

Summary of Board of Directors Actions from June 23, 2012 to November 17, 2012

Girl Scouts of New Mexico Trails

- The board approved moving forward with Strategic Learning which is a process of engagement of volunteers, board and staff to develop a vision for our future. The work began in early 2012 and final work will be presented to the board by January 2013. The Key priorities will include Mission Delivery, Strategic Partnerships, Capacity, Communication, Culture and the Master Development Plan will be incorporated throughout. A focus will include retention of girls in 4th-6th grades, Pathways programming and focusing on underserved populations.
- The Board approved a resolution that specifies that the Council has the authority to close/audit troop funds. This resolution will be shared with Banks that require clarification that the Council is the legal entity that has the non-profit exempt status and that the troops have to no legal structure independent of the council.
- The Charge for the following committees was approved: Finance, Audit& Risk, and Fund Development
- The Board approved the authorizing of Peggy Sanchez Mills, CEO to seek funds on behalf of the council that benefit the approved strategic vision and mission of the council
- Board Chair Marti Fournier Revo and Peggy Sanchez Mills, CEO attended the National Core Leadership Conference held by GSUSA. Key issues discussed were national realignment, fund development, membership and the need to enhance the volunteer management system.
- Updates were provided on the social issues related to the National Catholic Youth Ministry and their support of Girl Scouts
- The Fund Development department was reorganized and now includes a grant writer, a Director of Strategic Initiatives, a communication associate and a data management associate.
- The board approved a slate of officers and board nominees for the annual meeting membership consideration.
- The Master Development Plan is being implemented. At Camp Elliott Barker there are new roads, hot/cold water at Hoffman Hall was added and new bathrooms and general upgrades are in process, non functioning structures have been removed, new septic tanks installed and a rendering for the new lodge approved. At Rancho del Chaparral, new water valves were installed, a new roof will be installed at Casa Grande in the spring after the snow season has ended, winterizing of many structures completed and a new corral installed.
- A thorough review of the Bylaws was conducted and a tremendous job was done by the committee to reorganize them in a manner that is more users friendly. The membership approved them with a minor change. They are posted on the Council website.
- The 2012- 2013 operating and capital budgets were approved
- The process for electing and training Delegates to the Council Membership meeting was approved for 2012-2013
- A board self assessment was conducted to determine areas of strength and opportunities for more focus
- A summary of board decision from 2008 was provided to the board.

- The board discussed membership trends, program utilization and product sales.
- Meetings for the board will be held in Espanola and Clovis during 2013