

## GSCY Storm Parent Committee Leadership Meeting Minutes

April 19, 2023 at 7:30 PM  
Zoom Teleconference

Member	Position	Term	Present	Excused
Lauren Barnicle	Chair	22-24	X	
Melissa Thompson	Vice-Chair	22-24	X	
Kim Lamont	Finance Liaison	22-24		X
Myra Supetran	Secretary	22-24	X	
Kate Russo	YMCA Liaison			X
Mary Korey	Head Coach		X	
Marissa Jadrosich-Forget	Competition	22-24		X
Chris Kay	Volunteers	23-24	X	
Rich Ruffer	Equipment	22-24	X	
Agnes Doucette	Fundraising	22-24		X
Meryl Bender	Apparel	22-23		X
Lisa Standridge	Special Events/Social	22-23	X	
Jennifer DeMaio		23-24	X	
Mirian Rocks	Hospitality	22-24	X	
Mona Pan	Travel	22-24	X	

### Minutes:

Time	Topic	Presenter
7:30 pm	Meeting called to order. Roll call conducted.	Lauren Barnicle
7:30 pm	Review of meeting minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Motion made by Lauren to approve February meeting minutes; motion to approve February meeting minutes seconded by Rich; motion approved by all</li> </ul>	Myra Supetran
7:35 pm	YMCA Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shared letter from Preschool 2 teacher at Early Education Center at Somerset Hills; pictures and full letter attached</li> </ul>	Lauren Barnicle/ Myra Supetran

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7:40 pm	Head Coach Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We are YMCA National Champions!</li> <li>Boys program jumped from 13th place in 2022 to 2nd place in 2023</li> <li>Tori Castro &amp; Riqui Iturbe-Cosano selected for Diversity Select camp</li> </ul>	Mary Korey
7:45 pm	Vice Chair Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fines were processed and applied per team policy</li> <li>Handbook acknowledgement forms are coming in</li> <li>Registration for Long Course has gone well so far</li> </ul>	Melissa Thompson
7:50 pm	Finance Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$109,000 balance in team account</li> <li>Approximate balance will be \$90,000 once all outstanding checks are processed/cashed</li> </ul>	Melissa Thompson
7:55 pm	Committee Report Competition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shannon Hamilton will not be continuing as the Meet Director; thank you Shannon for organizing all of the short course meets from last season!</li> <li>3 hosted meets for LC season:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LC Cup held at JAC</li> <li>Father's Day Invitational (Nats team fundraiser)</li> <li>Inaugural YMCA Gold Meet (similar to USA Swimming JO's but for the YMCA) hosted at JAC; July 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> for Silver/Bronze level and July 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> for Gold level</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Various Lauren Barnicle
	Apparel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LC gear and apparel store now open through California Beach Hut</li> </ul>	Meryl Bender
	Sponsorship & Fundraising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No update</li> </ul>	
	Volunteers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting with Melissa to review rosters and determine points requirement for LC; updates will be communicated to the team</li> </ul>	Chris Kay

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	Equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Getting equipment prepped for upcoming meets</li> </ul>	Rich Ruffer
	Special Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10/U banquet went well</li> <li>Registration ongoing for 11/O banquet, will send reminder emails to families</li> </ul>	Lisa Standridge
	Hospitality <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One hospitality sub-committee member left, so there may be a need for an additional volunteer; Mirian to review and let Lauren know if we should announce an opening to the team</li> </ul>	Mirian Rocks
	Travel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sent contract for May meet; registration information to be updated on the website</li> <li>YMCA Nationals room block secured but additional adjustments may need to be made; registration information will also be updated on the website</li> </ul>	Mona Pan
8:25 pm	New Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lauren to send email to SC parent group volunteers to see if they would be willing to stay on for LC</li> <li>PCL will consider giving points to practice group parent volunteers; updates to be communicated</li> </ul>	Various
8:30 pm	Upcoming Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tuesday, May 16th at 7:30pm</li> </ul>	Lauren Barnicle

**Attachment: Letter from Preschool 2 Teacher  
Early Education Center, Somerset Hills YMCA**

I have been teaching pre-k at our Early Education Center for 9 years! What I love most about my job is building long lasting relationships with my students and their families. When my students walk through my door each September, they not only become my students for 11 months, but part of our family here at the YMCA. I love connecting the families with one another, and seeing them utilize all of the wonderful programs that the Y has to offer the community. I enjoy seeing my students “grow” at the Y, as they move on from our EEC to eventually attend summer camp each year and all of the other programs that we offer. The children who come through our programs know that the Y is a safe place for them to ALWAYS come back to.

We currently have a total of 7 financial assistance students enrolled in our EEC, and two of those students are in my class. The families that are on financial assistance heavily rely on the YMCA to provide a safe, educational, and caring environment for their children to learn and thrive. During the pandemic, many of these families relied on our food security program to put food on their tables. I honestly don't know where some of our financial assistance students would be if it weren't for the Y. It's a truly incredible experience getting to see the impact first hand each and every day when I come to work.

One of our current students on financial assistance started with us in September. He is 3 years old and had never been in a school setting before. In September, he was developmentally behind in many areas. His verbal communication skills were non-existent (he couldn't form any words), he was unsure how to act around other children, and had a difficult time following the classroom routine. It was very clear that this child was socially, emotionally, and cognitively behind. Here we are in April, 8 months later, and this child is THRIVING in all areas. He is one of the happiest children I have ever seen. He is starting to form not only words but sentences, he has friends, and he follows the class routine. He is learning alongside his peers and he's on the right track for success. If this child didn't have the opportunity to come to the YMCA's EEC, he would have struggled when entering kindergarten. This child has one more school year with us, and I can confidently say that he will be prepared for kindergarten this time next year.

In addition to building relationships with my students and their families, I genuinely love being part of an inclusive organization that welcomes all types of families regardless of their financial status. The price of childcare is costly, and our student population would be a lot different if we didn't offer financial assistance. The children on financial assistance would most likely be with a nanny or family member because the cost of childcare is out of reach for them. I recently had a parent tell me that the #1 reason she chose our EEC for her child was because of the diversity here.

All children are deserving of a safe, loving, and educational experience. I am so happy that the students in my care get to come to the Y each day to have the amazing experiences that they do here. They are learning how to be caring, honest, responsible, and respectful humans, and I think that's incredibly important.







