

**MINUTES  
ANNUAL MEETING  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER

The 57th Annual Meeting of the Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida, Inc. was called to order by President Richard Cyphers at 10:02am, at the Gulfcoast Event and Conference Center in Sarasota County.

FLAG CEREMONY

Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida posted the colors. The Pledge of Allegiance, Girl Scout Promise and Girl Scout Law were recited. Girl Scout Allarie Kovacs led the assembly in the National Anthem.

WELCOME

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. Girl Scout Senior Julia Craig shared the purpose of the meeting, including the fulfillment of charter and corporate requirements.

APPROVAL OF THE 2019 MINUTES

President Cyphers announced the Annual Meeting Minutes Committee approved the minutes of the 2019 Annual Meeting and they were included in the Delegate Workbook.

APPOINTMENTS

President Cyphers made the following appointments for the day:

1. Committee to Approve the 2020 Annual Meeting of the Council Minutes: Juliana Meek, chair – Board of Directors Secretary, and members Carla Martinez and Kimberly Poinsett
2. Chief Teller for the 2020 Annual Meeting of the Council: Girl Scout Ambassador Samantha Goodson

INTRODUCTIONS

President Cyphers introduced the officers (Karen Huebner, Vice President; Juliana Meek, Secretary; and Christina Ottman, Treasurer) and members at large of the Board of Directors (Julian Agollari, Dr. Bonny Eads Dery, Rae Dowling, Ashley Harris, Lauren Johnston, Sharon Preston-Folta, Hannah Rolle, Dr. Joyce Rollins, and Angela Smith); Chief Executive Officer Mary Anne Servian; girl representatives of the Board of Directors – Lily Potter and Kaila Stafford; national council delegates Richard Cyphers, Rae Dowling, Faith Holliday, Christina Ottman, and Hannah Rolle, and alternate Katie Poinsett; and the council staff. Dr. Dery was appreciated for her most recent six years of service as member at large. Special guests were welcomed and included Ann Carrasquillo and Linda Getzen, past council presidents; Sandi Stewart, former council CEO; and Girl Scouts of the USA National Board member Vicki Gardner. Vicki Gardner presented remarks focused on the GIRL 2020 National Convention and 55<sup>th</sup> National Council Session planned in October, Cookie Program, and recent national initiatives, and expressed her deep gratitude for the dedicated volunteers, parents, and staff providing the support girls need to soar to the heights unimagined in their pursuit of making an impact to the benefit of us all.

REPORT OF THE DELEGATE COUNT

President Dowling stated the number of voting members needed for quorum was 21. The Chief Teller reported the number of voting members and guests present. The President declared quorum.

Elected Delegates	65
Board of Directors & Ex-Officio	<u>14</u>
Total Voting Members Present	79
Total Service Units Represented Today is 16 of 20	
Total Non-Voting Members Present	<u>84</u>
Total Present at the 2020 Annual Meeting of the Council	163

### TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT

Christina Ottman, Board Treasurer reported the fiscal year 2019 Audit has been issued with an unmodified opinion with no irregularities, material weaknesses, or fraud identified. Total revenue was \$3,652,669 and expenses were \$4,117,099, the difference being \$464,430. This loss represents depreciation and pension obligations to GSUSA. Product sales programs accounted for 75% of revenue. The functional expense breakdown indicated 84% of spending on program services, 10% on management & general, and 6% on fundraising. Total net assets were \$12,324,471. The audit included two new accounting standards: one presenting net assets as simply "With Donor Restrictions" or "Without Donor Restrictions"; the other new standard is a footnote regarding liquidity (see FY19 Audit Note #3 "Liquidity and Availability"). Both prior year management recommendations – concerning the allocation between unrestricted and board designated funds, and documentation of a pay rate change – were resolved and are no longer applicable.

### GULFCOAST ANNUAL REPORT

President Cyphers and CEO Mary Anne Servian presented highlights of our council's accomplishments for the 2018-2019 Membership Year for the 2019 Gulfcoast Annual Report, along with 2020 goals. Girl Scout Olivia Trader was honored for being selected to represent Girl Scout Juniors as one of six GSUSA 2018 Cookie Pros. Girl Scout Ambassador Madison Campbell presented information on the Media Marvel program and her experience as a Media Marvel. Girl Scouts Allarie Kovacs and Autumn Pepper Rhodes presented their experiences and information on G.I.R.L. 2020 taking place in Orlando in October. Allarie is a member of the GSUSA G-Team and Pepper is a G.I.R.L. Media Intern. Gold Award Girl Scout Katie Poinsett shared how her Girl Scout experiences informed and prepared her for her first year at college.

### UPDATE ON DELEGATE COUNT

The Chief Teller stated there was an adjustment to the voting members and guests present reported earlier as follows:

Total Voting Members Present: 79  
Total Service Units Represented Today Is 16 of 20  
Total Non-Voting Members Present: 86  
Total of 163 Present at the 2020 Annual Meeting of the Council

### ELECTION

On behalf of the Board of Directors, Vice President Karen Huebner presented the 2020 single slate of nominees consistent with our democratic principles as provided in the Delegate Workbook.

Nominated as member at larger for a 2-year term ending 2022: Girl Scout Ambassador Grace Williams. Nominated as National Council Delegates for a 3-year term ending 2023: Richard Cyphers, Ashley Harris, and Girl Scout Seniors Julia Craig, Autumn Pepper Rhodes and Gabriella Stafford.

Nominated as National Council Alternate Delegates for a 3-year term ending 2023: Girl Scout Senior Alexis Glidden, 2<sup>nd</sup> alternate, and Girl Scout Ambassadors Riley Portelli, 3<sup>rd</sup> alternate and Grace Williams, 1<sup>st</sup> alternate. President Cyphers declared the nominations for member-at-large, National Council Delegate, and National Council Alternate closed and proceeded with the election process.

The Bylaws allowed for a hand vote as there were no nominations from the floor and a single slate was presented. A motion was made by Christina Ottman that those nominated be declared elected. The motion was seconded by Girl Scout Senior Hannah Rolle. The motion carried unanimously.

President Richard Cyphers declared all duly elected.

### INSTALLATION AND REDEDICATION

The new and continuing Board of the Directors, National Council Delegates and National Council Alternate Delegates, were installed and rededicated by Vicki Gardner.

#### PROGRAM: CELEBRATING VOLUNTEERS!

President Richard Cyphers, GSUSA National Board member Vicki Gardner, and CEO Mary Anne Servian presented the adult member recognitions and awards. Girl Scouts Grace Williams, Faith Holliday, Victoria Martinez, Riley Portelli, Alexis Glidden, and Gabriella Stafford presented twenty-seven members receiving year pins ranging from 20-80 years, and summaries for the individual award recipient's significant time and talent devoted to the Girl Scout Movement. The Awards Task Group members – Carla Bennett, Michelle Cramer, and Lori Humphreys – were appreciated. Fifteen Volunteer of Excellence awards were presented to Allison Cavallaro, Jennifer Connerly, Jeannie Crutchfield, Diana Fowler, Robert Fowler III, Jennifer Irvin, Lindsay LaFond-Bryant, Collette MacNichol, Christin Rossow, Tracy Petrasek, Tina Raymond, Dorothy Thompson, Keely Tranchard, and Renee Worthington. Green Angels were presented to Danielle Eisenberg and Angie Portelli. Appreciation Pins were presented to Trish Chamberlain, Christina Cook, Christie Knighting, Cheri Lopez, Tracey Sanders Barnes, and Laura Woolf. Honor Pins were presented to Amy Goodson and Tammy Peters. The Thanks Badge was presented to Erika Rolando. A program with the list of recipients was distributed at the meeting.

#### ADJOURNMENT

CEO Mary Anne Servian expressed appreciation for all girls, volunteers, staff, and the Board of Directors for their efforts and commitment to the future success of the council and the movement. She also reminded everyone to plan for the National Convention in October 2020 to be held in Orlando.

President Richard Cyphers thanked all for their time, talents, and treasures, and invited all to the 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Council in 2021.

Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida retired the colors. The meeting was adjourned at 12:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Juliana Meek*

Juliana Meek, Chair

Board of Directors Secretary

2020 Annual Meeting Minutes Committee

January 25, 2020