

# GWE PTO Minutes

## February 3, 2022

### 2021-2022 PTO Board

Shannon Cooley – President

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### New Business

#### Spirit Night 2/17 (Shannon Cooley)

- There will be a drive-up BubbaQue spirit night on 2/17. Fliers will come home next week. Families must order in advance. Pick-up will be in the car-rider line at Witt.
- \$15 from each meal goes to the PTO!
- Mike Lynch suggested doing a Blaze Pizza spirit night. He said they are giving another school 20% of sales. He also mentioned that we need to set a date for the spring food truck rally, which he plans to organize.

#### Carnival (Catherine Anderson)

- The carnival will be from 11-3 p.m. on 2/26.
- Rye Road Giraffes is going to do camel and pony rides. (We think it will be cash only: \$7 for camel, \$5 for pony). Rye Road Giraffes will handle their own sales and make a donation to the PTO afterward.
- The FBI (Fathers Being Involved) is running the food again, doing hamburgers and hot dogs.
- There will be a new DJ this year. There will also be a rock wall and Kona Ice.
- We are hoping to get a lot of high school volunteers, but we never know until closer to the event. High school students and older middle school students can volunteer.
- Homeroom parents have started turning in the classroom baskets and parents/teachers are working on game booths. If any class parents need help with their silent auction baskets, reach out to the PTO. The baskets were originally due 2/11, but parents can take until 2/14 if they need it. Just let the PTO know when they will be in.
- We are having a very hard time getting silent auction items this year. We usually have around 40. Busch Gardens, Sea World, American Girl, etc., all froze their donation policies due to the pandemic. As a result, the silent auction may be a little slimmer than in years past. We are trying to do more in-school ones, such as principal for a day. If anyone knows a local business that is willing to donate, please let the PTO know. Donors will receive publicity at the event and on the PTO Facebook page.
- For the classroom baskets, if one has a very high value, we may ask if we can move it to the silent auction. If we do not have many silent auction items, we may just put them all online.
- At least \$10,000 of the money made at the carnival goes toward technology for the school, so this is an important fundraiser.
- Ticket pre-sales will go out on 2/14. There will be deals for tickets bought in advance. At the carnival, we will accept cash, credit card, and check.
- The classroom baskets will be on display before the carnival, so people who cannot attend the carnival can still participate. Unlike at the silent auction, you do not need to be present to win a classroom basket.

#### Outdoor Cover (Shannon)

- We have ordered the outdoor cover for the seating area outside the cafeteria. The install is scheduled for the first week of March.
- Eve Paquet noted that we have only paid for half of the cover so far. We need to check on remaining balance.

### **Mother-Son Event (Shannon)**

- Flyers will come home soon.
- This will be from 4 to 6 p.m. on March 6 at Jumpin Fun.
- The cost is \$20 per jumper. Each jumper will get 2 slices of pizza, a bottle of water, socks, 2 hours of jump time.
- Moms do not have to pay if not they are not jumping. They can just purchase their food/drinks a la carte.

### **Book Fair (Shannon)**

- The Scholastic book fair will be March 7 through March 10.

### **Donuts with Dad (Shannon)**

- This will be timed to coincide with the book fair. A-L on Wednesday, March 9. M-Z on Thursday, March 10.
- Laura Thacker volunteered to chair this event.
- Eve Paquet suggested reaching out to Tropicana for possible orange juice donation (although they may need 4-weeks' notice) and/or Wawa for coffee donation. The PTO has juice cups and plates already.

### **Budget/Old Business Update (Eve Paquet)**

- (Eve handed out two documents: the budget as of 1/6/22 and as of 2/3/22.)
- Santa's Workshop: The 1/6/22 budget figure was \$10,813.23. In the 2/3/22 budget, that number was down to \$7,765.94 because the chairpeople have received their pre-paid credit cards to start shopping for next year.
- Otis Fundraiser: We made \$24,567.70. The check just went in and is not reflected on the 2/3/22 budget.
- Box Tops: A check for \$22.10 just went in and is not reflected in the 2/3/22 budget. (The check was for Box Tops collected between October and now.)
- Mini Grants: The 2/3/22 total (\$21,960.99) does not include the picnic tables yet.
- There were lots of teacher reimbursements in December.
- Runners Club: This is going down because we are buying breakfast and prizes, etc., but have not yet cashed the runners' club entry fee checks. Those checks should cover the expenses.

### **Picnic Tables (Eve)**

- Mr. Marshall wants Polywood/recycled plastic tables for the outdoor seating area. The prices vary a lot and shipping can be extremely expensive. At one source, the tables are \$1,200 each plus \$500 a piece for shipping. At Lowes and Home Dept, they cost \$2,100 a table, free shipping. Mr. Marshall got a quote in June 2021 when the tables were going to be included as part of the renovation. That quote was \$26,000 for 29 tables.
- Shannon will talk to Mr. Marshall and Mrs. Barrett about how we want to proceed and then bring the decision to the Executive Board for a vote.

### **Mini Grant (Shannon)**

- Ms. Boone is asking for leveled reading materials for her class. (She taught third grade previously and now teaches first grade.) The books are about \$35-46 a set, so the total will be around \$420 if shipping is reduced or \$480 if not. The mini grant was APPROVED.
- Eve suggested having the teacher check to see whether the price would be lower if she orders directly, in case they offer teacher discounts. Shannon said the PTO will not have to pay tax on the books since we are a nonprofit.

### **2022-2023 PTO Board (Shannon)**

- Eve (treasurer) is not returning next school year, because her son is graduating fifth grade.

- Nominations for board positions will be announced at the April meeting. Anyone interested should email the PTO. We will take the month of April to discuss nominations. At the May meeting, we will assign the positions and take it to a vote if multiple people are seeking the same position.
- New board positions start on Friday, May 27, 2022, except for treasurer. The new treasurer will start on July 1, 2022.

**Upcoming Events:**

Friday 2/18: Spring and Class Picture Day  
Monday, 2/21: President's Day – No School  
Saturday 2/26: Spring Carnival (11a-3p)  
Thursday 3/3: SAC/PTO Meeting (6p)  
Saturday 3/5: Parrish Parade  
3/7 – 3/10: Book Fair  
Wednesday, 3/9: Donuts with Dad, A-L  
Thursday, 3/10: Donuts with Dad, M-Z  
Friday, 3/11: Record Day – No School  
3/14 – 3/18: Spring Break

**Meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.**