights from the February 4, 2012 Board of Directors meeting

- The employee Human Resource Policy manual was approved by the board
- The auditors –Ricci and Associates- presented the independent audit for fiscal year Oct-Sept 2011. The Council received an “unqualified” opinion which is the best to be received. No management letter was issued as there were no suggestions for improvements in the fiscal management of the audit. The staff was complemented for the good work. The audit is posted on the website.
- The 990 IRS corporate tax return will be filed by May 15, 2012.
- The Fund Development committee encouraged full participation in the upcoming Cookie Caper with a goal to have a cumulative sponsorship by the Board of \$5000. This challenge was accepted! Mary Mah was thanked for her leadership as chair of this successful event.
- The Board considered the GSUSA convention approved option to assess a fee up to \$12 annually as a program service fee. This was in addition to the membership fee of \$12 annually. The board **did not** approve assessing this fee at this time.
- The Harkey Fund is an existing scholarship fund for the benefit of Gold Award Recipients. The board will review revised policies and procedures for administering these funds with the input from the existing Gold Award Scholarship Alliance. The existing scholarship committee will continue to serve as the board appointed committee for review of scholarship applications.
- The number of members increased slightly over last year and the Council is #4 in the nation in the number of boxes of cookies sold per girl. An average of 244 per girl was sold!
- The review of the Financials for the Council show income above expenses by \$28,000 and investments being up. The overall financial health of the council is strong.
- Donations from individual donors are up from prior year
- Clear Channel donated 7billboards advertising Girl Scouts and they are beautiful!
- Great media coverage occurred featuring First Lego League, the cookie sale and the new Program portfolio.
- The master development plan to upgrade both camps is in process. A strategic implementation plan and fund development strategy are currently being prepared.
- The Bylaws will be posted on the website for membership input, review and suggestions for change.
- The 100th anniversary committee continues to work hard to host numerous activities throughout the state. The full list is posted on the website.
- Next meeting will be May 12, 2012 and focus solely on the funding of the Master Development Plan