

Girl Scouts of Genesee Valley Delegate Bulletin

85th Annual Meeting Report

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Welcome to the new format of the GSGV Delegate Bulletin!

The newsletter format has been chosen to provide the explanations in a paragraph format but the brevity of a bulleted format. This way, you can scan the "headlines" and read further on those topics of most interest to you and your Service Unit – although we hope you will read and share the *whole* bulletin.

The Bulletin is compiled by Necole Hurley (Democratic Process Committee Member, Leader/Advisor, and Lifetime Member) from notes taken at Assembly and Annual Meetings as well as the Council Secretary's minutes from those meetings. A change that has been implemented since the Annual Meeting is that Necole will also receive minutes from Council Board of Directors meetings and compile a bulletin from those.

And please don't worry, further issues of the Bulletin will be posted online much closer to the meeting to which they refer. Feedback about the format or content can be sent to board@rochester.rr.com.

GSGV 85th Annual Meeting Important Statistics

- 62 Voting Members Present
- 22 Service Units Represented
- Quorum Reached
- Single Vote cast by Secretary to elect nominated Board of Director and Nominating Committee Members

Nominating Committee Note

Council Realignment with Niagara County, Buffalo & Erie County, and Southwestern New York Councils begins in April 2007. The Nominating Committee is looking for people with experience in mergers and with a regional perspective to fill next year's vacancies.

If you know someone with a regional perspective or experience in mergers, please contact the Nominating Committee through board@rochester.rr.com.

GSGV Timeline

Thanks to earlier work by Connie Swanson and hours of work by Claudia Gill, a GSGV Council Timeline has been created.

It is a living document that contains many important events in the history of Girl Scouting in our 5-county area.

However, there are gaps and explanations that need filling to make the timeline more complete. Some of the questions that need answers are:

- When did GS start in Dansville & Livingston Counties?
- What are the local GS histories in Rochester/Monroe County neighborhoods as well as in neighborhoods outside the metro region?

If you know the answers to these questions or have other information about our history, please contact Claudia through board@rochester.rr.com.

"Taps" History

Fran McDowell (Chair, Archive Committee; Member, Board of Directors and Democratic Process Committee) has compiled a one-page history of "Taps" which includes its Civil War origins and all 3 verses of the song commonly sung at GS closings.

If you would like a copy of Fran's hand-out, please contact her through board@rochester.rr.com.

Treasurer's Report

- Revenues: \$2,473,417.00; Expenses: \$2,798,697.00
- \$150,000.00 is transferred annually from the endowment fund
- \$175,280.00 net deficit before auditors factor in depreciation

The audit will be finalized in December and the Board of Directors will have the report in January.

The gap is due to decreases in Annual Giving, foundations, United Way allocations, and government grants; 1 Fundraising event instead of 2; no resident camp (which saved resident camp expenses); and no timber harvests/sales from GSGV properties.

GSGV Summer Camp Season

Sadly, the 2006 Resident Camp Sessions at Camp Pine Wood were cancelled due to low enrollment. Happily, all girls who had enrolled and still desired to go to resident camp were placed at camps in surrounding councils.

After consultants from GSUSA came to GSGV and reviewed our camp program and usage, the decision has been made not to hold resident camp as GSGV has known it in 2007. Three-day "program sessions" have been successful in the past; this is the planned style of resident camp in 2007 along with increased opportunities for troop camping during the summer. Piperwood will have a series of one-day programs rather than the traditional week-long day camp experience. GSGV's camp brochure will include 1-page descriptions of resident camp opportunities in our partner councils; the other councils' camp brochures will include a page of GSGV opportunities.

Many questions arose regarding who was consulted in GSGV (A: online surveys of girls, adults, and families); seeking out sponsors, e.g. Tom Golisano's foundation (A: we are always on the look out, but no new opportunities have presented themselves); timeliness of camp brochure, focus of camp programs, and cost of camp effecting the enrollments (A: all possible factors); will GSGV Camperships and Cookie Dough opportunities be honored by other councils – they would not have been honored in 2006 (A: Ann Sartwell will explore the issue as planning continues).