

## **Bluffton High School PTO Meeting Minutes**

**Date: November 18, 2025**

**Attendees: PTO members**

**Beth Simpson**

**Kristen Rushin**

**Lisa Priester**

**Michelle Calendine**

**Melissa Star**

**Jennifer Parrott**

**Marti Golson**

**Ellen Andreoletti**

**Kristen Arroyo**

**Matt Hall**

**Kristy Gonzalez**

**Lori Guscio**

**Karen Gareis**

### **1. Welcome and Introduction**

**The meeting was called to order by PTO President [Ellen Andreoletti ]. Members were welcomed and the agenda was reviewed.**

### **2. Old Business**

- The Ghost Pirates fundraiser will be discontinued for the upcoming school year due to lower-than-expected effectiveness.**
- The Teachers' Holiday Breakfast has been rescheduled to December 5. The previously planned Teachers' Lunch on November 25 has been canceled.**
- Kristen Arroyo will solicit donations via social media.**

- GUG Beavers (Grown-Up Girls' Weekend) will provide food/items.
- Volunteers are needed for setup on the morning of December 5.
- A public thank-you will be posted on social media to Vaux Marscher Berglind, PA for their generous \$800 donation to the YIG Scholarship.
- Sunflowers were provided in memory of Crystal.

### **3. New Business & Current Needs**

#### **Teacher Appreciation**

- The PTO will launch a "Sponsor a Teacher" campaign on social media requesting \$25 Serg gift cards for teacher appreciation.

#### **Financial & Donation Processes**

- Tagged/restricted funds in the PTO bank account will continue to be used for specific designated purposes (e.g., YIG donations).
- After review, Venmo remains the preferred platform for GiveBack donations despite limited donor information. The PTO will add a prompt requesting donors include their email address for better tracking.

#### **Leadership & Committee Updates**

- Fundraising Chair – Position remains open; volunteers needed.
- Business Sponsorship Co-Chairs – Michelle Calendine and Beth Simpson have agreed to co-chair.
- New sponsorship levels will be created for local businesses.
- Funds will be earmarked for both Principal Hall projects and general PTO use.
- Promotion will occur via Bright Arrow blasts and social media.
- Teacher Communication Point Person – Karen Gareis
- Kristen Arroyo distributed a questionnaire to gather teacher preferences and staff needs.
- Major needs identified through the questionnaire will be presented at future PTO meetings for discussion and action.
- BLHS PTO Facebook Page – Kristen Arroyo will create and manage the official page.

## **Roar Scholarship**

- **Ellen and Marti will meet with Dana House to discuss:**
- **Transition to an online platform (Google Forms, Handbid, Zeffy, etc.) for applications and silent auctions.**
- **Whether the scholarship application process should remain staff-only or be opened to friends and family.**
- **Teacher preferences on the above items.**

## **Volunteer Coordinator**

- **Position remains open**

**Meeting Adjourned**