



Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Memphis
Minutes for the Central Board Meeting
Thursday, March 9th, 2023
Ron Terry Center, 4385 Poplar Ave

Mission: To enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring responsible citizens.

Those in attendance: Rachel Reddin, Keith Blanchard, Gary Moore, Gwendolyn Woods, James Moore, Tammy LoCascio, Ben Adams, Coach Cochran, Bianca Sweeten, Anne Wulff, Florence Jones, Phil Stevenson

Meeting called to order by Tammy LoCascio at 5:01 pm

A motion was made and the consent agenda was seconded and approved

Gary – Gave the financial report saying that the cash amount includes the City of Memphis grant amount and is not touchable. Investments were up in Jan and Feb. Auditors have started and are on premises.

Rachel – Gave the RD report stating that Fatou Diallo was our 2023 Youth of the Year. Steak n’ Burger is on. Venue, emcee, food are all booked. Meeting with Sissy’s Log Cabin, Mednikow, and others for the Live Auction. She went over the other Live Auction items in the works. Working on outreach for Memphis Political figures. Went over prospect list.

Started going over prospect list for new/existing business outreach.

Gwendolyn – Gave the operations report. Promise Academy Spring Hill and Ira Samelson Jr Clubs had the highest attendance during February. No critical incidents however, a van was vandalized at Bernal Smith, the fence was run over and there was the loss of Club Member at Ira Samelson Club.

Memphis Grizzlies player Jaren Jackson surprised our Ira Samelson’s Basketball team over the weekend. He played basketball with the clubs members presenting them with the new club’s motto painted on the walls of the club and basketball racks full of balls on behalf of the National Guard.

James – at the High School Clubs during February we had the following activities: 63 total guest speakers, 36 total workplace visits, and 15 total college campus tours.

James is excited about all the upcoming activities and past accomplishments of the TTC and the High School Clubs!

Tammy – Do we have a packet for all these visitors that give them more information on our Org or how to become more involved?

James – Working on more visitors and planning how to get them involved during the work day.

Keith – We used to have packages to hand out after the tours. We can start creating a media packet for visitors.

One reason the Samaritans Feet event exploded into a larger event is that the executive Coke people became involved. Their CEO is very involved in children's organizations along the East Coast. The local CEO asked Mayor Strickland if he had money to donate who would he choose and he mentioned us. Could potentially be a million-dollar donation.

Really nice story on Channel 3 on our YOY and it was a really nice piece. On our YouTube Channel. They also did a story on Shannon Brown and Kieshuna Williams on FedEx and their connection to BGCM.

BGCA newsletter highlighted one of our kids. It's a really cool story and he was a quiet kid who went to the TTC. The story highlights what the Club and BGCM meant to him and his family.

Willie Gregory nominated a Nike employee for consideration as a Central Board member. Paiea Kalili is young but seems very eager, nice, and engaged.

Keith talked about the upcoming United Way application process and what it could mean for funding.

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Meeting adjourned at 6:09 pm
Respectfully submitted,

Michael Garriga, Secretary