

DUE TO COVID-19; TODAY'S MEETING WAS A VIDEO CALL VIA GOOGLE HANGOUTS

GBHS PTSO Minutes

October 16, 2020

Attending: Principal Danny Brothers, Allyson Anderson, Kelli Filardi, Cindy Ducote, Liz McCulley, Christa Wilson, Cyndi Massey, Julie Giles, Keena Landrum, Ingrid Hewitte, Sheree Lombardo, Jenny Rushing, Mary Beth hall, Melissa Hutcherson; Volunteer Laura Murphy

President: Allyson Anderson brought the meeting to order at 8:00am.

Membership: Ingrid Hewitte has generated TY's for all Blue, Gold & Nada donations, incorporating the Tax receipt form. Lifetime Membership donors will have a brass plate added to the plaque in the main hallway, which will have a new consolidated central plaque created.

The committee has chosen to gift Lee Merrill with a PTSO Lifetime membership! He is the engineer responsible for the creation of the Senior Parking spot, online diagram. This schematic assisted Kelli Filardi, our VP, access to enable our Seniors a remote "dial in", to reserve their space in line. The program worked out without a hitch, with every student accounted for. Mr. Merrill is the parent of a 2020 Grad, with 2 more students coming up in elementary school.

Ingrid shared, since Mrs. Barker placed the membership forms into the students take home packets this yr., more parents have joined in support of the PTSO. Many parents are recognizing how much the PTSO directly supports all students & we will continue this procedure going forward.

Principal: Danny Brothers spoke with enthusiasm & pride about the forward movement of all school sports, currently in season. XC, swim (districts in PC), golf (boys and girls 2nd), volleyball (district title) and football (plays in Mosely tonight) are all up and running smoothly.

Mr. Brothers met with Mayor Cherry Fitch & City Mgr. Samantha Abell to secure The Barge-a-Ween. It will be held on the HS track on Oct.31st btwn 4-8pm; to promote and support all area businesses. An email will be sent to teachers, looking for students to volunteer that night.

Mr. Brothers expressed his thoughts re: the teachers and staff that are under the added pressure of the Bay Bridge being out, due to the barge crashing into it. Many of them are making the trip back and forth over The Garcon bridge adding upwards an hour each way, to their daily drive. The committee briefly entertained the idea of collecting gas cards. The discussion was tabled for further review.

Lastly, Mr. B. made mention of the huge improvement in remote learning with the student body as a whole!

Secretary: Liz McCulley requested to have the September minutes passed. Christa Wilson made this motion with Cyndi 2nd. The board approved and the motion was carried.

Treasurer: Cindy Ducote requested all outstanding receipts, be handed in for re-imbusement.

Cindy proposed we raise the award amount of the Unsung Senior scholarship. Laura Murphy suggested we increase the amount from \$100.00 which we granted last year, to \$500.00. Christa made the motion to raise the award & Cyndi was 2nd, with the committee all in- voting to carry this. The lucky 2021 recipient will be chosen by the Guidance Dept.

Grants: **Cindy Massey** thanked Mrs. Hutcherson, our new Teacher Representative on PTSO, for helping to review & revise the Teacher Grant application. We begin this cycle with approx. \$16,000.00. We currently have 13 grant requests, extended the deadline due to Covid & so far, all Fall applications have been granted!

Hospitality: **Julie Giles & Keena Landrum** are looking towards holding our special Holiday luncheon, for all teachers and staff. They are working on locking in a date, as well as the “style” of luncheon, with the Covid-19 restrictions in place.

Project Graduation: **Jenny Rushing** reported the venue is secured with a deposit. She and co-chair Christy Shane will be including a “plan B” this year, to ensure a safe way to celebrate the 2021 Grads!

Fundraising: **Sheree Lombardo** is preparing a bulk mail out for Business partners. With great consideration of the current CDC restrictions put upon our local businesses, PTSO has decided to wait another month to send these.

Sheree advised she has renewed the bulk postage machine with the post office.

SAC: **Julie Giles** – no report. SAC did not meet

SGA Rep.: New chair TBD

Volunteer Coordinator: **Christa Wilson** advised “Approved Volunteers” are now readily available on our school website, under the parent/student tab. They will be approved 2x/month.

****Post meeting:**

10/21/20 – via email; Allyson A. put forth the request for a motion to be made to support a one-time purchase of 28 Gas cards, to be distributed to the teachers and staff of GBHS. This comes on the deep concern Mr. Brothers has for his teachers & staff, due to the added pressures of driving 2 extra hours per day, back and forth to school. The cards will be \$50.00 each for a total of \$1,400.00. Ingrid H. made the motion with Cyndi M. 2nd. The unanimous yes votes came in electronically and this motion carried!

10/30/20- via email: Cyndi Massey presented 3 new teacher grants for the Fall awards. The committee was able to review the individual grants, with Julie Giles making the motion to grant the referenced additional \$620.00 in Fall grants. Liz M. was the 2nd on this motion and the committee all voted yes via email, to pass and carry.

Allyson adjourned the mtg at 9:21am.

These minutes respectfully submitted by Liz McCulley