

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

GBHS PTSO Minutes

September 25, 2020

Attending: Principal Danny Brothers, Allyson Anderson, Kelli Filardi, Cindy Ducote, Liz McCulley, Christa Wilson, Cyndi Massey, Julie Giles, Melissa Khan, Mary Beth hall; Volunteer Laura Murphy

President: Allyson Anderson brought the meeting to order at 8:01am. She proceeded to express her concern for the health and safety of all those on the board and their families, as we navigate through the Corona virus pandemic.

Allyson shared that the new tax-exempt form is available for the board to use as needed, for PTSO purchases.

Treasurer: Cindy Ducote explained procedure of the tax-exempt form. Committee members needing to enact the tax-exempt number (solely for PTSO items) must submit receipts, for re-imbusement.

Cindy shared- due to new procedure that Mrs. Barker approved; in sending Membership forms home in the BTS packets, we have received \$10,000.00 with \$4000.00 coming from a single (parent) donor!

Cindy advised the PTSO membership & No-Show Nada balance to date is \$14,530.00 with \$3,500.00 being paid thru the My School Bucks App.

Principal: Mr. Brothers expressed his feelings of gratefulness, for the generous PTSO Membership donations to GBHS.

Mr. Brothers' shared his thoughts and deep concerns regarding the ups and downs of how morale is, surrounding Hurricane Sally & Covid-19. He was heartfelt in asking after our individual status and went on to describe the current angst as a student tested positive for Covid and is home for 20 days, while exposing 2 classes that need to quarantine.

Our school suffered very minimal damage with only 2 trees down and only one (1) teacher displaced to the library due to SALLY.

Remote learning is proving difficult. Where students are expected to "sign on" to their class, we now have 6 students that maintain 15 or more "absences" and are considered truant.

Further in regard to Covid restrictions, Guidance counselors are unable to keep up with transcripts and meeting targets for college deadlines.

In Mr. Brothers closing of his thoughts, he expressed his worried about the isolation and disconnect and wants the students back together quickly. He once more shared his sadness of losing students to suicide.

In continuing to respect CDC guidelines, Mr. Brothers advised sports programs are currently active & they are working towards getting clubs open to begin by the 2nd 9 weeks. The first football game is finally tonight against Milton, with the band fully participating. They will be sitting in the stands facing ours but cannot have a halftime show. He also let everyone know one of the scoreboards on the football field was completely knocked down from Hurricane Sally.

Volleyball is 4-0, XC meet at Pine Forest, both girls and boys golf washed out this week & swimming had a moment of silence to honor the tragic loss of their teammate Xander, during their senior night.

Vice President: Kelli Filardi wrapped up loose ends in the Senior Parking fundraiser. Parents received emails as a reminder to pick up decals. There was only one (1) refund issued. There are only two (2) people that have not handed money in yet. Tiffane has the invoice for the paving company and will be paying out of the internal account of the school.

Secretary: Liz McCulley requested the committee ratifies the August minutes. Christa Wilson made the motion to pass the minutes as written and Julie G. was 2nd. The board approved and the motion was carried.

Grants: Cindy Massey explained the committee previously agreed to reserve a portion of senior parking fundraiser dollars. These funds will be earmarked to resurface the lot & repaint the stripes on/about every 4-5 years as needed. Cindy D. made a motion to reserve \$2,250.00 per year for this purpose. Kelli F. 2nd and the committee voted unanimously to pass this.

Cindy informed us there are no teacher grant requests yet! We of course sum this up to the current state of affairs with the virus shutdowns & the overwhelming stresses with remote learning. Mrs. Hutcherson, our new Teacher Representative on the PTSO board, will resend the applications to the teachers. The deadline is December 14th.

Hospitality: Julie Giles along w/ volunteers served up 130 boxed lunches from NEWKS and pastries from Publix, for the "Teacher Back to School" Luncheon. They also supplied bottles of hand sanitizer to each teacher! The entire PTSO board thanks the GBHS community for sending in \$408.54 thru PayPal & Venmo, to help offset these terrific teacher meals!

Fundraising: Melissa Khan advised "Business Partners in Education" letters are ready to send. In respect to the pressures with the virus and the hurricane, she & Sheree L. will mail them out in two (2) weeks' time.

Membership: Ingrid Hewitte not present. No report.

Project Graduation: Jenny Rushing & Christy Shane not present. No report.

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.

Allyson adjourned the mtg at 9:10am.

These minutes respectfully submitted by Liz McCulley