

Gower PTO Meeting Notes, November 13, 2019

PTO Board Members Present: Dina Jason, Deana Miron, Caroline Vroustouris, Mary Szabo. Absent: Elizabeth Shaker
School and Teacher Representatives Present: Gina Rodewald, Tracy Murphy, Anne Bjork
Also Present: Cassie Swieton, Colleen Chowaniec

5:36 pm: Meeting comes to order

5:36 pm: Dina Jason: Charleston Wrap orders earned a profit of \$7,613.59 during our 2019 fundraiser. We have not gotten our profits from Portillo's Night yet. The Holiday Gift card sale is on through December 6.

5:40 pm: Dina Jason: Loren Mokryzski reported \$366.30 profit on the Spirit Wear sale that she was in charge of. Elizabeth Shaker is not present, will report profits/outcomes of her supplier's Spirit Wear at the next PTO meeting in December.

5:46 pm: Gina Rodewald: The Halloween events at Gower West went very well. The live stream of the parade went really well. It was a successful day with many fun events.

5:50 pm: Tracy Murphy: The Halloween Dance at Gower Middle was a success. A wrestling coach was hired at Gower Middle. It was very hard to find someone and she got someone very good, then another good applicant right after hiring the new person. The second applicant can help part-time.

5:48 pm: Dina Jason: Parent/Teacher conferences are November 25: Food will be served at 4:30pm or 5:00pm. The Panera Fundraiser will be December 5th from 4pm to 8pm. We are advertising on eblasts, social media, through that day.

5:52 pm: Cassie Swieton: Holiday Bazaar is Friday, Dec 6 and Saturday Dec 7 in the Gower West Library. Will be around the Santa breakfast on Saturday so it will be a nice compliment to lots of people attending that event. Colleen Chowaniec is helping to coordinate the event.

A display to advertise the event is being made in the hallway at Gower West.

Volunteers are needed. (There is a discussion about using Hinsdale South students who are looking for volunteer hours and Cassie likes this idea and will work with those students to coordinate). Caroline Vroustouris: the link for volunteer sign ups was sent out this week in the e-blast. People have already started to sign up.

6:00 pm: Dina Jason: Pizza lunch at Gower West on December 19. Dina will order the pizza and this is okay'd by Gina. Brooke and Rose will help coordinate.

6:06 pm: Deana Miron: Chuck E Cheese event will happen on February 19. 3pm to 9pm. 20% back from sales and must mention Gower to the cashier to get credit to the schools. Fly High fundraiser on January 10th is also mentioned.

6:09 pm: Discussion about the use of Gower West LRC for an art fair between Deana Miron, Tracy Murphy and Gina Rodewald. Deana reports that she is coordinating and the art teachers from Gower West and Middle have signed a contract for an art fair on April 21, 2020 to take place at Gower West. Tracy Murphy: teachers cannot sign their own contracts for these kind of events. Gina Rodewald: the day you have chosen for the art fair is the same day as a School Board has a meeting in the LRC. We have to cancel the art fair. It is important to check on District and Board events

before making commitments like this. Deana Miron: she will handle cancelling the art fair.

6:20pm: Mary Szabo: Went over the budget. Called Caroline Vroustouris and checked it against the meeting minutes from previous 2019-2020 meetings. PTO Board needs to have a budget meeting to discuss the audit before the end of the 2019 calendar year.

Checks: EPI (2 checks: \$1,261.26 for Gower Middle and \$2,034.45 for Gower West. Total: \$3,295.71 received). Chipotle: \$272.45 - received.
Portillo's: Not yet received.

6:28 pm: Dina Jason: Let's plan to meet in early December for a budget meeting.

Caroline Vroustouris: I am leaving on December 6th for a family vacation. Will not be at the December board meeting. Dina Jason: We will meet before you leave

Dina Jason: PTO Board has to go distribute Charleston Wrap boxes now.

6:31 pm: Meeting adjourned