

# GREENWICH HIGH SCHOOL PTA

## GHS PTA Meeting Minutes General Business Meeting May 28, 2020, 9:30a.m. Virtual Meeting

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### Present

See attendee list - [GHS PTA GMM 5/28/20 - List of Attendees](#)

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### Call to Order

GHS PTA Co-President Maureen Bonanno called the meeting to order.

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### Voting Explanation

- Meeting is being recorded.
  - Attendance recorded - Quorum confirmed.
  - Please note only paid members of the PTA can vote.
  - We are conducting 3 votes
    - Approval of 1/28/20 GMM minutes, the 2020-21 budget and the 2021 PTA Board of Directors slate.
  - “Voting without Objection” should be used for non-controversial agenda items that require a vote, but that you do not expect to require discussion. It must be made clear to the membership that an objection is not specific to the motion, but to the lack of discussion on the motion. A member should “object” if they have any question on the motion that has been presented.
  - “If there is no objection, this motion will pass as presented. Is there any objection?” Pause a moment. - If there is no objection, the President will state, “Hearing no objection, the motion passes as presented.”
  - If there is an objection, the President will open the motion for discussion. Following discussion, a Roll Call vote will be required.
  - We will be offering the votes as “Votes without Objection”. However, we will conduct a roll call voice vote if anyone wishes to have discussion.
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### Approval of Minutes - Secretary, Kathy Walker

[January 28, 2020 General Membership Meeting Minutes](#) approved without objection.

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### Board Reports

- **Treasurer’s Report - Treasurer, Anne Gustafsson**
  - **Budget Presented - [GHS PTA 2020-21 Budget](#)**
    - The proposed budget assumes \$181,275.00 of budgeted income and \$168,575.00 of budgeted expenses resulting in a budgeted deficit of \$15,000.

**Motion 1 – Anne Gustafsson made a motion to approve the proposed 2020-21 GHS PTA budget as presented.**

*Stephanie Cowie, 2nd the motion.*

*The motion was approved without objection.*

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• **Vote on 2020-2021 GHS PTA Board of Directors Slate**

- The proposed Board of Directors Slate was presented as below.  
(Please note that ONLY current members of the GHS PTA are eligible to vote.)

Co-Presidents.....Terry Lamantia & Stephanie Cowie

Secretary.....Maureen Bonanno

Treasurer.....Anne Gustafsson

Assistant Treasurer.....Kathy Walker

VP Communications.....Anna Waters

VP Distributions.....Kimberly Blank

VP Parent Education.....Leila Horn

VP Programs & Services.....Ingrid Winn

VP Technology.....Leslee Spadone

VP Ways & Means.....Cindy Lyall

**Motion 2 – Molly Zola made a motion to approve the proposed 2020-21 GHS PTA Board of Directors Slate as presented.**

*Kathy Walker, 2nd the motion.*

*The motion was approved without objection.*

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• **Vote on 2020-2021 Nominating Committee**

- Proposed nominating committee presented - Amy Adorney, Clare Kiger, Dina Murphy, Sonal Rinello, Molly Zola

**Motion 3 – Terry Lamantia made a motion to approve the proposed 2020-21 GHS PTA Nominating Committee as presented.**

*Maureen Bonanno, 2nd the motion.*

*The motion was approved without objection.*

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• **Co-Presidents' Report - Maureen Bonanno & Terry Lamantia**

- Year End Highlights & Looking Ahead
- Even though the school year changed dramatically this year, your support of the PTA, GHS staff and students never wavered. With your generous contributions, we had our most successful Teacher Appreciation Week ever.
- We purchased science equipment and cutting edge teaching tools for the classroom, and picnic tables for the courtyard.
- We supported our students through outreach and scholarships, and enhanced their learning experience through curriculum enrichment experiences, diversity week and amazing speakers.

- A big thank you to the GHS PTA Board of Directors, volunteers, donors and staff at GHS.
- We don't know what the school year will look like so stay tuned for information over the summer about our first meeting in the fall and how to sign up to volunteer.
- Focus over the summer - Engaging New Families, planning our events for the year and supporting the GHS Administration with the return to back to school in the fall.

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- **Updates from the Headmaster, Mr. Ralph Mayo**

- Plans for graduation are almost finalized. They are following all of the guidelines set forth by the department of health and the state.
- Plans for the fall are still up in the air but a team is working on the plans and they will be ready.

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**Business portion of the meeting adjourned. Speaker presentation followed.**

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- **Program - "Pandemic Summer" with Guest Speaker Jeff DeTeso (School Psychologist)**

- **Topic: Pandemic Summer: What are the realities of what teens can do this summer**
- Jeff DeTeso Bio:
  - Director of Counseling at Greenwich Country Day School. Jeff DeTeso is a licensed psychologist and certified school psychologist. He graduated from Williams College with a bachelor's degree in Psychology and then moved to Greenwich, CT where he worked as an elementary school teacher at the Greenwich Country Day School for 9 years. He completed a Masters in Education (Ed.M.) and a Doctorate (Ph.D.) at Teachers College, Columbia University. He worked at Greenwich High School and at the Waverly Group where he provided Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT), Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT), Mindfulness, Rational Emotive Behavior Therapy (REBT), Motivational Interviewing (MI), Habit Reversal Therapy, Problem-Solving Therapy (PST), Parent-Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT), and Interpersonal Therapy (IPT). Jeff is currently Director of Counseling at Greenwich Country Day School.