

2019-2020 GHS PTA Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, Jan 14, 2020

Attendees:

Hal Templeton, Tracy Fletcher, Tammy Cooper, Kay Markovich, Shannon Cross, Cassandra Hunt, Brent Hunt, Calista Poulos, Khatantuul (Kat) Baatarsukh, Sara Page, Gail Mason, Chris Bird, Gina Brown, Amy O'Connell, Ursula Webhofer, Joan Phillips

- The meeting was called to order at 5:33pm.
- Welcome/Introductions
- Review and approval of PTA meeting minutes from 11/12/19.
 - There were no additions or updates to the meeting minutes.
 - Motion to approve minutes by Chris Bird. Motion approved.
- Principal's Report – Hal Templeton
 - Registration has begun and is very important, including choice enrollment round 1.
 - 8th Grade Information night was so large that a second night was scheduled in January. GHS is near capacity and it is extremely hard for choice enrollment candidates to get into GHS with our current enrollment limits.
 - Honor Roll awards will take place during Demon Academy this week. The change was made based on student feedback. Those receiving awards will be recognized with their peers and granted an extended lunch.
 - Make a Wish "Wish Week" is scheduled for the second week in March. Planning has already begun with Student Council.
 - Winter sports are in full swing and spring sports information will come in mid-February.
- Treasurer's Report – Kay Markovich
 - There is a currently >\$24,000 cumulative in PTA bank accounts.
 - PTA is waiting for one final Demon Dash sponsor check and all money will have been collected.
 - Colorado Gives Day was in early December and the Golden PTA received \$1015, slightly under budget.
 - King Soopers cards earned a total of \$800 in Q4 2019.
 - The Hospitality Fund has funds available for student/staff conferences the week of January 20.
- Demon Dash – Sara Page
 - There is just over \$3k available for grants from the Demon Dash event. Any teacher, club, or student that participated in the Demon Dash is eligible to apply/request funds from the Demon Dash grant fund.
 - Groups and teachers may use the general PTA grant form to apply for Demon Dash grants and should make a note on the grant that they participated in the Demon Dash.
 - As a secondary measure, when a grant is submitted the submitter should be asked if they participated in the Demon Dash to determine if the grant could be funded from that account.
 - Sara Page and Hal Templeton will discuss how to best communicate the process to teachers and club leaders.
- Chili Cook-off and Silent Auction – Chris Bird/Gina Brown
 - The team requesting items for donation to the silent auction is receiving many positive responses.
 - If you know of businesses that should be contacted for donations, please send names to Gina.
 - Last year there was an online auction in addition to the silent auction. There is a small cost to posting a larger selection of items to the online auction, which we think will allow for larger fundraising and appeal to those not able to attend.
 - The goal is to use social media to drive attendance to the cook-off and silent auction.
 - The website for the event is live and tickets are now available for sale.

- The cutoff for donating items is February 7, 2020.
- The event was advertised in the GAG and Peach Jar and volunteering opportunities are up and available on Sign Up Genius.
- There is a need for at least 8 students to meet at the school at 3pm on 1/21/2020 to hang posters in the school and in the neighboring community. Calista confirmed that she will announce this opportunity at the next Student Council meeting. Extra fliers will be left in the main office if PTA members or students would like to grab some to distribute in the community.
- Feeder schools will receive announcements in their electronic Friday folders.
- There was some discussion around the voting app and issues last year. There will be an effort to explain to chili cooks and attendees how the app and voting works, so hopefully there will be fewer issues. Connectivity in the gym and cafeteria is also spotty, which may be an opportunity for WiFi investment through grants.
- The PA system in the gym was also problematic, and Gail has taken an action item to put in a case with Steve for review.
- There was discussion around having a PTA membership table at the Chili Cookoff with a list of PTA positions open as an opportunity to get additional people involved. Shannon took an action to follow up with Barbara Goldman (membership) regarding the table.
- Holiday Bazaar – Tammy Cooper
 - The craft fair raised \$3670.31.
 - The idea of having a drawing was very helpful to attract people through the whole facility.
 - Tammy is considering expanding to the library next year, which will add 25 additional vendors.
 - Tammy is looking for a righthand person to assist, preferably a person with a connection to the school who could handle logistics and school communications while she focuses on the vendor side of things.
 - One consideration is to address Bell and Manning PTA to draw in additional resources for incoming students.
- Grants – Kat Baatarsukh
 - Adam Mitchell has requested \$300 for the purchase of 60 buckets for emergency lock downs. When classes are on lockdown, students and teachers are not allowed to use restrooms. The buckets would contain necessities from bathroom breaks during lockdown. The grant was reviewed and approved by Brian Conroy. The cost breakdown would be \$10-\$15 per bucket and the desire is to have one in every classroom. The discussion centered around the amount of funds requested, because \$10-\$15 per bucket for 60 classrooms would be a higher amount than requested for the grant. A motion was made to fund the grant for up to \$900 to allow for every classroom to be stocked. Sara Page made the motion. Second by Gina Brown. The motion was approved for \$900.
 - Lisa Deal (PE department) has requested a grant for exercise equipment. When the large gym is full, she would like the opportunity to allow students to use exercise equipment in the small gym. The full amount of the purchase is \$700, however the PE department will contribute \$200 toward the purchase. The grant is for the remaining balance of \$500. Because students participated in the Demon Dash, this grant request could come from the Demon Dash grant account. Amy O'Connell made a motion to approve the grant in the amount of \$500. Second of the motion was made by Tracy Fletcher. The motion was approved for \$500.
 - Katherine Parker and Diane Nickell have requested a grant in the amount of \$1350. The grant would cover festival entry fees for three choirs, two orchestras, and one band to attend the Colorado West Music Invitational where students will be performing and competing against other schools and programs. A motion to approve the grant was made by Sara Page. A second to the motion was made by Tracy Fletcher. The motion was approved in the amount of \$1350.
 - Nate Garoche and Cory Donofrio (Chemistry and Physics department) have made a grant request in the amount of \$1974. The Chemistry and Physics department need new sensors for the lab. The new sensors work with Chromebooks and can be used in new and ongoing experiments. The new sensors connect to the Chromebooks via Bluetooth technology and allow students to record and manipulate data in new ways, allowing them to participate in more real-

world methodologies. The sensors requested are Ph sensors, oxidation sensors, wireless temperature gauges, pressure sensors, etc. If purchased soon, the sensors could be in use for experiments being conducted this semester. There was some discussion and the agreed upon direction was to have a dialogue with Brian to determine if there may be funds available from other sources. Kat will email the PTA once she has spoken with Brian to clarify the amount requested. To not hold up the purchase, a motion was made to approve the grant request up to \$1974 as requested, and if additional funding is found then the amount used would be less. The motion to approve up to \$1974 was made by Gail Mason. Second to the motion was made by Amy O'Connell. The motion was approved, and the final amount used will be updated by Kat.

- Student Council Report – Calista Poulos
 - The Student Council is getting ready for Wish Week 3/9-3/13/2020. Sponsors are still needed for Wish Week and will be featured on shirts. \$2500 is the fee for the largest logo and \$250 for your business name being mentioned as a supporter.
 - Student/Teacher Trivia Night is scheduled for 1/29/2020. Teams of students and teachers will compete against each other and against teams from D'Evelyn at 6pm, followed by the basketball game at 7pm. That night is also granola bar collection night for the Golden Backpack program. One of the prize offerings for students for the trivia night will be a parking spot to appeal to sophomores, since parking is so limited.
- Scholarships – Amy O'Connell
 - Announcement of the scholarships will be made within the next two weeks.
 - This position chair will be open next year. Joan Phillips offered to assist for continuity through next year.
 - There is a new submission form for 2020 and entries are due one week after Spring Break.
 - Senior scholarships will be announced on Thursday, May 14, 2020.
- Facebook and Social Media – Ursula Webhofer
 - Ursula has volunteered to take the lead. She has experience working with the Golden Schools Foundation and Bell Middle School and sees opportunities to cross-promote between the three organizations.
 - There are currently 11 Facebook pages and 16 Instagram pages associated with Golden High School.
 - There aren't a huge number of followers for any of the pages and many have not been updated recently.
 - One suggestion was the potential for Student Council to take over updating the official GHS Facebook page. The dialogue will begin with Ursula, Calista and Brian Conroy to create the organization and structure.
- After Prom –
 - After prom meeting will be held at Table Mountain Inn at 6pm on Wednesday, 1/22/2020.
 - At after prom, the Golden Civic Foundation has typically provided (2) \$500 scholarships. There was a question posed to the group to see what the thought was for requesting (2) \$1000 scholarships to encourage students to attend and stay at after-prom until the end.
- Other business – Jeffco PTA – Kay Markovich
 - Jeffco PTA is asking for a donation toward senior scholarships. In the past we have donated \$50 to the cause. Up to (2) \$1000 scholarships will be offered to graduating seniors. This would come from our grant fund. A motion to approve the grant was made by Sara Page. The motion was approved.

GHS PTA BOARD for 2019-2020 includes Officers and Standing Committee Chairs:

Officers: (Part of Board)

- President: Shannon Cross goldendemonspta@gmail.com (PTA gmail account – Shannon to check regularly)
- Vice President: Cassandra Hunt cassandrach3@gmail.com
- Treasurer: Kay Markovich treasurergoldenhighschool@gmail.com
- Secretary: Patti Gustafson pdgustafson@msn.com

Standing Committee Chairs: (Part of Board)

- Finance: OPEN o Nominating: Vacant
- Membership/King Sooper cards: Barb Goldman & Kristi McGaugh bsgoldman@comcast.net and kristimcgaugh@gmail.com
- After Prom: Kristi Brunel klbrunel@msn.com
- Hospitality: Jackie Griener/Cynthia Grover jackie@marketminded.com and cpg1470@gmail.com
- Reflections: Suzanne Ninke/ Kathy Fisher/Michelle Trader ninkes@yahoo.com, kathy@katfishdesign.net and traders2@rmi.net
- Scholarships: Amy O'Connell amy80401@gmail.com

Other Committee Chairs: (Not Part of Board)

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- Student Council –
 - Student Body President pouloscalista@gmail.com
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- Marketing: Tracy Fletcher fletcherfamily96@msn.com
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 - Silent Auction: Co Chairs: Gina Viola Brown ginaviolabrown@gmail.com
 - Holiday Bazaar: Tammy Cooper campcoop@comcast.net
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