

Moving At the Speed of Girls Volunteer Conference

September 23, 2017

Notes and Questions from the Delegates & Alternates Session



- Volunteer Trainers – Peggy Kelland/New Oaks - distance – volunteer trainers - can we bring it back volunteer trainers **A: Yes, Volunteer Facilitators are needed for the Overnight Outdoor Training, Journey program, and Volunteer Essentials. Contact Dolores DaSilva Ddasilva@girlscoutshh.org**
- Patricia Page – we are looking at the past 10 years to put together something to update it to our needs today (to combine the best of both worlds)
- Hada Reed – we are volunteer lead – we are dependent on our volunteers. The new process will be inclusive and with the wider parameter of covering our footprint.
- Patricia Page eureka moment – Tioronda has 68 girls, Scarsdale has 600. Membership and Volunteer Services Managers are asked to go to 106 meetings, so if we combine the SU meetings - we will be working smarter.
- Maureen Connolly/West Lakeland – are we thinking of clustering and keeping identity or re-naming and deleting history. **A: A thorough review of service units will be done in order to identify possible partnerships.**
- Patricia Page Yonkers just combined.
- Bernadette Lauricella/South Yonkers - They went from 40 troops to 10. They are exceeding their membership numbers.
- Ron Rosen/Spackenkill: competition for children. GS of Central Maryland is offering Girl Sprouts to engage girls earlier. Family oriented, can someone fine out if we can do this? **A: This is a pilot currently under review by GSUSA and GSHH will follow the results.**
- Carmen Johnson/Tioronda (the oldest GS council in Dutchess) we can get the girls but cannot get the volunteers. Customer Care is wonderful!
- Pauline Jarney/Minisceongo/Central Haverstraw - with the sale at CAB, what is slated to be improved? **A: Erik Anderson – one outcome is that we needed expertise in Property. Carol Vergara is helping us with her expertise. The Property Committee has proposed the capital expenditure budget – the ½ million dollars was spent. We have been short a ranger all year. They are working double time. The Ranger’s priority has changed. Pavilion at the pool and pavilion at another location. Also pool needs to be updated to code.**
- Lauren Shaw/Lakeland East – Learning opportunity to Overnight Outdoor Training. Is the training consistent? **A: The GSHH curriculum and design is consistent with the National resources to include Safety Activity Checkpoints and Risk Management. All Trainers are to deliver from the training design provided.**
- Erik - CEO search committee/Erik and Anna May. Need experienced volunteers to be engaged. This search is methodical in design. They know what they are looking for the committee is learning and growing. Coming into a new budget GS year, putting out GSUSA posted the



opening. Chronicles philanthropy, Linked In. Emphasis on membership and volunteer engagement. Timeframe? Drive a comprehensive search – do not limit yourself. Patricia Page has committed to staying on until the search is successful

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- Inquiry regarding the attendance of the National Board of Directors at their board meetings. **A: This information has not been made available to Councils.**
- Suggestion that the Delegate Meeting be further North. **Noted**
- Suggestion for call in options for Delegate Meetings. **Noted.**
- Share the results of the GSUSA survey at the Nov. 8 delegate meeting. **A: This has been distributed to all Delegates and Alternates at the November 8, 2017 meeting.**