

Grand Canyon School PTA Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2018

Grand Canyon School, Room 207

In attendance:

President Cherie Benefield, Treasurer Cory Clark, Secretary Kim Besom, Lisa Otto, Pam Edwards, Rose Moquino, Brenda Clark, Linda Rakow-Schenkoske, Dan Tobin, Christine Kennedy

Agenda

1. **Call to Order, Welcome Members & Guests**
Thanks to:
 1. Adult/student volunteers watching kids for meeting!
 2. Culinary Class for snacks
2. **Approval of 1/16/18 Minutes**
3. **School Update** - School Admin, if present
4. **Advocacy Report-** Dan Tobin
 1. a. State updates
 2. b. Voter registration at STEAM night? Volunteers?
5. **Treasurer's Report** – Cory Clark
6. **Old Business**
 - a. St. Mary's BackPacks - now serving 45 kids!
 - i. Distribution change
 - ii. Confirming with admin that we can still use volunteers, only now in AM
 - b. Honor Roll locker decorations- Amanda Heller & April Symes
 - i. Waiting for list from Rosa- what is Honor Roll?
 - c. STEAM 'n TACOS Family Night
 - i. Food fundraiser- senior class, GCY
 - ii. STEAM games- Cherie update
 - iii. PTA volunteers to work stations, help kids, be present
 - iv. Voter registration?
 - v. Movie- STEAM related?- Jeannette & Calley?
 - d. PTA \$150 project- Cherie got OK from admin, we can start next week? Need help coordinating
7. **New Business**
 - a. PTA Facebook page
 - a. Laura to manage?
 - b. Teachers can request, but we must monitor access?
 - b. Promote PTA
 - i. Need to promote ourselves to community
 - ii. Updates to GC Newsletter (someone to give them the info)
 - iii. Committee to steal ideas from other PTA's and the AZ PTA site (other ideas)
 - c. Book Fair- May 1- Amanda Heller
 - i. Volunteers
 - ii. Promotion
 - a. Volunteering for teachers?
9. **Meeting Days/Times**
 - a. Tuesday, March 20, 2018?
10. **Adjournment**

Meeting

There were no guest speakers or representatives from the school administration.

Students from the GC School yearbook class came to the meeting to ask if the PTA would be interested in purchasing ad space in the 2018 yearbook at \$250 for a full page, \$125 for a half page.

Advocacy Report

Dan Tobin gave an Advocacy Report. He spoke of a charter school in AZ that closed after it was found to have spent more on admin costs than in the classrooms, something that would've been caught had charter school been included in the AZ annual 'Classroom Dollars' report. More info about this can be found on the PTA website.

Dan says he is still planning to having a voter registration table at the STEAM family night. Information on how and what folks will need to bring to be able to register will be posted on the PTA website.

Approval of 1/16/18 minutes

A motion was made and seconded by Christine/ Linda to approve the minutes from the February meeting. Unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report

Cherie reported that Board members were able to get to the bank, to get new treasurer Cory Clark a debit card and added to the list of board members able to cut checks. Anyone not on the current board was removed from that list.

Cory presented the Treasurer's Report. Expenses last month included payments to the school office for supplies, payment for materials used to make PTA signs, and for materials for the library's Makey-Makey shelves. The final balance is \$15,173.30.

A motion was made and seconded by Pam/ Christine to approve the treasurer's report for February. The treasurer's report was unanimously approved

Old Business

St. Mary's Food Backpacks- after some adjustments, 45 food Backpacks are now being distributed weekly. At the last delivery, a new distribution method was tried, Instead of waiting till the end of the day, when the rush can come all at once, the food was instead delivered during the school day, directly to the classrooms, with hopes that fewer kids will be missed this way. This method will be tried for a while to see how it goes, with modifications made, as needed. However, it will require that volunteers come at a different time.

Honor Roll locker decorations- we're waiting for a list of honor roll students before preceding on this.

STEAM 'n Tacos Night- is now scheduled for March 1, 5-8pm. Food will be taken care of by the senior class and the GCY students, but the PTA has offered to help with the STEAM family games, possibly including activities such as bubble art, a racetrack game, Barbie bungee jumping, recycled fashion, etc. The PTA will also host a STEAM-themed movie for young ones.

One idea for the evening would be to have each game be a different station where participants could get a stamp after participating. Cherie suggested that the PTA provide prizes- either for those kids who participate in each station, or by having a drawing from the kids who participate in each station. The PTA is looking for help during the STEAM 'n Taco night. Please let us know if you are willing. A motion was made and seconded by Brenda/ Linda to provide up to \$100 for prizes for the evening. Passed unanimously.

There will be a meeting next Wednesday, after school, about 4:15pm, to discuss/ plan the STEAM evening.

\$150 Project- the school administration has approved the PTA allotting \$160 per teacher, to be used for classroom supplies. However, they suggested adjusting the amount to \$150 per teacher, for the sake of simplicity. Admin also suggested making it clear that the money doesn't have to be spent this year, in 'use or lose' fashion. The money can be carried over into next year. We can move the project forward at this point.

New Business

Facebook page- Laura Chastain will move forward with making a PTA Facebook page once we decide how we want it to look.

Scholastic Book Fair- Cherie announced that Amanda Heller had picked the week of May 1, for the Book Fair, to run in conjunction with a planned school science exhibition.

Other- Cory made a suggestion that the PTA start a 'Take One, Leave One' kid's book station at the school, for the upcoming summer.

Laura mentioned that on Thursday, February 15, a company called Access Parks would be giving a presentation, in Tusayan, on the kinds of high speed internet access services they can offer to the Tusayan community. Anyone is welcome to attend.

A motion was made and seconded by Linda/ Brenda, to purchase advertising in the school yearbook- either a full page, or 2 half pages- to congratulate the graduating senior class and to promote the PTA. Lisa Otto offered to be part of a committee to come up with the art for the ad.

Next meeting day/ location- the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 20, 2018, at the GCS.

The meeting was **adjourned**.

The PTA email address is: GCSchoolPTA@gmail.com and the website is: grandcanyonschoolpta.weebly.com

Please send us any comments or suggestions. We love to hear from you.