



# Volunteers/Leaders Meeting Agenda

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Welcome

Vonita Francisco



Annual Meeting Report

Delegates

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*The Annual Meeting is put on by GSWW yearly in February. Our Service Unit had 2 girl delegates this year and one of them, Elizabeth Jurgensen, reported back to our leaders what happened. She reported that Council will continue to focus on the 4 categories in the Strategic Plan: Commitment to Diversity, Flexible options for girls and volunteers, Strategic Partnerships & Fund Development and Seamless Technology. Elizabeth also reported that Product sales were up 9% and gross revenue was up 6%. GSWW will continue to focus on increasing Cookie Sale participation (digital cookie), expansion of fund development opportunities, expansion of the Horse Programs at St. Albans and optimizing the use of Council properties.*

Pinewood Derby Wrap-up

Karin Rice

*The Pinewood Derby was held on February 11<sup>th</sup> with 65 racers registered and 58 racers attending. Karin Rice, who put on the event, will be posting the winners to the website soon.*

Rudolf (& the Inclusion Handbook)

Vonita Francisco

<https://www.girlscoutswv.org/content/dam/girlscouts-girlscoutswv/documents/inclusion-handbook-focus-on-ability.pdf>  
*Attendees at this meeting participated in an activity from the new Inclusion Handbook by GSWW. The activity was meant to show that everyone is special in their own way but we can all work together 😊*

Spring Recruitment

Michelle Dick

*Our service units Recruitment Specialist, currently Michelle Dick from GSWW, let us know that they are looking to attend any school events that may be happening this Spring. Events like Kindergarten orientation are perfect examples. In the meantime, Council has scheduled a recruitment event for March 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6pm-7pm at Alderwood Community Church. If you are interested in helping at the event or if you know of another event we could have a table at, let us know.*

GSWW Staff Led Camp

Elyse Hammerly

*Elyse let us know that Resident Camps are available for registration online and are filling up fast. Council will match dollar for dollar for anyone who registers using Cookie Dough if the girl sold over 1000 boxes. Residents Camps are held at River Ranch, Robbinswold and St. Albans. They also have lots of options for camping – 3 days, 4 days, week long, etc.*

Council Updates

Elyse Hammerly

*Cookies are here! Remember if there are any issues with customers, etc. use your best judgment,*

*reference the statements in the Parent Cookie Handbook and fill out the Cookie Action Report online. Don't forget to contact Linda Otto also.*

*Everett pop-up store has extended hours on Wednesdays (11am-6pm) and has free shipping on the first Friday of each month. They are also looking for someone to work part-time at the store – contact GSWW if interested.*

*Mail – if you mail anything to the Everett office, make sure you put Suite A on the address.*

Community Camp –registration opens Jennifer Page & Denise Lewis  
*Community Camp will be July 9<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> (8<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> for the high school unit and PA's). Registration for camp is now done online beginning February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Registration is open to our service unit only until March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Registration needs to include a \$50 deposit and an \$8 registration fee. Registration won't be complete until all paperwork is complete and is paid in full. For more information, to ask questions or to register visit [www.cedarandsoundcommunitycamp.com](http://www.cedarandsoundcommunitycamp.com)*

Twilight Camp Linda Otto  
*Twilight Camp will be August 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> from 5:30pm-8:30pm each night at Lynndale Park in Lynnwood. In March, Linda will be passing around a clipboard looking for adult volunteers. Program at Twilight Camp is pretty much planned by the Program Aides but as with any event, Adults are needed to oversee everything. Registration for camp will also begin at this meeting for campers – registrations will be done by paper.*

Cookies Linda Otto  
*Initial order prizes are in and available for pick up tonight.*

Encamporee's Linda Otto  
*Information for troops that are employed up for Spring Encamporee will be sent out to troops soon. Fall 2017 Encamporee dates & information should be available by the end of March with registration & down payment due in April.*

Song Kathy Jackson  
*Kathy taught us The Mountains High*

Year Pins Stephanie Dyck  
*Stephanie sent out a clipboard to gather everybody's names and how long they have been a Girl Scout. This will help us determine who should be getting what year pin at the meeting in May 😊*

Caring & Sharing Troop 40071  
*Troop 40071 is still taking registrations for the Caring & Sharing patch. Registration will close at the March 20<sup>th</sup> Leaders Meeting.*

Bridging Troop 41808  
*Troop 41808 has started to work on the Bridging Event for May 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm to be held at Meadowdale High School; theme this year is Medieval Magic. The event is for any girl bridging to the next level – there are no requirements for girls to complete any badges, etc. to participate. Troop 41808 is looking*

*for troops to volunteer for different kapers. Registration for the event will be available at the next meeting. Contact Deborah Torgerson at [brznhsy@yahoo.com](mailto:brznhsy@yahoo.com).*

#### Service Unit Updates

Stephanie Dyck

*If you have any girls in your troop that are looking for Program Aide training or VIT (Volunteer In Training) classes, please let us know. We are looking at having a class held in our area.*

*The Service Unit Team is looking for suggestions on who should receive the SU awards this year. There is a list on our website of what the awards are and who has already received them. If you have someone in mind, please send us an email.*

*Cascade Challenge is looking for some more judges for the challenge weekend, May 19-21 in Mt. Vernon. If you are available for all day Saturday or for just the dinner portion (approx. 3pm-8pm) contact [gscacadechallengeinfo@gmail.com](mailto:gscacadechallengeinfo@gmail.com).*

#### Journeys

Stephanie Dyck

*Several leaders have asked questions about Journeys and how they work best. At this meeting we had a brief discussion on the best way to do them. One recommendation is to NOT use the Sample Sessions – they take a lot of time and usually bore the girls. Another recommendation, from several leaders, was to take advantage of the Journey events put on by other service units or Council. Some events are all day, others are overnight or a weekend. Most of the time the event covers everything except the service project at the end. One troop in our area does a troop overnight a couple times in the year to do their Journeys. They plan everything and end up just having to do the service project after the overnight is over 😊*

*Anything Else/Questions – There was a question about selling this Sunday when sites haven't started. If the church says it is ok and if there is an agreement between all Scouts at the Church, then it is ok to sell between services after March 3rd. When asked about walking the parking lot we said that it really is unfair and that it is very unsafe.*

*Door Prizes – winners this month were 40445, 41809 and 45054*

**Next Meeting: March 20, 2017**