

**GULL LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL PTSO**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**November 7, 2018**

**In attendance:** Kai C Worm, Carolyn Glaspie, Tommy Regis, Kristen Kern Beaver, Sara Blow, Laura Zervic, Carmen Maring, and Janet Romyak,

**Special guests:** Mrs. Vert, Liberty Ashbaugh, Reygan Fleming, Haven Keagle, Rylee Hamp, Hana Lemon, and Claire Flynn

I. Call to Order

A. Sara Blow called the meeting to order at 9:18 am.

II. Secretary Report - Janet Romyak

A. Motioned to approve the minutes made by Tommy Regis, seconded by Kristen Beaver, and all approved the October 3, 2018, meeting minutes.

III. Principal's Report - Dr Maring

A. Dr. Maring will be gone for the next meeting. She wanted to give upcoming events for November and December.

1. Nov 13: 8th grade students will be going to the Kalamazoo Expo Center for career exploration; Nov 26 and 27th: 7th and 8th grades will have exams; Nov 28: Parent Advisory Committee meeting; Dec 3-5: 7th grade Gatekeeper Program, through the Gryphon Place; Dec 4: Holiday Band Concert; Dec 13: Senior Citizen Luncheon; Dec 14: Band/Choir Holiday Assembly, all are welcome; Dec 21: Holiday Fest teachers/parents present crafts and activities for the students; Jan 23: Parent Advisory Committee meeting

IV. Mrs. Vert's Class - Presentation for Books Request

A. Mrs. Vert's English class representatives Liberty Ashbaugh, Reygan Fleming, Haven Keagle, Rylee Hamp, and Hana Lemon explained to us the method used to select books and gave us their first-choice selections for every hour. We also had letters from their classmates supporting why they would like to have these books either in the library or in Mrs. Vert's classroom. Please see attached documents.

V. President's Report - Sara Blow

A. See Committee Updates below

VI. Vice President's Report - Kristen Beaver

A. Nothing to report

VII. Treasurer's Report - Laura Zervic

A. Laura Zervic discussed the different expenses such as the homecoming float, \$127.32, Mrs. Keller's lunch expenses \$192.76, purchase of new checks and a deposit only stamp \$57.76 and deposit on buses for the 6th grade field trip \$500.

B. Approval of the Financial Report made by Kristen Beaver and seconded by Sara Blow.

VIII. Committee Updates

A. Staff Appreciation - Laura Zervic

1. Conference Meal on October 26 went well, and the staff appreciated the meal. We did have left overs and they were given to the staff.
2. Next Up - December 14: Milk and Cookies. There will be a sign up genius for parents to donate.
3. Spirit Wear: Dr. Maring and Deb Spitter's are comparing companies and prices regarding spirit-wear for the staff. The best price thus far is \$26 for a quarter zip fleece jacket. It would be \$1,820 to purchase for 70 staff members and looking for the PTSO to pay for part of it. Dr Maring will get back with us on total pricing (See Appropriations Requests D below).

B. Book Fair -Meredith Alspach (Laura Zervic)

1. Not present, but Laura Zervic spoke on her behalf. The fall book fair went well. We earned \$1,400 credit to Scholastic.

2. There will be another book fair in the spring.

C. Fundraising - Sara Blow

1. Mackinac Fudge Fundraiser was a success! The students earned the PTSO \$4,697 and Connor Brizedine was the top seller with \$434! He will receive 2 additional slices of fudge and a \$20 gift certificate to the GL Spirit Wear Shop!
2. As with anything, we will do a few things differently next year, if we decide to do this again. Print the order form onto an envelope, put a label for student name/advisory teacher, and write the price on the form. Next year, we would coordinate better with other fundraisers, such as the band fundraiser.
3. Tommy Regis mentioned that the fundraiser was at a great price point.

D. Field Trips - Sharon Heikka (Laura Zervic)

1. Not present, but Laura Zervic spoke on her behalf. Sharon has booked the 6<sup>th</sup> grade field trip and the deposit has been paid. She is coordinating with the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade teachers and will be getting quotes for transportation shortly.
2. WMU trip is planned for February. The students will be taking the school bus. Students will need to pay \$10 towards the trip and the PTSO will pay for the rest. (See Appropriations Requests C below)

IX. Student Senate Report

A. Claire Flynn, President of the Student Senate

1. Fun Night went well. Claire said that they need to get parents earlier. Currently, doing coins for caring where every advisory teacher has a container. Money will go towards food and clothing for Shelter. After that, the Senior Citizen Luncheon. Claire feels that the school communication is better with their newsletter. The Student Senate is starting committees and would like to start working on fundraising with the PTSO.

X. Appropriations Requests

- A. Mrs. Vert's Students Books Request - Motioned to approve Mrs Vert's Book Request made by Sara Blow, seconded by Tommy Regis, and all approved for the \$99.37 for the book request.
- B. Mrs Fulling's Class Thanksgiving Lunch: Laura received an appropriation request from Mrs. Fulling for her students to provide a Thanksgiving lunch that they do every year. They will go shopping for the meal, prepare and then host the teachers, family members, and members of the community. Motioned to approve Mrs. Fulling's Request made by Kristen Beaver, seconded by Carolyn Glaspie, and all approved for the \$250.00 for the Thanksgiving lunch.
- C. 8th Grade WMU Field Trip - Motioned by Kristen Beaver and seconded by Carolyn Glaspie. \$320 approved.
- D. Spirit Wear for Staff Appreciation - Janet Romyak suggested that we pass on giving money for spirit wear this year because of the budget. Last year, the PTSO was able to give part of the money to pay for spirit wear, so it would be good to do something different. The 2018-2019 school year we have discussed removing items such as field trips for the 8th grade, have cut department money and programs and until we can pay for the needs of our students, we should not pay for presents for the staff. Tommy Regis and Kristen Beaver supported the idea of putting the needs of the students first. Laura Zervic states, that we have allocated \$800 for Dr. Maring to contribute to the shirts. So, while it is our intention to provide for the students first, we have budgeted for the contribution for the teachers and have cut the gift card giving during December, so we can make it happen.

XII. New Business

- A. Nothing at this time

XIII. Adjournment

- A. Meeting was adjourned at 10:12 am.