



**Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Memphis  
Central Board Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022 5:00 pm  
Ron Terry Center, First Horizon**

**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:** Anne Wulff, Caroline Doherty, Mike Keeney, Florence Jones, William Cochran, Gwendolyn Woods, Gary Moore, Ben Adams, James Moore, Katie Sweeney, David Sorsby, Keith Blanchard, Rachel Reddin

Mike called the meeting to order 5:06 pm

No additions or corrections to the Minutes, they are approved as submitted

*BGCM accepts final financial and administrative responsibility for the Summer Food Service Program.*

Gary – February investments further declined from Jan.. Bill again IN Sept. for \$3m 437,000 revenue which is normal for us to lose money throughout the year because we tend to make up for the 11 other months.

Any questions for Gary? On the SCS money, you have it set aside. Deferred as we spend it will come out of there.

Rachel - Updated everyone on Steak n' Burger noting that this year's speaker is Melissa Harville-Lebron the first African American woman to solely own a Camping World Truck Series NASCAR Team. She went over the current sponsors and lapsed sponsors stating that we've already lost a few companies because of the short turnaround time between SnB events.

Katie

Ware pursuing a large grant with technology. We worked with ProTech who is our partner with technology to put together a quote, part of the grant is putting technology in all the new Clubs as well as existing sites. Smartboards, chrome books, new server, revamp everything came out to 13k

If it's a no from Assisi we'll go on to the Pyramid Peak foundation. Any connections any ideas and questions about the proposal are welcome. In our first meeting, they questioned us about \$9 mi gran from the city. The last grant from Assisi was for Craigmont in 2017. Have a meeting with them 3/28. Keith and Michael Keeney will be there. Wanted to make sure the board was aware of the happenings.

Sitting in front of the Assisi will be daunting asking for prayers. Big request but it's needed and not unreasonable. Partial funder for tech as prior to the Craigmont grant/ wireless system access points Meraki filter Hyde foundation was involved and things Assisi was one of the funders as well.

All of the equipment involved are typically 5 years mainly concerned about the Meraki system that if failed would hurt the entire org mainly for the stand-alone clubs but will be for all clubs

Mobile cart with 20 Chromebooks for new HS clubs would be helpful.  
Doing NYOI surveys right now and more access would be helpful.

Gwen

BGCM' Youth of the Year Competition was held on February 10<sup>th</sup>. The winner was Kirsten Tilford from the Ira

Samelson Club. She will compete at the state competition in Nashville from March 28<sup>th</sup> -March 30<sup>th</sup>. Kirsten is a senior at White Station High School where she maintains a 3.83 G.P.A. She has plans to attend Howard University in the fall.

To help in recruiting efforts and to give our youth a fun time, we will be having a Spring Fair for all of our clubs on April 2nd. The event is open to kids 6-18 (the ages we serve). The Spring Fair will have music, food, games bouncers, activities and community resources available.

SV is capped but we anticipate all other stand-alone Clubs will be back up to pre covid numbers by the end of the summer. The new schools, 70% of their population is bussed into their schools. Can't do after-school programs with no way to get home. 30% will want to join BGCM? Hamilton has a lot of After-school programs existing, its population isn't as high as we were told.

Some have asked if a local middle school can attend the HS sites and we said absolutely!

Don't know if they'll ever get to Craigmont numbers but working toward that goal. Took 2 years to get it up to their current ADA. Figuring out what the principles and students want as far as programming. PPG painting program in the new sites, teaching soft skills at all the clubs and doing surveys to figure out what they want and what we can supply.

Hired a bus driver to help with student transportation.

James

MK - Keith has stolen all your thunder. First live meeting James Moore titled VP of workforce development which means all the new schools and TTC

As of today, we have 7 online but by the end of the month will have all 10 operating. Just introduced the new Hamilton CD to the Hamilton HS staff and principal. Will work with school staff and administration to get students involved in BGC Schools that will not be a site for summer learning will set up BGC for the beginning of school to help those students. JA came to TTC with mostly guidance counsel Roswell 200 students will come over and tour TTC and check out what we're doing there and pay for lunch which will be cooked by the culinary students.

Recognizing that we entering a new world that we haven't had before. Interaction with the school system is better than we thought. Which schools make the best sense.

Keith

100 correct 1 year ago biggest obstacle would be SCS but they've come through with flying colors and helped where they can' asked to change 3 schools to three that really need our clubs. Said no but the 3 will allow u in and are working with us. Lots of kinks to work out things to be expected.

Variety of spaces we're in number of kids type of kids how we integrate into the schools all very different Team and team leaders have different skill sets so that particular club will dictate what programs that club excels at. The daunting task second biggest surprise is the number of people who have applied for jobs within the school.

Ben A some are allowing Middle Schools, how many are involved? Oakhaven MS BTW, MS Raleigh Egypt MS, Craigmont MS

Club hours vary duet to school hours which vary depending on the school most get out at 6:30 pm

Am could affect transportation issues. Most kids picked up by 6:30 but use the extra time to clean up the club. Bball affects the closing hour would 10 pm

YOY – most talented one we've had and best opportunity to go on past state.

Worked on her speech last week with Tammy LoCascio and fine-tuning. Will take KT to the FH studio next week and practice. Will do the virtual interview from the FH studio so that she will have better internet, sound, and confidence in her interview. Don't know why they decided to do the speeches virtually and all the other things in person in Nashville but excited about her possibilities

Schools themselves are helping market enrollment for the clubs. Staff have helped isolate the potential members as far as troublemakers vs who to accept. SCS staff are really helpful. James has started an ambassador program in the Clubs and I think it will be a really good addition.

BA with Chief Davis Shelby CO Crime commission 4 one 20 action strategies to reduce crime in Shelby County, one of the 20 is the program with BGCM in adding our Clubs to 10 SC schools. Mayor is really behind adding BGCM to the strategies go to their website, whole plan is on there. KB got a chance to speak at the press conference. Exciting to see it all come together and see it come to fruition.

CJ Davis struck a nice partnership – have several groups that have come to volunteer in our clubs. Started doing a community service requirement for all MPD.

Advocacy month with BGCA Kustoff visited last week. Every politician holding office but Cohen has visited the TTC. We're applying for a 21-century grant for the first time.

Our automotive program has started to receive all the equipment from AutoZone. Mr Ray wasn't there to unload but one of our students who's certified on the forklift unloaded the truck for us. BGCM was mentioned in an article about dock workers from AutoZone, they're starting assembling all equipment in the next few weeks.

Mike asked if there was any old business. There is none.  
Mike asked if there was any new business. There is none.  
Nice to be back live and in person

Meeting adjourned at 5:58 pm  
Next Meeting is 5/12 in person at the Ron Terry Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Garriga, Secretary