

February 12, 2020

PTO Board Meeting, Gower Middle School

Started at 5:40 pm, ended at 6:23 pm

Present: Dina Jason, Deana Miron, Caroline Vroustouris, Mary Szabo, Cassie Swieton, Gina Rodewald, Tracy Murphy

Absent: Elizabeth Shaker, Anne Bjork

Dina Jason:

The Gower PTO earned a \$506 profit from the Flying High fundraiser in January.

Deana Miron: There were a total of 30 parents who attended Parents' Night Out at Madison's. 28 kids attended the kids' event at BIG Gymnastics. The PTO made no profit on the event with BIG Gymnastics. During the next school year, PTO can combine the Flying High and Parents' Night Out events into one.

Cassie Swieton: The Sweetheart Dance had 350 people in attendance. There were 200 kids, 150 adults. In the next school year, there will be no photo booth because of the problems we experienced. I suggest spending more money on the picture backdrop so people can take selfies.

Gina Rodewald: I agree that we can do a special background and encourage families to take selfies and their own pictures at the Sweetheart Dance next school year.

Dina Jason: Valentine's Day treats will be distributed at West and Middle. Elizabeth Shaker will distribute them at Gower Middle. Four Parent volunteers are scheduled to distribute them at Gower West.

Chuck E. Cheese fundraiser will take place on Wednesday, February 19, 2020 from 3pm to 9pm.

The EPI list was discussed. The supply lists are ready. Gower West has been submitted.

Kindergarten orientation will be the same as usual this year.

Deana Miron: Fun Fair flyers will be updated and emailed. Deana will have the meeting later tonight (after the PTO Board Meeting) for those serving as Fun Fair Coordinators.

Fairy Hair is a set rate \$150 per hour. It will be offered as a 3 hour event at the Fun Fair. \$450 will be paid in total for Fairy Hair to offer their services. \$300 will be paid for out of PTO funds and \$150 will be paid for by Deana Miron and Elizabeth Shaker as family donations.

Deana Miron: The Taste of Gower is April 9. A committee is already set up. There are several restaurants already signed up, more in the queue to sign up.

Mary Szabo: I sent an email last night that highlighted the amount received from Vesna. We had budgeted \$960 from school staff and actually got \$1100. PTO also received \$3200 from parent donations. The party funds across all of the classes total \$6100.

A breakdown per class will be provided by Mary. She has the new amounts per class funds on Google drive.

Mana gift card information has been completed.

The 2019 Holiday Bazaar raised \$934, more than anticipated by the PTO Board.

The Sweetheart Dance cost \$250 in expenses. Gower PTO anticipates that we will raise close to \$1200 from the event. Prior to the event, our estimate was to raise \$500.

The \$625.55 surplus is approved. Mary provided the check in this amount to Gina Rodewald.

The second Spirit Wear sale shows that there is no profit. There is a discrepancy because not all of the checks have been cashed. Mary and Elizabeth have to meet in order to complete all of payments and determine a total.

Deana Miron: 55 Gower Water bottles are left in the PTO closet.

Dina Jason: The water bottles can be given away at the Fun Fair.

Tracy Murphy: February 25th, 2020 is the date for 8th grade graduation pictures.

Gower Middle wrestling is winding down. The JV volleyball team is doing a great job! Basketball is finished for the season.

Two Gower Middle students requested scholarships for \$99 each for the Springfield trip.

The 6th grade students will attend the Robert Crown presentation on Friday, February 14th, 2020.

Gina Rodewald: Gower West will be presenting, "Historical Perspectives for Children: Harriett Tubman," on Friday 2/14. The assembly is made possible by Gower PTO. The performers have

previously done a presentation on Helen Keller. The students will watch during a special assembly.

Dina Jason: Meeting adjourned at 6:23 pm.

Deana Miron: Gower PTO Fun Fair Committee meeting will begin next.