



GSWW Service Unit 245  
Volunteer Meeting Minutes  
April 22, 2019

Meeting called to order at 6:55 p.m.

In honor of Notre Dame, (news that the roof had burned) we sang the round "French Cathedral Bells".

In honor of the volunteers and their busy hands, those present selected from a basket of hand lotion. All volunteers were asked to update the list with the number of years in Girl Scouting.

Kim Bruskill, director of River Ranch, provided information and flyers for this summer's Day and Resident Camps at St. Albans, Robbinswold, and River Ranch.

Pricing is based on ability to pay in a three-tiered system. Those who have financial aid are allowed a camp grant for one week of summer camp.

The clipboard was passed around for the May Dinner (potluck) to be held on May 20th. All volunteers are welcome. The theme is "Keep Calm and Enjoy the Outdoors".

Maia Aikens shared her Gold Award project proposal. Once approved, she will need community service volunteers to help in many roles. The project is to set up a "Working Wardrobe" for teens. Homeless teens and low-income teens need clothes for work, job interviews, dress for success. More information to come.

#### Michelle Dick-Council Updates

- Regional Bridging Ceremony-June 15-1-4 p.m.-Lakewood. Recognize volunteers who have won awards, song circles, swaps, brag boards. Sign ups are on-line.
- Early Renewal deadline is June 30th. Troop Incentive is 15 cent extra per box of cookies sold in 2020 and entry into drawings for activities and Girl Scout Store Gift Certificates.
- To register for early renewal 5 girls + 2 adults is necessary for Daisy-Junior and 3 girls + 2 adults for Cadette and above.
- Membership purchased for \$35 will be good for Summer 2019 and next year.
- Troop Finance Report is due by June 30th, must use May statement for information.
- Ready Set Travel Workshop is April 27 at the Seattle Office. Juniors are eligible to attend this workshop.

#### Silver Award Project -Troop 41246

A mentor from Microsoft is helping to develop a website that will match pets with personality of families. The ultimate goal is to shorten the list of pets that are returned due to incompatibility.

#### Annual Meeting- Elliott Gustavson, Lead Delegate report out with girl delegate

- There was a quorum due to telephone conference and encouragement of delegates to phone in. 77 delegates phoned in out of 214 eligible delegates.
- We are solvent.
- Once a date is picked there will be a celebration of the recognitions of volunteers.
- Delegates expressed concern about the timing of the Annual Meeting. They would like the deadlines to be more timely so that issues can be heard or brought to the attention of the council. Possibly take a look at the standing rules and By-laws for the annual meeting. Extend the term for delegates was one possible solution.
- User friendly resource to support troops web page on GSWW. Take a look.
- Cookie Sales were up 3.6% based on 2018 numbers.
- Bellevue store is number 1 in all of GSUSA
- Boy Scouts-not enough data yet to know if their invitation for girls to join is having an effect on GSWW enrollment

#### Events Calendar-Arielle and Heather

Looking to fill the calendar for next year.

- Founder's Day-Troop 41246
- Cookie Rally-Troop 50529
- Thinking Day- OPEN
- Bridging - OPEN
- Caring and Sharing -Troop 40184
- Giving Tree-Troop 46707

#### Cedar and Sound Community Camp-Kathy Jackson

- Camp Lyle McLeod, July 7-13
- Grades 2-12th grade, Program Aides
- Cedarandsoundcommunitycamp.com

PA Training will be Saturday, 4/20/19, at the Methodist Church in Edmonds. PA Training is required for Twilight Camp Program Aides.

Twilight Camp is the last week in July. Deadline extended to April 29th to sign up. There will be swimming and Archery this year. Adult volunteers will have their first meeting April 30th at the Edmonds Church of God.

A clipboard was passed around for volunteer nurses. The Service Unit needs backup volunteers for Encamporees in the event the three nurses that usually do it are committed to other events. This could be a parent in your Troop as well and not the leader. Please let the Service Managers know.

Spring Encamporee was wet and wonderful. A huge success, the girls all had a great time.

Fall Encamporee will be in October 4-6th, 2019 at Camp Lyle McLeod. Non-refundable deposit is due at the May Dinner for those interested in signing up. Check with troops to see if they are interested. New troops need to check out the requirements for first time campers.

Cookie Sale was a success, over 4 million packages sold. Top seller in our council was from Service Unit 245. There was an increase council wide in sales.

May 22nd, Bridging flyers are out. Cost is \$3 per girl. Troop 41923 is running the event.

Acacia-Memorial Day This is a community service/money earning project where scouts greet visitors, pass-out flags, and enjoy hot dogs. Details at [cedarandsound.com](http://cedarandsound.com). Troops interested in taking over next year 2020 should see Karin Rice.