

**Glenelg High School PTSA
Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2021**

Call to Order: The Executive Board meeting for the Glenelg PTSA was called to order at 7:04 PM on September, 14, 2021 by Jen Mertes via Zoom.

Attendees: Jen Mertes, Tracey Heller, Amy Gonce, Dawn Lipshultz, Shawn Hastings-Hauf, Erin Edwards, Tania DuBeau, Ellen Sowry, Avishi Garg, Suzanne Cho

Review and approval of minutes from the August meeting. Motion to approve: Tracey Heller, Second: Amy Gonce.

Treasurer's Report: Amy Gonce

- Amy reviewed the need to approve this year's budget in order to spend funds. There is currently \$30,000 in reserve.
- Categories were amended to reflect Membership; Donations & Funding; Student, Teacher, Parent Support & Activities; and Organization
- The audit report is in process due to a change that was needed. Money available will be confirmed when the report is completed and finalized.

Question: Are scholarships for GHS students? What does concessions mean? Yes, scholarships are for GHS students. The concessions are those done by PTSA for plays and other events besides sports.

Question: What are the Organizational category expenditures? Those are for Square and Paypal fees.

Principal's Report: Mrs. Hastings-Hauf

- It has been a great start to the school year and students are adjusting well to masking, considering how difficult it can be to wear them all day.
- There have been two confirmed COVID cases and some students are quarantining. Any symptoms that arise during the school day require the student be sent home and quarantine (regardless of actual sickness) as a precaution. COVID tests are available at the school and results are known within two to three days. Some students choose to go to other testing sites.
- Baltimore County has cancelled all homecoming events and Glenelg is planning to have their events (dance) outside to avoid indoor issues associated with distancing and masking. Planning is still ongoing but it appears that things will be held outdoors.
- All teachers are aware that there are PTSA funds and assistance are available to them.

Question: Jen asked what the PTSA's role will be in supporting homecoming as some parents have offered help. Mrs. Hastings-Hauf will let us know as she knows more.

Budget Vote: Motion to approve: Tania DuBeau, Second: Tracey Heller. Budget was approved.

Vice President's Report: Tracey Heller

- Movie Night will occur on September 18 at 7:00 PM. The weather forecast is good and the movie contract has been signed. Rita's Italian ice is scheduled to hand out free ice and there will be snacks/chips and water for students. A poster will be put up at the school to advertise. Jen thanked the SGA for their help and for voting on the movie - "Spider-man: Far From Home."

Question: When will Rita's set up? Rita's will be there at 6:45.

President's Report: Jen Mertes

- Current membership is at 20% of GHS families, we would like 25%. Chris Shollenburger and Christine Dustin have been very helpful in membership efforts. Membership tables were set up and staffed at the Howard County fair and back-to-school night.
- An informational PTSA-specific email will go out tomorrow.

Question: Do membership numbers include faculty? No, Mrs. Hastings-Hauf mentioned that she has encouraged staff to join.

Hospitality: Dawn Madsen is chair of the Hospitality Committee. A welcome back luncheon was held for faculty and staff, delivered by Honey Baked Ham. The next event will be conference dinners in November.

PTACH: Ellen Sowry

- The first PTACH meeting was August 30 and this year's budget was passed.
- A reminder was noted to make donations to Homewood and ARL as they do not have their own PTSA. Amy is going to check on our donations for Homewood. ARL funds are used for staff appreciation.
- Legislative issues were discussed including the HoCo By Design initiative. HoCo By Design is a large plan for development and spending in the county over the next 20 years. People are being encouraged to provide input regarding the importance of proper planning and funding for the school system.

Question: What is the latest information on National PTA and Free State PTA? National PTA has stated that Free State PTA is the recognized Maryland chapter. The Maryland Congress of Parents and Teachers is made up of officers from the old state PTA that was revoked by National. Free State is functional and running and bylaws are forthcoming. Dues should be sent to National PTA until Free State is official. Questions regarding this issue should go to National PTA.

Student Government Association: Avishi Garg

- The SGA is working on homecoming and spirit week. A theme was decided and decorations have been ordered. PTSA help is needed with snacks and water for the dance, as well as chaperones.

Question: How will ticket sales work? Lunch shift ticket sales most likely.

Question: Will they advertise for help? Sign ups for sales will go through the school newsletter. Tracey suggested we can use Sign Up Genius to manage volunteer sign ups. Staff can also help with chaperoning and parking. Mr. Sageman and Mr. Alusi are helping with the SGA.

Question: Will masking be mandatory at the dance? Yes, when students are inside the building.
Tania will send information on past parking procedures.

Suzanne mentioned that the membership link in the September 9 email did not work properly.
She also suggested that meeting reminders go out a few days before the meeting with the Zoom link.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn - Dawn Lipshultz; Second - Tracey Heller. Close of meeting 8:01 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Dawn Lipshultz.