

Start time: 8:05am

Attending: Mary Beth Hall, Mammoon Sukhera, Kelli Filardi, Brantlee Vinson, Jenny Rushing, Christy Shane, Cyndi Massey, Tracey Biscardi, Robyn Houghton, Allyson Anderson, Cindy Ducote, Julie Giles, Christa Wilson

Principal: Danny Brothers

- 1) Thank PTSO for volunteering~ much appreciated.
- 2) Great start to the school year, including a successful Senior Parking Painting event managed by Kelli Filardi~ it has turned into a great community event.
- 3) GBHS has (3) National Merit Scholar Finalists this year: Britton Landrum, Bickston Laenger and Wyatt Sise. In addition, (5) others were recommended.
- 4) All of our sports are off to a great start, including Cross Country, Golf, Swim & Volleyball.
- 5) Homecoming will be held October 4-5.
- 6) Allyson asked if there are any unmet needs the PTSO can help with for the Administration. Brothers shared that he recently had to spend approximately \$3500 on a new sound system that will be used for many events. He will think about any other unmet financial needs for the school.

President: Allyson Anderson

- 1) 2019 Taxes filed and Accountant (Josh Peden) was given a \$100 gift card for his service.
- 2) OSO Audit will be submitted after budgets are ready.
- 3) Regions Bank signature cards have been completed. Signers are: Cindy Ducote, Christy Shane, Julie Giles and Allyson Anderson. Debit cards were issued to Christy and Julie.
- 4) Bookkeeper Tiffany ~ has made sure there is a way in My School Bucks for people to make a donation to PTSO.
- 5) Membership position is open. Paula Sarkari has resigned.
- 6) Blue & Gold Sponsor thank you notes have been mailed out.
- 7) We need to send thank you notes/tax receipts to all other donors, possibly using email rather than mail for efficiency and money-savings. Task can be handed off to Secretary Liz McCulley with Christa Wilson as back-up, as needed.
- 8) Thanks for Mrs. Folsie for producing letterhead and thank you cards for the PTSO at no charge to PTSO.

Vice President/Programs: Kelli Filardi

- 1) Last parking spot was sold this week! Total of 240 were sold and 2 were given on scholarship, raising \$18,489.19.
- 2) We need to address with Mr. Keen a possible new way to address white lines. Planning to schedule a meeting with Mr. Keen, Mr. Brothers and Allyson to address possibilities, including students refreshing lines with paint purchased by PTSO.

Project Graduation: Jenny Rushing & Christy Shane

- 1) Budget has been created using past year's data.
- 2) This year~ start time for PG will be around 11pm, since graduation is later~ starting at 6pm.

- 3) Location for 2020 PG has been chosen!
- 4) Based on 250 students, considering scholarship for approx. 40 kids, cost should be \$85/head.
- 5) Community letter mentions decline in overall PG participation throughout county, but GBHS participation continues to rise.
- 6) At \$85/head, costs are covered for venue, safety, t-shirts and food.
- 7) We feel fortunate to begin with \$46,000 and expect the total cost to be \$19,000-\$23,000, leaving approximately \$20,000 in reserve. We are hoping to gauge budget this year to determine need for future fundraising. We anticipate most tickets will be purchased after January 1, 2020, which would normally be sold for \$40 each. To date, we have sold 36 tickets at \$25, and would like to keep the price at \$25 after January, if possible.
- 8) Planning to reduce overage of funds in account over next 4 years, keeping \$20,000 in reserve and ticket prices at \$25, along with possibly giving away a \$500 scholarship.
- 9) CDAC has discontinued help with Project Graduations.

Motion by Julie Giles for \$20,000 to be reserve amount for Project Graduation. Second by Tracey Biscardi. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carries.

Secretary: Liz McCulley (Absent. Christa Wilson filled in.) No report.

Minutes from August meeting were approved electronically, in order to update Regions Bank signature cards.

Treasurer: Cindy Ducote

- 1) Budget for 2019-2020 attached.
- 2) Question presented: Do we want to change gift earmarked for Tardy/Recognition to Resource Officer? Refer to Liz McCulley for previous minutes to find if we have previously given Teacher of the Year gift.
- 3) Parking expense and ACT will likely take up our surplus this year.
- 4) We will be adding \$1030 from Mr. Brothers to cover teacher PTSO membership this year.
- 5) We need to decide what amount we agree is right for PTSO and Project Graduation reserves.
- 6) Online donations will be kept in Internal Account, and we can pay Hospitality for their expenses via Tiffany (GBHS bookkeeper).
- 7) Regions Bank manager mentioned using a money market, but OSO prohibits multiple accounts. Allyson will ask Mr. Alt if this is an option.
- 8) We need to know daily max for debit card spending with the bank.
- 9) We should consider Square for collecting membership dues via credit card.

Motion by Christy Shane to establish \$10,000 reserve fund for PTSO. Second by Jenny Rushing. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carries.

Grants: Cindy Massey

- 1) Jessica Howie requested \$155 ahead of grant schedule to pay for (3) separate "New Student Socials". The first would take place 9/27. She estimates 150 kids in the fall, 50 in the winter and 50 in the Spring. The socials would serve ice cream and give new students a chance for welcoming to GBHS.

Motion by Cindy Massey to spend \$155 from Grant's Internal Account ahead of grant schedule to pay for Howie's request. Second was made by Julie Giles. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carries.

- 2) Grant applications were sent to teachers and are due back by October 11. We will vote on them in the October 17 meeting.

Membership: Open Position. No report.

Volunteer Coordinator: Christa Wilson

- 1) Question posed: when exactly does timeline expire for approved volunteers?
- 2) Updated list should be available at close of the meeting from Tyger Paris.

Hospitality: Julie Giles & Tracey Biscardi

- 1) We are waiting for Mr. Brothers to give dates for upcoming events, ie: Christmas luncheon.
- 2) Julie & Cyndy were the only volunteers at Back to School Luncheon, and looking forward to using volunteer list for upcoming events.

SAC Rep: Julie Giles

- 1) Mr. Brothers asked for \$5000 to help with safety and detention for more supervision.

SGA Rep: Jack Hitchcock (Absent. Mammoon Sukhera filled in.)

- 1) Homecoming dance on October 5th~ Galaxy theme.
- 2) Sadie Hawkins Dance is planned for December 13.
- 3) Dance Marathon is planned for late February.
- 4) Quentin Cooper Run will no longer be an SGA event; the Cooper family has taken over the event.
- 5) Rally/Spirit nights are planned to raise money for Cancer awareness. GBHS is competing against Escambia. We are currently ahead with \$1700. Also, tennis tournament for same benefit is planned for September 20-21.

Teacher Rep: Mary Beth Hall

- 1) Homecoming prep is going great!
- 2) ACT testing for Juniors has been paid for. (Allyson has requested for board to be informed on how discretionary money earmarked for, but not used for ACT was spent last year).
- 3) Push for Juniors to take the ACT & SAT so there may be a future need for help with funding. The goal is for student to do well enough and pass tests so they can leave the test prep class and join an elective class.

Today's meeting adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Christa Wilson