

GIRL SCOUTS OF THE CHESAPEAKE BAY COUNCIL, INC.
2023 ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

April 19th, 2023
6:30 P.M. – 8:20 P.M. (approximately)

Del-One Conference Center
Delaware Technical Community College

Volunteer Lyn Gill opened the business meeting by sharing information about the Girl Scout World Centres.

Board Chair Katya Nieburg-Wheeler welcomed in-person and virtual attendees to the 61st Annual Meeting of the Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay Council. Katya stated quorum has been met with 48.6% of voting members present and called the meeting to order at 6:36 P.M. (approximately).

I. Agenda approval:

Katya asked for a motion to accept the 2023 Annual Meeting Agenda. The motion was moved and seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

II. Introduction of the Board of Directors

Katya recognized the following board members in attendance:

Temeka Easter Rice
Greg Fogarty
Dale Hoops
Jessica Jordan
Tavanya Lockett
Sarah Long
Keisha Morris
Eleanor Benjamin Torres
Amber Young
Kim Ziolkowski
Cheyenne Brown
Nina-Simone Pettis

III. Approval of 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes

Katya asked for a motion to accept the 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes. The motion was moved and seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Approval of Jan 19th Special Meeting Minutes

Katya asked for a motion to accept the Jan 19th Special Meeting Minutes. The motion was moved and seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

V. Treasurers Report

Board Treasurer Dale Hoops presented the Treasurer’s report capturing financial highlights of the year, including sources of revenue. Key points in the report included a report of a deficit of approximately 1 million as a result of a decrease in investment income. Also reported was non-sustainable source of income such as PPP loan forgiveness and employee retention grant. Dale clarified for the audience that “membership expense” is what we pay GSUSA in membership fees.

Katya asked for a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report. The motion was moved and seconded. Motion was carried by majority vote.

VI. State of the Council Report

Claudia Pena Porretti presented the State of the Council report which included a favorable year over year membership retention rate (the first time we have seen an increase since 2009), increased transparency with membership and additional opportunities for member feedback, new and improved girl programs, 300 highest awards earned, and meeting our product program goals. Also mentioned was the response to last year’s property decision

and its impact on our movement. Praise was given for Peninsula Day of Service 2023 and the volunteers who helped plan and execute a great event. Claudia gave additional thanks to all volunteers and their continued commitment and recognized GSCB staff members.

VII. Rules of Debate and Voting

Katya asked for a motion to accept the rules of debate. The motion was moved and seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Amended Bylaws

Katya reported that according to Section 1, Article XV, of our bylaws state that Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of those present in person (or linked by telecommunication or by means such that all members participating in the meeting are able to hear one another and participate in the proceedings) and voting at a meeting of the Council.

Katya asked if there was any debate. Katya heard no debate.

Katya asked for a motion to accept the Amended Bylaws. The motion was moved and seconded.

Following a point of order, Katya notified attendees that a voting member participating virtually asked if the Bylaws would be posted online. The answer is yes.

The motion carried unanimously.

IX. Presentation of Slate and Voting

Board Development Committee Chair Vanessa Phillips asked members of the Board Development Committee in attendance to stand and be recognized:

Greg Fogarty
Nathalie Princilus
Bonnie Meszaros
Kim Ziolkowski

Vanessa presented the slate of officers for Class of 2026:

Board of Directors – Officers Class of 2026

Temeka Easter Rice – Board Chair, 1st Term
Stacy Conn – 1st Vice Chair, 1st Term

Board of Directors – Members-at-Large Class of 2026

Vanessa Fisher – Member-at-Large, 1st Term

Board Development Committee

Keisha Morris – 1st Term
Stacy Haddock Hassel – 1st Term
Devon Christine Manning – 1st Term

Katya thanked Vanessa for presenting the slate and asked for a motion to accept the Slate of Nominees as presented. The motion was moved and seconded.

During a brief pause, Girl Scouts sang “The Princess Pat”.

A motion was proposed to introduce additional candidates for open positions. Katya shared that per our Bylaws, Section V, subcategory VII – nominations for any elected positions may be made from the floor provided notice of intent must be given to Board Development Committee and delivered 10 business days prior to the council meeting. Motion declared out of order.

A second motion to appeal against the decision of the chair was declared out of order per Bylaws, Article VI.

Upon return to the original motion for voting of the slate of nominees, the motion was carried by majority vote.

Katya announced the appointment of Ellie Davis and Allie Wheatley as Teen Girl Representatives to the Board.

X. Board of Directors Vacancies Notification

Following the approval of the slate of nominees, Katya notified voting members that per Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 3 Vacancies, the Board of Directors approved the appointments of the following to complete unexpired at-large terms, effective upon the conclusion of the meeting:

Autumn Tuxward
Devon Manning
Danielle Vozzo

XI. Installation Ceremony

Katya invited the newly appointed members and returning members of the Board of Directors to the stage for an installation ceremony.

XII. 2023 Adult Recognitions

At-Large members Tavanya Lockett and Greg Fogarty presented the following Adult Recognitions:

Appreciation Pin:

Pam Richardson
Alison Rogerson
Monica Snow

Honor Pin:

Tina Burton.

Evergreen Award

Maureen Stone (absent)

GSCB Pin:

Harriet "Mac" MacVeigh (absent)

President's Award:

Service Unit 625.

Beacon Award:

Board Chair Katya Nieburg-Wheeler presented the 3rd-ever prestigious Beacon Award to Ethelyn "Lyn" Gill.

Years of Service Awards:

Tavanya Lockett and Greg Fogarty presented the years of service awards to the following volunteers:

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Shi Adams
Tina Burton
Shanika Clark
Suzanne Hersh
Colleen Horn
Christine Hubbard

15 continued

Karlene Jennings
Jeff LaGreca
Kathleen LaGreca
Carolyn Mansk
Chrissie Maughan
Debra Mckinney
Pam Richardson
Wynell Scott
Jeanne Sipes
Corinne Smith
Tanya Sykes
Sherri Warren
Denise Schrimsher
Amy Malinky

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Carol E Ford
Sarah Guns
Carol Harrold
Nancy McMann

25

Patricia Bjorke
Janet Maher
Shirin Skovronski

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Kathy Chaillou
Angelina Cright
Valarie Crockett
Esther Wales
Susan Wooten

35

Jeanna Cisney
Tina McCall
Sue Rowe
Karen Sommers
Karen Wales

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Riva Brown

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Tracy Branigan
Carolyn Gatti
Sheila Koiv

50

Lyn Gill
Betsy Wenny

55

Millie Gamborg-Nielsen

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Joan Przywara

XIII. Katya recognized and thanked the following committees:

Recognition:

Jessica Jordan
Barbara Dodge
Elizabeth Esrey
Janet Maher
Lesley Czocho

Annual Meeting:

Elizabeth Brown
Riva Brown
Tiffanie Chandler
Lyn Gill
Sheila Koiv
Tara Petka
Joan Przywara
Lauralee Rappley
Melissa Walker
Pam Yarborough

Bylaws Task Force:

Kim Ziolkowski
Gail Foltz
Lyn Gill
Lesley Czocho
Sindy Rodriguez
Barbara Hill

- XIV.** Katya recognized and thanked the following Board Development Committee (BDC) and Board of Directors (BODs) members who completed their terms:

BDC:

Selena Wilson-Archie
Kim Ziolkowski

BODs

Dale Hoops
Kimberlee Ziolkowski
Gail Foltz
Jenny Teal

Katya recognized and thanked Teen Girl Representatives Cheyenne Brown and Nina-Simone Pettis for their board service.

Temeka Easter Rice, newly appointed Chair of the Board, presented Katya Nieburg-Wheeler with a special gift and thank you for her decade of service on the Board of Directors and as Board Chair. Claudia Peña Porretti, CEO, shared remarks on her time with Katya.

Katya gave closing remarks and reflected on her time as a Board Member and Chair.

- XV.** **Meeting Adjournment**

Katya announced an online feedback form will be sent to all attendees at the close of the meeting.

Katya asked for any additional announcements before adjournment. She shared that anyone with something under their chair gets to take the centerpiece home, and the 56th national council proposals are available for comments in person or digitally via QR code.

Katya asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was moved and seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

XVI. Closing Ceremony

Riva Brown performed a poem that she wrote about the Five World Centres.

Taps were sung.

Meeting ended at approximately 8:25 PM