

Brandon Valley Garretson Girl Scout Leader's Meeting

Date: Jan 6, 2020

Meeting location: Sioux Valley Electric Community Room

Present: Laura Spencer, Robin Nipp, Amanda Wixon, Robin Plante, Dawn Hieb, Audrey Nelson, Tanya Reyelts, Chelsea Stills, Karla Chiarello, LeAnne Bouma, Casey Rote, Liz Hagen, Barb Niessink, Amy Henuen, Crystal Dahl, Seph DeGroot, Katlyn Masyga, Tena Heines, Brandi Dux, Jennifer Aman

- Introductions were made. Jennifer Aman was introduced from council and is present for cookie training.
- Events were reviewed. Winter is Wonderful patch is available through council. New events are being published from council. Refer to website for further information.
- Annual meeting will be held on April 4. 3 delegates are able to attend. Deadline to register is Feb 14.
- National Convention is being held in Orlando, FL. GS are able to attend if they sell enough cookies as a reward this year.
- Review of troops was reported around the room. Brownie sleepover done was a huge success.
- Service Unit events were reviewed as scheduled.
 - GS at the SD capital is open for registration.
 - Courthouse Tour is also scheduled and open for registration. Please see registration and information for further details.
 - Awards ceremony continues to be in the planning phase for either April 19 or April 26. Continue to watch website for further information.
 - Discussion regarding needed volunteers for the Award ceremony set up and for the Loyalty Parade are desired. Any troop interested is to contact Laura Spencer.
- T-shirt orders need to be handed in ASAP to Laura Spencer to order as a bulk. Please contact her if interested.
- If anyone is interested in leadership roles in the future, they are encouraged to contact anyone on the Service Unit Committee. Shadowing and working together for smoother transition into the role as they turn over for the 2020-2021 year.
- Award paperwork is due on Feb 1. Please submit for GS awards as well as nominations for volunteer awards.
- Cookie Training was completed by Jennifer Aman from Council. Robin Nipp is cookie coordinator for BVGGS service unit.
 - PowerPoint presentation was given.
 - Award table for viewing.
 - Packets of sales materials were handed out.
 - Bella the butterfly is the mascot and the theme is WOW the World
 - Lemon-Up cookies are new and are being promoted starting tomorrow. Cookies were available to sample.
 - Prices remain the same as last year.
 - Cookie boxes have a new design this year, but continue to be the same color.
 - Online sales may have the old cookie box design, but have fresh cookies inside.
 - Cookie Pins have been redesigned.

- Gift of Caring has now been changed to Heros on the Horizons
 - Initial orders are due Jan 23. New instant rewards are lanyards with squishies. Money bags can also be obtained with initial orders this year of average of 225 per scout.
 - Just in Time emails will be sent out with new information from council every Wednesday to keep cookie coordinators and leaders in the loop.
 - Digital Cookie with open 1 week prior to sales to prepare sellers site. Email will be sent out with invitation on Jan 27 to each parent.
 - Cookie Booth sign ups will be on Jan 17,19, and 21 at 7pm. Please use cookie booth etiquette.
 - EBudde App has been improved and easier to use.
 - LittleBrownie.com is another resource with games and logo's to use if desired to assist with signage and promoting sales.
 - Parent meetings with training is highly encouraged with a giveaway reward for 50 troops if picture submitted. See website for further information.
 - New troops were encouraged to ask questions regarding cookie sales and ordering.
- Suggestions for further events were encouraged to be submitted to service unit committee team. Please watch the webpage for updates.
 - New troops were encouraged to ask questions and ask for assistance with any issues or programming.
 - Meeting adjourned.

Resources: GSDH Service Center Online Program Guide: <http://www.gsdakotahorizons.org>

Website: bvvg.org (resource for events and information)

Future Meetings and Dates to put on the calendar:

March 9 th 2020 – Leadership Meeting Must have 1 leader attend from each troop.

Respectfully submitted Tanya Reyelts