

**GULL LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL PTSO**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**May 1, 2019**

**In attendance:** Sara Blow, Kristen Kern-Beaver, Laura Zervic, Janet Romyak, Dr. Carmen Maring, Carolyn Glaspie, Sharon Heikka, 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 April Minutes made by Laura Zervic and seconded by Kristen Kern-Beaver.
- III. Principal's Report - Dr. Maring
  - A. Dr. Maring stated that the first 6th grade Salmon Field trip was cancelled today due to the weather. It will be rescheduled for next week after looking at the weather. The second Salmon Field Trip is planned for Friday.
  - B. Thank you for the parents who attended conferences, as well as, the wonderful conference meal.
  - C. MDE, Michigan Department of Education, is visiting the Middle School today to observe the innovation lab and STEM classes. Then will be heading over to the Ryan Intermediate.
  - D. The Middle School is wrapping up the school year. Looking at the different transitions, such as the 8th graders going to the High School on May 31 and the 5th graders coming to the Middle School May 21 and June 4 for visits.
  - E. 8th grade Recognition will be Monday, June 10, 2019, at Gracespring Bible Church starting at 7pm. Carmen Maring mentioned that it will last just under a hour and everyone is welcome to attend.
  - F. The rescheduled WMU trip for the second half of the 8th grade will be May 20, 2019.
  - G. After receiving feedback from parents regarding papers mailed home for accelerated classes, the form has been revised and hopefully reduces the confusion for next year.
- IV. Student Senate Report - Claire Flynn
  - A. Claire Flynn started off saying that there was no meeting during the month of April, except for the officers. During May, the student senate will be interviewing candidates for officers for next year. Fun night will be June 7 and the students are hoping to get more staff members involved, especially for the dunk tank. The other big attraction will be a bounce house! Ashley Vert will be the Student Senate President next year.
- V. President's Report - Sara Blow
  - A. Please See Under Fundraiser Section.
- VI. Vice President's Report - Kristen Kern-Beaver
  - A. Kirsten Kern-Beaver suggested at the next meeting that we finalize the schedule for the 2019-2020 school year, plan out the fundraisers, create the budget over the summer and then plan to do a presentation for back to school open house explaining what the PTSO does in the middle school.
  - B. It was asked what about the "T"? Should we have a teacher involved with the PTSO?
- VII. Treasurer's Report - Laura Zervic
  - A. Laura Zervic said that we brought in \$1,668.88 in towel sales so far and \$23.80 in pop can returns from the teachers lounge. We spent \$500 on the buses for 6th grade field trip, \$218 on buses for the 7th grade field trip, \$1,910.20 for the 7th grade field trip additional cost and \$324.96 for the lunch provided for the teachers for conferences. Between the fundraisers and donations the PTSO has made \$8,969.49 for the 2018-2019 school year (before expenses).
  - B. Motioned to approve the February Financial Report made by Kristen Kern-Beaver, seconded by Sara Blow.
- VIII. Committee Updates
  - A. Staff Appreciation - Laura Zervic said that the Conference Meal went well. Thank you to everyone who donated for the meal. Laura noted for next year if we order again, we can reduce the amount of food (we ordered for 65) because there was plenty of leftovers for the teachers to eat on Friday.
  - B. Fundraising - Sara Blow
    1. Towel Fundraiser is going okay. We are looking at different events to sell the towels such as sporting events, band concerts and the 8th grade recognition.

- 2. Spring Grab Bag Fundraiser is going to happen during the week of June 3rd. We will need all donations by May 24th. Laura Zervic is working on the sign up genius and Janet Romyak will send an email to our parent list, post on facebook and share with Carmen Maring to put on her parent update.
- C. Field Trips - Sharon Heikka said that we have made some changes with getting money for scholarships on the field trip forms, but thinks that we need to make the transition from the teachers to the bank easier. Perhaps creating spreadsheets will help in this transition. Sara, Laura and Sharon are looking to meet with the teachers to find a resolution in recording and counting the money.
- IX. Appropriations Requests
  - A. Laura Zervic received an appropriation request from Mrs. Wason to reimburse her purchase of candy for \$27.98. This will be used as a reward to her students for answering questions correctly.  
Motioned by Sara Blow and seconded by Laura Zervic for approval of reimbursement to Mrs. Wason for \$27.98.
- X. New Business
  - A. Laura Zervic asked if we could send a request for Sparkle volunteers. Janet Romyak said, "Yes, just send the information to the PTSO gmail account." Then she will send off to the parent contacts and post on Facebook.
- XI. Adjournment
  - A. The meeting was adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

UPCOMING DATES:

- Tennis Conference Finals - May 15
- Track Conference Finals - May 16
- GLMS Band Concert - May 21
- Sparkle Talent Showcase - May 23
- No School, Memorial Day - May 27
- 7th Grade Holocaust Memorial Field Trip - May 28 and May 30
- 8th Grade Michigan's Adventure Field Trip - May 29
- 6th Grade John Ball Zoo Field Trip - May 31
- Fun Night - June 7
- 8th Grade Recognition - June 10

\*\*\*Next Meeting - June 5\*\*\*