

**Glenelg High School PTSA
General Membership Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2023**

Attendees: Sonia Chapin, Amy Gonce, Shawn Hastings-Hauf, John Ballentine, Monique Phelps, Scharrence Richardson, Ellen Sowry.

Call to Order: The General Membership meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM on November 14, 2023 by Scharrence Richardson.

Agenda: Call to Order
Approval of Minutes: September and October 2023
Principal's Report
Officer Reports:
 President
 Vice President
 Treasurer
 Membership
 Hospitality
 Booster Liaison
New Business
Adjournment

Ellen Sowry: Motion to approve meeting minutes for September and October 2023. Sonia Chapin second; motion approved.

Principal's Report: Shawn Hastings-Hauf

Recent activities have included the Pops concert, football, and other summer playoffs, fall activities are wrapping up, and all of them have been a great showcase of talents. The Board student member representative just completed the school visit for this year.

There is an upcoming planned walkout as an action in support of peace in the Middle East. This is planned during Glad time with one speaker in the stadium. Since this is a planned demonstration, there will be increased security, and an extra police officer will be stationed in the parking lot. Not expecting any issues but also don't know how many students will be participating. Mrs. Hastings-Hauf will update the community after the rally.

Funding request from ARL: GHS has about 80 students involved in ARL, and that school does not have a PTA or any Boosters support. We donated \$300 last year, and Boosters donated \$300.

Sonia Chapin: Motion to approve disbursement of funds to ARL in the amount of \$300, Ellen Sowry seconded; motion approved.

President's Report: Scharrence Richardson

- PNC Bank update: this is resolved, and the new signers are on the account.

Action items: Scharrence will look for a soft copy of bylaws and post them on MemberHub. Will invite student member to meetings: Charlotte Conley: student_member@hcpss.org.

Vice-President's Report: Monique Phelps

- Hot cocoa bar on Tuesday; will send out signup sheet again to ask for people to staff it.

Treasurer's Report: Amy Gonce

- Current balance is \$35,781.11.
- 990 report is signed, filed, and certified; this is a simple process since we have gross receipts of less than \$50,000.
- Fall play concessions made \$875 profit.
- HCPSS has changed the way teachers can be reimbursed for classroom expenses. It is a violation of Policy 4010 for teachers to receive direct payments from the PTSA. Instead, the teachers are requested to route the funding request through the Principal, who will bring it to this meeting, and those requests will be processed as grants instead of donations.
- General discussion approving the hot chocolate gifts to be handed out to all students the last week of school before winter break.

Action items: Sonia will request from Tenille a list of 6th period teachers and numbers of students for distribution, we will have others in the front office for kids without a 6th period. Amy will order the supplies and coordinate assembling them.

PTAHC Report: Ellen Sowry

- PTAHC has announced mini meetings to take place 30 minutes before the regular meeting, will address specific subjects or to highlight different topics or items that are relevant to PTAs. Ellen is open to going early if this group is interested.
- Last meeting included an update from the Safety committee, which was formed by River Hill parents in the past year. This group provided education to and conducted a survey of staff and parents; presented several recommendations to HCPD and HCPSS, which included recommendations to:
 - Create a training video for parents and students to address threats and unanticipated dismissal events
 - Create a policy addressing cell phone usage
 - Protecting identity of minors allegedly involved in these events
 - Improve reunification efforts / develop procedures

December meeting will be virtual, January meeting in person at the library.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sonia Chapin.