

GULL LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL PTSO
Meeting Minutes
April 9, 2020, 9:15 a.m. via Zoom

In attendance: Sara Blow, Kristen Kern-Beaver, Janet Romyak, Laura Zervic, Sharon Heikka, and Dr. Maring.

- I. Call to Order
 - A. Sara Blow called the meeting to order at 9:26 am.
- II. Secretary Report - Janet Romyak
 - A. Motion to approve the March Minutes made by Kristen Kern-Beaver and seconded by Laura Zervic. All approved, motion carried.
- III. Student Senate Report
 - A. Not present
- IV. Principal's Report - Dr Maring
 - A. Dr. Maring started off saying with everyone at home, it's been challenging. Starting next week, April 13th, 2020, GLMS will be going on-line for a required 8 weeks of education by the State of Michigan. All classes will be credit/no credit with some elective courses not being offered. The staff will send out daily work to be completed with approximately thirty minute lessons. The teachers will have different formats such as video instruction, connection - face to face, flip grids, written responses, google classroom with the students to complete virtual learning. Any student taking high school classes will have more expectations for their class(es) which will be communicated through the high school and their middle school teachers.
 - B. Different parents told Dr. Maring of staff members who obviously love what they do and continued to stay in touch with the students during their time away from the GLMS. We appreciate their dedication!
 - C. All 8th grade families need to sign up for high school classes by April 17th, 2020.
 - D. Decisions regarding 8th grade graduation and the Ryan Scholarship are on hold and will be decided at a later date.
 - E. Dr. Maring said thank you to all the PTSO board members for their time and effort over the last two years and wishes everyone good luck in the future with high school and moves. She also appreciates the parents who make time to volunteer and donate to the GLMS.
- V. President's Report - Sara Blow
 - A. Sara Blow is concerned that we do not have a full board for the 2020-2021 school year to replace the current board. Dr. Maring asked if our Bylaws require 3 Board Members? And if the Board Members have to have a student at GLMS? Laura Zervic, who wrote the Bylaws, responded yes to both questions.
 - B. Kristen Kern-Beaver suggested sending out an email requesting volunteers to join the PTSO Board since the PTSO is done for the 2019-2020 school year.
 - C. Laura Zervic is going to reach out to Jennifer Stuck, Ryan Intermediate PTO President, to see if they will be having a virtual meeting in the near future. During the meeting Laura Zervic would see if any 5th grade parent/guardian would be interested in joining the PTSO board for next year.

- D. So far, the PTSO would need a President, Secretary and Treasurer. Sharon Heikka wants to make sure that there is a PTSO next year and is willing to step up to be the PTSO President next year. Therefore, just needing a Secretary and Treasurer. Please see under Old Business for formal nomination.

VI. Vice President's Report - Kristen Kern Beaver

- A. Please see under Fundraising

VII. Treasurer's Report - Laura Zervic

- A. Laura Zervic reported the income for the month of March was the following: \$190.48 from WMU trip and \$1.68 interest from our bank account. March expenses were the following: \$177.04 for District Choral Festival Transportation, \$2.20 for copier fees, and \$180.00 for 6th grade spinner bait. The GLMS PTSO account balance is at \$37,493.99 as of April 9, 2020.

- B. Motion to approve the March Financial Report made by Kristen Kern-Beaver, seconded by Sara Blow. All approved, motion carried.

VIII. Committee Updates

A. Staff Appreciation - Laura Zervic

1. Laura Zervic reported no Pie Day or Spring Conference Meal due to COVID-19 school closure. Laura Zervic also stated that all the sign ups the PTSO has sent out are in the PTSO Sign Up Genius account. This will make it easier for the next person so they do not have to create meal plans or sign ups for different activities.
2. Sharon Heikka asked Dr. Maring if there was something that we could do for the teachers. Through discussion in our group, it was decided we would give a gift certificate through email to our teachers to a local business, Coffee Grounds, as a thank you for working so hard to provide education to our students during these uncertain times.
 - a) Laura Zervic made a motion to approve up to 60 employees for a \$15 gift certificate, totaling no more than \$900 from the staff appreciation line, Kristen Kern-Beaver second. All approved, motion carried..

B. Fundraising- Sara Blow

1. Sara Blow and Kristen Kern-Beaver asked Dr. Maring if we would be able to donate the food items from our Grab Bag donations. She said that no one is entering the building right now. However, once as someone can get into the building, they will take care of any food items that may go bad or attract insects/rodents.
2. Amy Evans responded to an email saying there have only been 2 orders since December for a total of \$38. Amy will send a check to the PTSO. We discussed what should be done with the rest of the GL Towel inventory. One suggestion was to have a "Fire Sale" and sell the towels for \$10 each and eliminate our stockpile. Another idea was to wait until things get back to "normal" and push sales for \$20 through the website. Sara Blow asked how many 8th grade students this year, 260, but we do not have enough to give a towel to every student.

C. Field Trips - Sharon Heikka

1. Sharon Heikka reported the spring field trips did not occur due to the school closing. GLMS had two field trips that were going to use B&W Charter Transportation. Sharon Heikka contacted the

company and after discussing with Laura Zervic decided it was best to ask for a refund of our deposits, totalling \$1,000, instead of transferring to next year.

- IX. Appropriations Requests
 - A. None at this time.
- X. Old Business
 - A. Officers for 2020-2021
 - 1. Laura Zervic nominated Sharon Heikka to be the PTSO Board President for the 2020-2021 school year, seconded by Kristen Kern-Beaver. All approved, motion carried.
- XI. New Business
 - A. Thank you to 2019-2020 Officers and parents for their support.
 - B. Laura Zervic and Shelly Fulling have been having online rehearsals for the GLMS musical, Schoolhouse Rocks Live Jr.. They have been impressed by the dedication of the students who continue to perform through an online setting to make this virtual musical happen.
- XII. Adjournment
 - A. The meeting was adjourned at 10:34 am.