

GULL LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL PTSO
Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2019

In attendance: Kristen Kern-Beaver, Tommy Regis, Laura Zervic, Sara Blow, Kristen Fluker Janet Romyak, Dr. Maring and Claire Flynn

- I. Call to Order
 - A. Sara Blow called the meeting to order at 9:19 a.m.
- II. Secretary Report - Janet Romyak
 - A. Motion to approve the December Minutes made by Sara Blow and seconded by Kristen Beaver.
- III. Principal's Report - Dr. Maring
 - A. Thank you for the staff appreciation contribution to the spiritwear for staff and cookies.
 - B. Conferences coming up on February 7 and 8.
 - C. 7th grade field trip to the Holocaust may need to be cancelled due to increase cost per student to go on the field trip. *Please see under field trips for further discussion.*
- IV. President's Report - Sara Blow
 - A. Will be applying for the Fun Bag Fundraiser in February. *Please see under fundraising for further discussion.*
- V. Student Senate Report - Claire Flynn
 - A. Claire Flynn reported the citizen luncheon was really good. The students are looking forward to the Valentines Fun Night on February 15. Some of the activities include photo booth, just dance, sports tournament, etc. They are trying to get more of the school involved, so the student senate members will wear their shirts to school and let the students ask them questions. After the fun night the plan is for a Leukemia Drive, collecting pennies for patients.
 - B. Sara Blow suggested to look at the xbox trivia games.
- VI. Vice President's Report - Kristen Beaver
 - A. Nothing at this time

VII. Treasurer's Report - Laura Zervic

- A. Laura Zervic said that we had income of \$115 from the extra fudge sales, received \$249 from the holiday bake sale and earned \$1.35 in interest. We will be paying \$800 towards to spiritwear for staff appreciation.
- B. Motioned to approve the December Financial Report made by Kristen Beaver, seconded by Sara Blow.

VIII. Committee Updates

A. Staff Appreciation - Laura Zervic

- 1. December: Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Cookies and Milk, the staff enjoyed the treat!
- 2. February: conference meal sign up through signup genius. We are looking for contributions of soup, salad, desserts, soda and tableware.
- 3. March: Pie Day with another opportunity for donations!

B. Fundraising - Sara Blow

- 1. The Fun Bag Fundraiser will occur sometime in February. We are looking for donations from corporations such as products that would be given out during job fairs, as well as, candy, mini toys, special prizes and gift cards. The target is to make 500 bags with 5 items per bag. Some bags will contain special tickets that will be for the gift cards or special prizes.

C. Field Trips - Update

- 1. 6th and 8th grade field trip plans are under control and moving forward.
- 2. 7th grade field trip may need to be cancelled per Dr. Maring as stated above. The transportation cost are pushing the cost per student to \$40, after the PTSO contribution of \$1,000 and student senate \$500. The staff feels that this is too much to ask parents to pay for and therefore, would need to cancel the trip.
- 3. We asked if all the 7th grade could go on the same day and save money on busing which would reduce the cost per student. Dr. Maring found out that this is not an option because the Holocaust Museum can not hold the entire 7th grade class.
- 4. A discussion occurred regarding the importance of this particular educational field trip. Next year we will plan to help to offset the cost again, but with a decision needing to be made quickly, we decided to

help. The PTSO plans to support the field trip in assisting with costs that are not covered through parent donation and trip fee per student up to \$5,000.

5. The PTSO will transfer the money from savings for this year. Our hope is to do better in fundraising for the 2019-2020 school year to help cover the rising cost in transportation and scholarships so all our students will be able to go on field trips.

IX. Appropriations Requests

- A. None at this time.

X. New Business

- A. None at this time.

XI. Adjournment

- A. The meeting was adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

UPCOMING DATES:

Early Release - January 16

Parent Advisory Meeting - January 23

Parent - Teacher Conferences - February 7 and 8

Fun Night - February 15

Early Release - February 20

Next Meeting - February 6