Georgia Grant Professionals Association

March 22, 2016

Meeting Notes

Welcome: DeaRonda Harrison, President and Kate Bachman, Vice President

Presentation: Cool Girls – Danielle Boyd, Development Director

* Meeting attendees introduced themselves and talked about how they are involved in fundraising/special events at their organization.
* Danielle provided an overview of Cool Girls.
* Cool Girls was established in 1989 with 7 girls.
* Cool Girls currently partners with 8 schools in DeKalb and Fulton Counties.
* They serve second grade through the end of college. Girls come back and volunteer. Cool Girls is deliberate about being local and grassroots in Atlanta. They serve 350 girls annually.
* Cool Girls focuses on Title I schools. All girls within the school are eligible. The club meets weekly. Once a girl joins, she is eligible to participate in Saturday events and summer camps. After a year, she can partner with a Cool Sister to be mentored. It is a holistic approach, and there is no charge to the participant.
* Hot Pink Party is their largest fundraiser for the year. It started as a luncheon with a key note speaker. In 2009, the format was changed to a cocktail event which raised $100,000 in its first year. The fundraiser engages donors, provides face-to-face interaction, and helps the donor to understand their impact. 3 women are honored at the event: one “big name”, a volunteer, and a Cool Girl.
* This year’s Hot Pink Party is April 23 at Loews Atlanta Hotel. Their goal for this event is $220,000 that will be used for programming and scholarships.

Chapter Business: DeaRonda Harrison

* There is a grants training March 29-30 held by Grant Writing USA. More information: grantwritingusa.com
* The national conference is November 2016 in Atlanta. The planning committee is looking for more members and people to be subcommittee leaders. For more information, email [info@ggpa.org](mailto:info@ggpa.org)
* Grant job postings are listed at [www.ggpa.org](http://www.ggpa.org)
* Next Meeting: April 26. It will be held offsite. Details to follow.
* If you would like to join the GGPA board, please email [info@ggpa.org](mailto:info@ggpa.org), and your information will be given to the board selection committee.
* Grant Professionals Week was last week: March 14-18, with events held throughout the week.
* February meeting minutes – motion to approve by DeaRonda Harrison, 2nd by Danny Blitch