

**Glenelg High School PTSA
Meeting Minutes
December 13, 2022**

Call to Order: The Executive Board meeting was called to order via Zoom at 7:02 PM on December 13, 2022 by Jen Mertes.

Attendees: Tania DuBeau, Amy Gonce, Shawn Hastings-Hauf, Tracey Heller, Dawn Lipshultz, Jen Mertes, Kira Ronghan, Ellen Sowry

Principal's Report - Shawn Hastings-Hauf

- Mrs. Hastings-Hauf thanked the PTSA for Operation Winter Warmth. Bags will be going home with students on December 22.
- The play, "A Comedy of Tenors", showed this past weekend and was a success. Mrs. Hastings-Hauf thanked the PTSA for selling concessions. The pops concert was also held recently. Coming up are jazz and winter concerts for choir, orchestra, and band.
- The Girls' Field Hockey and Boys' Soccer teams won state titles. Coach Osborne (soccer) was awarded coach of the year and Mr. Sageman was named Howard County athletics manager of the year for district 5. Winter sports are currently in season.
- SGA has organized a Spirit Week for next week before winter break.
- A Diwali celebration held at the school was successful. The SGA is planning a culture fair later this year.
- A community message went out recently regarding a keychain taser that was brought to school. The issue was handled by administration.
- The ARL monetary request of \$600 will be divided - \$300 from PTSA and \$300 from Boosters. The request was approved.
- Thanks to Danielle (Hospitality) for setting up the cocoa bar during parent/teacher conferences. A Cookie Exchange is being arranged for teachers on December 23.

President's Report - Jen Mertes

- Valentine Lollipops, organized by Ginger Picker, will be given to students again this year.
- Boosters' Celeste Lincoln will head the senior yard sign project starting in March.
- We are still looking for someone to do Senior Banners at the end of the year.
- Coffee House will be held on February 10 and PTSA will provide concessions.
- Parent Education Series, the monthly online education seminar, is looking for someone from our school to take a topic. Jen reached out to student services to inquire about topics of interest. Teen drinking was a suggestion but no leads on speakers.
- APP committee members will need to attend the next meeting to discuss plans.
- The bingo fundraiser is going to be a raffle. We will have more prizes than last year. A request for donations will be in the newsletter.
- A Nomination Committee needs to be formed to nominate a new PTSA board. A call for committee members will go out in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report - Amy Gonce

- Play concessions netted just under \$300. Leftover chips and candy will be used for Coffee House.
- The Winter Warmup event gave each student a bag of goodies. Kira picked the image for stickers included in the bags.
- The budget was reviewed.

Vice-President's Report - Tracey Heller

- Tracey agreed that a raffle is a good idea for a fundraiser because it's been difficult to get participation for extra activities as well as donations for prizes.
- Jen mentioned a possible spring plant sale for fundraising.

SGA - Kira Ronghan

- SGA is currently doing two drives: canned goods/non-perishables and diapers and a winter clothes drive.
- Winter spirit week is next week.
- In April, there will be a student-run Multicultural Fair.

PTACH - Ellen Sowry

- There was a PTACH meeting on December 4. The guest speaker was the new HCPSS Director of Safety & Security. There have been 730 threats called in to schools this year, double the amount of pre-COVID calls. There is a safety line for people to call and an emergency protocol is put in place each year. Calls cannot be traced because they go through a call center.
- The Maryland General Assembly meets in January. PTACH-sponsored burden of proof legislation didn't make it through last year and will be resubmitted this year. Also, legislation for more analytics in redistricting will be resubmitted. Lastly, two board positions nominated by the county executive rather than vote.
- The Ten Year General Plan draft position is still online and people can provide input. Final approval will be March 2023.

Membership - Tania DuBeau

- Membership is at 240 which is about half of last year's 580 members. It was discussed that the low numbers could be due to not including membership forms in packets sent home to students.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Minutes submitted by Dawn Lipshultz.