

The GSMISTS Board of Directors held a meeting on Saturday, September 24, 2016 to conduct business, review and approve the fiscal year 2017 budget.

During the meeting approval was done for minutes from the past board meeting as well as the audit committee and financial committee.

Mary Becker-Witt, Board Chairperson asked the board to support her recommendation for Jeanine Marburg-Bryant to be appointed to the Board of Directors as well as the Board Development Chairperson. Some may recognize this name, she is a past board chair with Michigan Trails and was on the transition board. Jeanine is involved in banking. She will replace Joy Fossel on the Board of Director and Linda Zizos on the Board Development Committee as she is now secretary of the board.

A review of a National Board Proposal for the national convention was also done with the board deciding not to support the proposal. The board also authorized negotiation for extending the interim CEO contract

Finances were reviewed in depth as Gail Montgomery, Treasurer and Mary Charles; Interim CEO took the board through the FY 2017 budget. The budget is a conservative and balanced budget designed to stabilize finances and change direction from deficit spending, allowing us to begin minimizing debt and work towards build reserves. Following the board discussion, the budget was approved by the GSMISTS Board of Directors.

Mary Charles gave an operational update including updates on membership, the fall kickoff expo, online trainings, communication plans and fund development. She shared an update on the near completion of the Yurts at Camp Anna Behrens, progress on support to fall delegate elections and the implementation of monthly Service Unit Director Webinars.

**Yours in Girl Scouting,**

**Mary Becker-Witt, GSMIST Board Chairperson**