



GCC of PTAs Council Meeting Minutes

Call to order

A meeting of the Guilford County Council of PTAs board was held on March 11, 2021 and called to order at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.

In attendance

Mildred O. Poole, President; Victoria Vample, VP1 LaTashia Moore, Treasurer; Eric Townsend, Secretary; Travis Finn, chair of the Male Engagement Committee; Debbie Sivret, chair of the Awards Committee; Byron Gladden, Member At Large; B.J. Levette, Member At Large

Social & Emotional Learning

Victoria Vample shared a brief message that encourages positive attitudes: "Look for something positive each day, even if some days you have to look a little harder."

Approval of Minutes

The board voted unanimously to approve meeting minutes from February 11, 2021, after Mildred Poole moved to approve them and there were no corrections or amendments put forward.

Treasurer's Report

Mildred Poole shared the treasurer's report with Tashia Moore providing additional information from her car. The ending balance in February was \$2,551.16. Since January, membership dues had been received from Oakview Elementary, Sternberger Elementary, and Grimsley High School. Expenses were annual AIM Insurance to cover the organization at events, plus bank service charges and monthly GoDaddy fees for the website. Mildred Poole reminded the board that an audit committee needs to be reconstituted to keep the GCCPTA in compliance with requirements for AIM insurance. The report was unanimously approved as presented (Victoria Vample moved for approval, Travis Finn seconded.)

New Business

- No new business was discussed.

Board Reports

- President Mildred Poole said there would be a full business meeting on March 18 prior to the Reflections celebration with a full treasurer's report and meeting minutes from the previous general meeting for approval. Anything to be announced on March 18 should be very succinct. Say Yes and GCS CTE is providing video promos to share prior to the Reflections ceremony. Mildred Poole asked that everyone be on by 6:30 so there is a quorum to approve minutes and the treasurer's report. She said it's important for local units to begin thinking about coming back to the council.
- Treasurer LaTashia Moore, as chair of the Reflections Committee, reported that she has certificates ready to be distributed. A mistake on third-place ribbons required a reprinting and she would soon be

picking them up. She reported being halfway through the creation of a Google Slides presentation and will work with Felicia Andrews to refine it. Tashia Moore shared that Felicia Andrews is working on a video that features first-place winners to be broadcast on GCS TV.

- Mildred Poole, sharing information on the SPICE Grants program on behalf of Paula Jarrell, reported that applications for SPICE Grants are due by March 31 and that she plans to have applications to judges by April 6. The acknowledge of grant recipients may be no more than half an hour.
- Debbie Sivret reported on updates for the Awards program and nomination process. She sought feedback from the board on the theme of format of a 2021 program and said she is feeling hopeful that the GCCPTA would be able to do more than a watch party or Zoom meeting. Debbie Sivret said she is looking at venues that include LeBauer Park and Grimsley High School, centralized locations with outdoor space. May 27 is the tentative date for the formal Awards program. She also put forward the proposal that nominations be accepted from both 2019-20, and 2020-21, due to awards not being presented in Spring 2020. Some awards may be given for each year; some awards will only be given one but that local units may submit two nominations (one for each of the past academic years). The full budget for the 2021 awards program is \$1,100. Following input from the board, and a suggestion for a “drive-in” event suggested by Byron Gladden, Debbie Sivret said she would try to more fully develop that theme.
- Member at Large B.J. Levette reported that he is hearing about misinformation in the community regarding the future of Archer Elementary. He asked if the GCCPTA can begin to inform members about GCS construction projects and the order of work based on the passage of the bond referendum in 2020.

Additional Information

- As part of the conversation on the Reflections Program, Byron Gladden asked if it was possible to create a consent agenda where previous minutes and the treasurer’s report are distributed in advance for one quick vote. Mildred Poole replied bylaws are silent on consent agenda and that it takes time to get some materials prepared far enough in advance to send materials. Tashia Moore also noted that GCCPTA would need to have email addresses from the two representatives at each local unit who would vote. That is information GCCPTA lacks this year due to COVID and the collection of dues.
- Mildred said that the GCCPTA will attempt to identify the delegates from the 23 paid members of GCCPTA and encourage them to be at meetings. She stated that the GCCPTA should have a roster of delegates to track attendance at GCCPTA meetings and that a future membership chair or perhaps the secretary would work on reestablishing a roster. Debbie Sivret suggested a formal process for local delegates alerting to GCCPTA about possible alternate delegates.
- Tashia Moore and Eric Townsend briefly discussed the process for sharing information when local units submit their annual dues and membership forms.
- Travis Finn shared a template of email communications he has sent to his assigned PTA units to introduce himself as a liaison to the GCCPTA and to ask if the local unit needs assistance or has any questions regarding compliance with the NCPTA.
- Mildred Poole said she would send every Friday evening updated compliance lists drawn from MemberHub.

Events

- March 18 is the date of the next GCCPTA full board meeting and celebration of 2020-21 Reflections honorees.
- April 8, May 13, and June 10 are the tentative dates for the next GCCPTA board meetings.
- May 27 is a tentative date for GCCPTA's annual awards celebration.

Adjournment

Travis Finn motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. BJ Levette seconded and the board unanimously approved.

Secretary

Date of approval