

Glenwood Middle School PTSA meeting, October 5, 2016

Attendees:

Troy Marty	Beth Winters	Heather Aitken-Cade	Robert Motley	Traci Spiegel
Dena Gallagher	Steve Kimos	Kristine Viens	Treva Lutes	Jane Carstea
Chris Chizmadia	Debbie O'Byrne	Pam Williams	Kathy Carter	

Meeting called to order by Troy. Minutes of September meeting presented; Beth moved to approve, seconded by Dena.

Principal: Robert shared that GMS had about 50 applicants each for student council and National Junior Honor Society, with NJHS acceptance notices to arrive by October 14. Staff received Apple professional training (iMovie, etc.). Staff spirit wear has been well received by students, so Robert mentioned that a later PTSA spirit-wear drive might be able to use the same shirt design at a discount. Environmental issues at the school have been minimal and under control so far this year.

Teacher Rep: Kristine shared that ELA classes had distributed Harvest Hustle info. Intramurals are going well; there was some confusion about the first session forms, but this will be alleviated for the second session with forms available on the GMS and PTSA web sites.

Treasurer/Budget: Dena presented the treasurer's report, which showed YTD actuals against the approved budget. Primary activity so far has been with Intramurals, School Store, and Membership, all doing well. Hassle-free donations already exceed the assumed income for the year. New "Corporate Sponsors" line item added to budget; care will be taken in screening sponsors for problematic aspects like conflict of interest. Dena plans to wait and see how well Harvest Hustle performs before determining our future fundraising needs. Funds transfer of \$2,000 from Money Market to Operating Fund as cushion against possible negative balance. Treasurer's report attached to these minutes.

Dena reported that Lorraine Whittaker was willing to serve as our Fundraising Committee chair. Robert moved to appoint Lorraine, seconded by Pam, unanimous agreement. See **Fundraising** below.

Dena reported that she and Robert had met earlier and discussed possible future PTSA expenditures. Robert said that he would like the PTSA to fund a digital sign for the front of the school. Steve noted that this would move us farther away from PTA purposes, and Pam asked why such was the case. Steve paraphrased the following National PTA guidance:

"PTAs are not an additional funding source for goods, services and payroll for public schools. School funds should be supplied by governmental entities. PTAs advocate for the adequate funding of schools from governmental sources. They do not replace funds not supplied by governments."

SOURCE: National PTA, *Is Your PTA an ATM for Your School?*

Membership: Chris reported that so far 134 families and 45 teachers had signed up for PTSA membership.

School Store/Spirit Wear: Troy reported on Susie Robert's behalf that the spirit wear sale was closed and had fallen slightly short of the goal for extra benefits from the vendor. Susie plans to distribute the shirts at lunch on October 24-25. Debbie and Jane said that they could help Susie with distribution. Susie would like feedback on the types of items available at the school store.

Hospitality: Troy reported that Beth Higgins and Sunshine Melhuish were proceeding apace and happy with their budget allocation.

Family Fun/Dances: Traci reported that the dance was set for November 18, with food to be donated by Three Brothers Italian Restaurant. Traci asked Robert if the school could facilitate promotion by announcements, email, and posters around school, to which Robert agreed. Admission to the dance will be \$5, and the hours will be from 7-9pm. Traci needs around 12 volunteers for the dance and will coordinate a Volunteer Spot sign-up. Traci asked if anyone knew a point of contact for a photo booth. Troy confirmed the February 10 date for the spring event.

Harvest Hustle: Pam reported that the October 7 event was ready to go, with hope for contributions continuing into the following week. Volunteers are still needed for 8th grade activity time slots. Steve asked if the event would be sponsored by the school or the PTSA for insurance purposes. Robert confirmed that it was a school-sponsored event.

Cultural Arts: Pam noted that more programs were requested. Dena said there was hope that corporate sponsors could support Shakespeare. Brief mention followed about the hope for a 6th grade Cul Arts program in the future.

Fundraising: A warm and grateful welcome to Lorraine Whittaker, our new Fundraising chair!

Web site: Jane requested updates to any site content.

PTACHC: Troy reported on Macqueen Parker's behalf that the following activities were scheduled near-term: October 6 leadership/financial workshop, October 10 GT parent academy, October 18 BOE meeting with PTA Presidents, and October 20 leadership workshop. PTACHC would like to know what topics local PTAs wish to learn about. From HCPSS, Dr. Foose reminds all to maintain school safety. Brent Loveless reminds all to stay abreast of Howard County zoning, especially the Adequate Public Funding ordinance. The Canvas app is available, all feedback welcome.

Troy moved to adjourn; motion seconded by Beth, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Kimos, Recording Secretary