

Glenwood Middle School PTSA meeting, November 9, 2016

Attendees:

Troy Marty*	Sherri Whitsett*	Susie Roberti*	Robert Motley*	Treva Lutes*
Dena Gallagher*	Steve Kimos*	Macqueen Parker*	Heather Aitken-Cade	Traci Spiegel
Brenda Stewart	Katie Wolven	Pam Williams	Tracey Heller	Tina Fulton
Christy Baehr	Dylan Marty	Kim Vogts	Mya Frye	

* = also attended Board of Directors session prior to general meeting

Board of Directors session

Discussion centered on considerations of insurance based on July 2016 policy changes from Knight Insurance, Maryland PTA's insurance provider for all local PTA units. The changes were not widely disseminated by Maryland PTA among local units.

Robert established that the school principal can assume insurance responsibility on behalf of HCPSS based on explicit conversation about same. If he or Debbie O'Byrne are not present at a particular PTA-sponsored event, there might be a need for coverage under the Maryland PTA insurance policy. Any riders would have to go through HCPSS if the school system is to assume insurance responsibility.

Sherri volunteered to start an email chain with the intent to draft a catch-all form that includes a hold-harmless provision for PTSA events, including a list (to be disseminated to families) of proposed events for a coming school year.

Macqueen will alert PTACHC of the Maryland PTA/Knight Insurance policy changes so that other local PTA units can be informed.

General meeting

Meeting called to order by Troy. Minutes of October meeting presented; Sherri moved to approve, seconded by Robert.

Principal: Robert shared that he was a panelist at the National Principals Month Capitol Hill Event, with discussion centered on ways school leaders can leverage the new Every Student Succeeds Act. Outdoor Ed was a great success for the sixth graders. The student council and student spirit committees have met and planned promotion of school events. There was good participation in Pink Out Day. Fifty-one students participated in the National Junior Honor Society induction ceremony. The November 11 Veterans Day event will include a living museum. Staff are interested in the spirit wear from the recent drive. The PE teachers are okay with the PTSA taking over procurement of PE uniforms. Pick-a-Time scheduling of parent-teacher conferences opens at noon on November 11.

Teacher Rep: Troy reported on behalf of Kristine Viens that Intramurals forms are available on the GMS and PTSA web sites.

Treasurer/Budget: Dena filed federal tax Form 990-EZ and the annual audit review, with appropriate copies sent to Maryland PTA. Membership is somewhat down from expectations; Harvest Hustle and Hassle-free donations are above expectations. Overall, Dena is confident that our PTSA will be able to meet its budget for the year. Per written treasurer's report attached to these minutes, earlier funds transfer of \$2,000 returned to Money Market account.

Treva presented reports from several committees, as follows.

Membership: Chris Chizmadia would like to run a membership signup table during parent-teacher conferences.

Website: Jane Carstea requested updates to any site content.

Reflections: Treva will coordinate the local PTA effort in lieu of an absent chair.

Family Fun/Dances: Traci reported that the November 18 dance will take place from 7-9pm. Tickets will be \$5, on sale during lunch the week of the dance and at the door. For the GUMC peanut-butter drive and raffle, a maximum of three jars donated will yield extra raffle tickets; alternate-nut butters will be accepted. School government is promoting the event. Traci requested that the school send an email with a link to the volunteer sign-up.

School Store/Spirit Wear: Susie reported 86 items of spirit wear sold and distributed during the recent drive. She is still looking for volunteers for the school store and noted the link to the volunteer sign-up on the PTSA's web site.

Harvest Hustle: Katie, Brenda, and Pam reported follow-up details about the October 7 event. **Many thanks to them for planning, coordinating, and carrying out such a successful event!** They identified the need for teachers to be duct taped to walls for grade levels exceeding their donation goals. Robert will coordinate.

PTACHC: Macqueen reported the following items from the most recent PTACHC meeting: encouragement to join local PTA units and PTACHC; HCPSS graduation requirements are changing, letter to be disseminated to high-school parents; the superintendent reported upcoming Inclusive Community meetings; discussion on digital safety and the APFO update; information available on the Great Minds curriculum.

Volunteer sign-up forms were in the PTSA mailbox since the start of school; follow-up required.

There will be no thumb drive for a school directory this year. The information will be available through Canvas.

Sherri moved to adjourn; motion seconded by Pam, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Kimos, Recording Secretary