

**MINUTES
ANNUAL MEETING
SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 2021**

Call to Order

The virtual 58th Annual Meeting of the Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida, Inc. was called to order by President Richard Cyphers at 10:03am via GoToWebinar due to the global Coronavirus pandemic. President Cyphers welcomed delegates, members, community supporters, and guests from the ten county jurisdiction of Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida, Inc. Girl member delegates in attendance were recognized. President Cyphers announced the Annual Meeting Minutes Committee approved the minutes of the 2020 Annual Meeting and they were included in the Delegate Workbook.

How Meeting Will Proceed

President Cyphers announced the portion of the meeting presented live would include the Appointments, Report of the Delegate Count and Quorum, Treasurer's Report and the Elections. A recording would then be played to include special guests, the Gulfcoast Annual Report, and program celebrating volunteers. The virtual meeting connection would end at the conclusion of the recorded portion. The Gulfcoast staff would complete the credentialing review and provide it to him to report.

Appointments

President Cyphers appointed Board Secretary Juliana Meek to serve as Chair of the Minutes Committee, along with committee members Ashley Harris and Sharon Folta.

Report of Delegate Count and Quorum

President Cyphers stated the Council Bylaws Article 1 Section 7 require that 25% of the voting members of the council shall be present to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, provided that a majority of the service units have at least one elected delegate present. Therefore, the number of voting members required for quorum was 20 and 11 service units. President Cyphers reported:

The Gulfcoast staff team have reported 69 delegates are present and 18 service units are represented. The total number of attendees today is 101. The Bylaws Article 1 Section 7 requirements were met and the chair declared a quorum present.

INTRODUCTIONS

President Cyphers introduced the officers and members at large of the Board of Directors, girl representatives of the Board of Directors – Alexis Glidden and Autumn Pepper Rhodes, and Chief Executive Officer Mary Anne Servian. While so many of our traditions and celebrations have been interrupted this year due to the pandemic, Mary Anne assured attendees the Annual Meeting pin tradition would continue and would be mailed in 8 weeks or so. Mary Anne recognized Rae Dowling for her more than 12 years of governance leadership service as this was her last official meeting.

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT

Board Treasurer Christina Ottman reported the fiscal year 2020 audit had been issued with an unmodified opinion with no irregularities, material weaknesses or fraud identified. Total revenue was \$5,141,042 and expenses were \$3,956,201 resulting in an increase in net assets of \$1,184,841. Factors contributing to this gain include the PPP Loan (assumed forgiven), gains on property sales and strong investment income. Product sales programs accounted for 63% of revenue. The functional expense breakdown indicated 84% of spending on program services, 11% on management & general and 5% on fundraising. Total net assets were \$12,324,471.

ELECTION

On behalf of the Board of Directors, Vice President Karen Huebner presented the 2021 single slate of nominees consistent with our democratic principles. Nominated officers for a 2-year term ending 2023: Richard Cyphers, President; Juliana Meek, Vice President; Ashley Harris, Secretary; and Karen Huebner, Treasurer. Nominated as members at larger for a 2-year term ending 2023: Sharon Preston-Folta, Devaney Iglesias, Lauren Johnston, Christina Ottman, Dr. Joyce Rollins, and Angela Smith. Council Bylaws, Article 1, allow nominations for any of the elected positions to be made from the floor at the Annual Meeting provided the individual to be nominated has consented in writing to serve if elected and the nomination has been submitted in writing to the chair of the board development committee, or her/his designee, at least 72 hours before the convening of the Annual Meeting. There were no nominations received. President Cyphers declared the nominations for officers and members-at-large closed and proceeded with the election process. The Bylaws allowed for a poll vote as there were no nominations from the floor and a single slate was

presented. A motion was made by Marissa McKetchen from Collier 11/Service Unit 634 that those nominated be declared elected. The motion was seconded by Gina Pabalan from Lee 14/Service Unit 630. The motion carried. President Cyphers declared all duly elected.

The pre-recorded portion of the meeting was launched for attendees. A link to the recording will be emailed to attendees in the following week.

WELCOME

CEO Mary Anne Servian welcomed all and introduced Girl Scouts of the USA interim CEO Judith Batty, appointed in the summer of 2020 following the resignation of CEO Sylvia Acevado. Judith expressed appreciation for Gulfcoast leadership Richard Cyphers and Mary Anne Servian, and of girls, volunteers and families and their commitment to Girl Scouting – and why it is even more critical now.

Grace Williams, Girl Scout Ambassador and member at large on the Board of Directors presented with other Gulfcoast Girl Scouts the Pledge of Allegiance, Girl Scout Promise and Girl Scout Law. Autumn Pepper Rhodes led the assembly in the National Anthem. Grace introduced and appreciated the current Gulfcoast National Council delegation elected in 2020 that attended the virtual 55th National Council Session in October. The National Council Delegates are Julia Craig, Ashley Harris, Autumn Pepper Rhodes, Gabriella Stafford, and Grace Williams. The National Council Alternates are Richard Cyphers, Alexis Glidden, and Riley Portelli.

GULFCOAST ANNUAL REPORT

President Cyphers and CEO Mary Anne Servian presented highlights of our council's accomplishments for the 2019-2020 Membership Year for the 2020 Gulfcoast Annual Report, along with 2021 goals. Richard introduced Vicki Gardner, National Board Member, to share a few remarks regarding the 55th National Council Session and her deep appreciation for volunteers, girls and their families.

PROGRAM: CELEBRATING VOLUNTEERS!

President Cyphers turned the meeting over to the following Girl Scouts to present the adult volunteer recognitions and awards. Girl Scout Ambassador Kayleigh May thanked the awards recognition committee members: Erika Rolando, Kathy Van Note, and Lisa Coddington. Volunteers celebrating membership milestones of less than 20 years are recognized at the service unit level, however three staff members were recognized at the meeting since they do not have service unit roles. This year the combined total of 730 Girl Scout members' years was amazing. Girl Scout Ambassador Madison Campbell joined Kayleigh with these recognitions. They presented 19 members receiving year pins ranging from 20-50 years, and summaries for the individual award recipient's significant time and talent devoted to the Girl Scout Movement.

Girl Scout Cadettes MacKenzie Valenzia and Alex Vangor presented Volunteer of Excellence (15) awards to Amber Hill, Summer Jahn, Mary Ubeda, Nicole Perry, Livdalis Mercado, Sarabeth Kirkland, Laura Barrett, Rebecca Herzog, Kris Meranda, Eve Sweeting, Nikki French, Katherine Cerini, Lisa Shockey, and Jody Vangor. Girl Scout Senior Alyssa Tavarez presented Green Angel (2) awards to Lora Wolff and Denise Valdez. The Green Angel recognizes volunteers who have provided outstanding support, and the award is unique to Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida where each service unit has an opportunity to nominate volunteers for this special award. Alyssa presented the National Award Appreciation Pin to Bailey Chamberlain. Grace Williams presented the National Award Honor Pin to Kim White. A program with the list of recipients will be distributed after the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

CEO Mary Anne Servian shared how inspired she was by the courage, confidence, and character shown this year by the girls, families, volunteers, donors, board, and staff. We were given a big challenges and demonstrated intelligence, creativity, adaptability, and generosity. We are Girl Scouts – we can do it, and we always have fun!

President Richard Cyphers adjourned the 58th Annual Meeting of the Council at 10:59am.

Juliana Meek

Juliana Meek, Chair

Board of Directors Secretary

2021 Annual Meeting Minutes Committee

January 30, 2021