

## GULL LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL PTSO

### Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2019

**In attendance:** Sara Blow, Kristen Kern-Beaver, Janet Romyak, Laura Zervic, Dr. Carmen Maring, Molly Rebe, Jill Piwko, Chris Gobble, Shauna Carr, and Tommy Regis.

- I. Call to Order
  - A. Sara Blow called the meeting to order at 9:20 am.
- II. Secretary Report - Janet Romyak
  - A. Motion to approve the June Minutes made by Kristen Kern-Beaver and seconded by Laura Zervic.
- III. President's Report - Sara Blow
  - A. Sara Blow introduced herself and said she has learned a lot from last year and is looking forward to a smoother school year for the PTSO. We will do the same fundraisers which will be discussed under fundraising.
- IV. Vice President's Report - Kristen Beaver
  - A. Please see under fundraising.
- V. Treasurer's Report - Laura Zervic
  - A. Laura Zervic announced we will keep the same budget as the prior school year of \$10,375. Laura Zervic received a check from Hardings in the mail from their reward program of \$30 and we will see that income on the next statement. She wanted to remind people to use our code when shopping at Hardings.
  - B. Laura Zervic went on to discuss the different item lines. She said that we are \$500 shy of meeting the breakeven point on our towel fundraiser. We have sold around 150 out of the 300 that were ordered.
  - C. Field Trips - Dr. Maring, Sharon Heikka and the field trip coordinators for each grade level will discuss the field trips in the upcoming weeks. Laura will meet with Sharon prior to that meeting.
  - D. Motion to approve the 2019-2020 Budget made by Kristen Kern-Beaver and seconded by Sara Blow.
- VI. Committee Updates
  - A. Homecoming Float - October 18
    1. Sara Blow suggested that we wait to see what Mrs. Schacher needs as far as help from the PTSO. Last year we emailed our parent distribution list to find a driver, trailer and truck. The students will decorate the float after school and we will need parent volunteers.
  - B. Staff Appreciation
    1. We had a parent suggestion, but no volunteers to chair.
    2. The PTSO has a budget for \$1,500 for the school year. We are planning to do caramel apples from Gull Meadow Farms, fall conference taco bar meal, milk and cookies, spirit wear, winter conference meal of soup and salad, pie day and spring conference meal, potentially catered by Up North.
    3. Laura Zervic said that she will get caramel apples for Thursday, September 26th.
  - C. Book Fair - Meredith Alspach
    1. The Book Fair will be October 21st - 25th, during school and conferences. Meredith will contact the PTSO regarding getting volunteers. She mentioned that she will need help, especially 7:15am - 8:45am Monday through Friday. Janet Romyak will send out an email for volunteers when Meredith contacts the PTSO.

#### D. Fundraising

1. Sara Blow and Kristen Kern-Beaver have several fundraisers planned for the 2019-2020 school year.
  - a) The first one and the biggest, is the Mackinac Island Fudge Co. Fundraiser which we are planning to launch October 10, order deadline November 5, place the school order on November 12 and product delivery on November 20th, right before Thanksgiving. Sara said that they want to give the students a long period to sell Fudge, going over several weekends. She also stated that the packet will have stickers to have students write names, advisory teachers and the price point for products.
  - b) The Grab Bag Fundraiser will happen at the end of the trimester. The two Grab Bags that we did last year were very successful, net profit of \$1,285 and \$1,342. We will again be asking for a variety of items. A suggestion to reach out to the companies that participated in Steam Fest or ask for corporate donations from other contacts. Jan Thorn gave us college merchandise that was intended for recruiting students, just another example of where to get supplies for the grab bags. Sara Blow and Kristen Kern-Beaver are looking to create a form to be given to business and corporations for donations.
  - c) T-shirts Sales will be available through-out the year made through Graphix 2 Go. The shirts will cost \$20, ordered online, shipped 7-10 days to the designated address. Our PTSO group today was going over different shirt ideas with what would be most popular. We appreciate Amy Evans and Graphix 2 Go's support for the PTSO.
  - d) Towel Sales - remaining towels will be sold online through the Graphix 2 Go website and mailed this year! This will be a better in distribution to our families.
  - e) Donations - We will give an opportunity for our GLMS families to just donate to a fundraiser if they do not want to participate in selling/buying/donating. Dr. Maring recommended that we look specifically at what each child cost so that we are asking for an appropriate donation.
  - f) Lastly, it was brought to our attention that we have people and businesses that would be interested in providing field trip scholarships for students. Laura Zervic said that she would open a separate account for monies designated specifically for field trip scholarships.

#### E. Fun Nights

1. The first fun night will be Friday, Nov 1, 2019. Dr. Maring added the staff will be more involved in hopes for them to get to know students and parents better.

#### VII. Principal's Report - Dr Maring

- A. Strong start to the school year with around 700 students. Dr. Maring went on to say that this is a nice group of kids which makes the staff's life easier. She wanted to remind us of upcoming dates and events:
  1. Parent advisory meeting - Sept 18 at 1:45-2:30. She is going to try to use an online platform. Officer Adam Kelm, GLCS Resource Officer, will talk about safety and a guest veteran parent to share his experience at the GLMS. Please RSVP to Dr. Maring at [cmaring@gulllakecs.org](mailto:cmaring@gulllakecs.org).

2. London Trip Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 24th at 6:30 pm. Ashley Carroll and students will participate in STEAM educational tours in London. There are a limited number of spots, please contact Ashley with any questions, [acarroll@gulllakecs.org](mailto:acarroll@gulllakecs.org).
3. PE with parents on September 26. Any adult with a student who has PE this trimester are welcome to attend their class.
4. Luke Bryan Farm Tour Concert will be on September 27th and our district has scheduled a half day in expectation to several thousand people in town.
5. Conferences are scheduled for October 24th and 25th.
6. The GLMS will no longer be broadcasting announcements using the REMIND texting app. So please make sure that you are getting the Parent Update email from Dr. Maring. If you are getting them she recommends that you bookmark [cmaring@gulllakecs.org](mailto:cmaring@gulllakecs.org) to ensure that you will receive the email messages from GLMS.
7. Dr. Maring mentioned she would like fundraising information earlier so she can pass along the details to the teachers before PTSO puts it in their mailboxes. We also discussed different ways to help motivate the teachers, such as food and jeans, to promote the fundraising efforts! Sara Blow responded that she will do a better job being organized and getting information to Dr. Maring.

VIII. Adjournment

- A. The meeting was adjourned at 10:28 am.

UPCOMING DATES:

Parent Advisory Meeting - September 18  
Early Release - September 25  
Half Day - September 27  
Spirit Week - October 14 - 18  
Homecoming - October 18  
Book Fair - October 21 - 25  
Conferences - October 24 and 25

\*\*\* Next Meeting October 2, 2019\*\*\*