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Dear Soaring Eagle,

The St. Louis Eagle Scout Association had a very successful year, and its leadership team gave strong support to the Greater St. Louis Area Council due to a very positive financial outlook. The board approved funding for three major camp improvements including a bouldering wall as a part of the new climbing wall at Beaumont, an air conditioner system for Sverdrup Lodge, and partial funding for the Beaumont chapel's roof. The total contribution of the three major camp improvements totals \$27,000. The GSLAC leadership team greatly appreciates our financial contributions and service project efforts. We also recently supported Shawnee Lodge at the Spring Conclave with manpower by assisting with a service project near the Emerson Center. The ESA leadership team is developing a budget for 2018-19, and the budget will give a better reading on our financial health. The budget will help the ESA leadership team develop solid strategies for future GSLAC camp improvement support.

The ESA has attracted new members, and has a current total of 192 Life Members and 44 Annual Members. The board wants to increase membership, and reach out to the various age demographics. Young Eagle Scouts are the future of our organization. The board is going to develop a plan to attract younger Eagle Scouts, thus solidify the future of the ESA. Ron Green, an ESA member and the Council Executive, attended the Annual Meeting, and wants to grow the ESA membership.

~2017-18 Financial Report~

Trivia Night Income: \$4000  
Golf Tournament Income: \$10,000  
Bill Johnson Donations: \$6500  
Total Cash: \$17,600  
Total Investments: \$139,000  
Total Liabilities: \$67,000

**Net Worth: \$89,300**

The ESA has raised the bar, and will continue to seek new opportunities and grow its membership. Kaizen is one of my favorite business words. It means to continuously

improve your organization and leadership team, and keep reaching higher for greater successes. We are never content with today's picture, and strive to be a better, stronger, and efficient organization. The board approved a bylaw change that allows membership communications through both electronic and post office means. The bylaw change will make membership communications more efficient and timely.

My challenge to the entire ESA membership is to support the ESA with talent, time, and treasure this year. We can accomplish great things when the entire membership is engaged with the ESA leadership team. The youth will greatly benefit from our efforts, and we will build a strong bridge for the future of BSA. Please reach out to family, friends, and scouters that are Eagle Scouts, and encourage them to join this awesome Brotherhood of Eagle Scouts.

"Once an Eagle, Always an Eagle"

Sincerely,



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