

The GSMISTS Board of Directors held a Board Meeting on October 22nd at the Traverse City Service area.

During the regular meeting minutes were approved, including the Annual Meeting Minutes. The Board accepted Linda Zizos' resignation as Board Secretary. She has taken another job that will not allow her the availability for the GSMISTS Board of Directors. The Board welcomed our newest Board Member, Jeanine Bryant who will also serve as the Chairperson for the Board Development Committee.

Finances were reviewed.

The Board approved the recommendations from the Property Task Group lead by Cindy Ranshaw. The GSMISTS Board of Directors wants to thank Cindy and the task group as well as the finance committee for all the hard work that was completed. The decision has been shared with all members of the organization through a separate letter. It will also be discussed at the regional delegate meetings. I want to remind all of the Regional Meetings beginning on the November 7th

The recommended Bylaw changes that have been reviewed with Rosemary Mills were presented. Following discussion, the recommended changes will be taken to the delegates to review and have input into.

Mary Charles gave an operational update. She also included the Strategic Priorities for 2016-2017. Membership, Finance Management, Fund Raising and Communication and Organizational Stabilization are the four areas. Overarching of all work is targeted, consistent and timely communication with all stakeholders.

Hoping all are enjoying our beautiful fall. Mary Charles and I did attend the CEO and Board Chair National Conference last week. We will be sharing more regarding this over the next couple of months.

Looking forward to meeting with you at the regional meetings!

Yours in Girl Scouting,

Mary Becker-Witt, GSMIST Board Chairperson