

Geneva High School
PTO Minutes
January 18, 2018

The meeting was called to order by PTO president, Candy Bengson at 6:45 pm. The following were in attendance: Deb Dickinson, Candy Bengson, Tom Rogers, Cindy Anderson, Kris McPheron, Chrissy Swanson and Sally O'Malley.

Presidents' Report:

Candy Bengson reported that so far 2018 has started strong for the PTO.

Principal's Report:

Mr. Rogers reported on the upcoming Winter Wonderland and said he was looking forward to it being a great week. He noted that Student Council has been working hard and have a great week of activities planned. There has also been a lot of positive chatter among the students about the upcoming events. On Wednesday 1/24 all students will hear a presentation by Tim Ryan, a recovering addict who lost his son to addiction. On Thursday 1/25 there will be an evening presentation for the parents. Mr. Rogers says it is important for parents and community members to attend this event. There is a concern here in the GHS community regarding vaping, marijuana use and drinking and what they are doing to our kids. Mr. Rogers was asking the entire community to attend to hear this important message and presentation by Tim Ryan. There will also be a small panel there to present additional information comprised of members from various support areas of the community. In addition, there will be other resources available in the cafeteria for attendees to get additional support information. Young Hearts 4 Life screenings will take place on Feb. 1. The Larsen Family, who lost their son Christopher to an undetected heart condition, is funding this event through the Christopher Larsen Foundation. They plan to hold this event every other year for GHS students. Registered students will be administered an EKG/ECG which can help to detect problems that may lead to sudden cardiac death. Over 180,000 kids in IL have been tested since this program began. Mr. Rogers said they would like students to get registered and are looking for parents to help at the event.

Tonight and tomorrow night students are presenting One Act Plays. Tonight is also the Playathon being put on by members of the band and orchestra. GHS musical "Into the Woods" will be presented 3/15-17. Wish list requests will be sent to teachers and the PTO will review and approve requests in March.

Secretary's Report:

Kris McPheron presented the minutes from the 11/16/17 PTO meeting for approval. A motion for approval was made by Candy Bengson with approval by Deb Dickinson.

Treasurer's Report:

Chrissy Swanson presented the PTO budget as it currently stands – reflecting budgeted amounts versus actual amounts. Current balance as of 1-18-18 is \$30,218.64. A second report was presented to show the current expense activity by PTO committee, with budgeted versus actual amounts presented.

Committee Reports:

Post Prom: This committee will be holding a meeting on 1/23 at 6:00 pm in the Community Room and invite anyone interested in helping with this event to please attend.

Viking Vendor: The Viking Vendor is off to a great start to the new year! Our shelves are stocked and we are ready to serve and supply the students of GHS with items they need for the school day. We are stocked with Kleenex, Chapstick and stylus pen, batteries and even travel sized deodorant! Don't forget we always have poster board, binders, pens and pencils too. Encourage your student to stop by and see all of the great items available in our store.

General Volunteers: A big thank you to the many volunteers who make up our committee! We appreciate your time and commitment to helping out the students, school and our community. General Volunteers will be helping with the new Winter Festival the week of Feb. 5th through the 10th with scooping ice cream, selling dance tickets and chaperoning the dance. If you would like to join the General Volunteer committee send an email to Julie Gearhart at juliegearhart07@mac.com.

Newsletter: There is a need to fill this position for the upcoming school year. Please keep sending reports and photos for the newsletter to Paula Krapf.

Winter Wonderland: The committee needs additional people to help Saturday night (2/10) at the dance. They are looking forward to a fun week of events.

World Language Department: PTO will use the baking committee to help provide a continental style breakfast for International week on 2/20.

Old Business: None

New Business: Drug talks on 1/24 and 1/25. Heart screenings on 2/1.

Next PTO Meeting will be on March 8, 2018 at 7:00pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM, motion made by Candy Bengson and seconded by Chrissy Swanson.

Respectfully submitted,
Kris McPheron, Secretary 2017-18
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