

**GALLUP HILL SCHOOL
PTO MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 11, 2011**

ATTENDANCE

Samantha Bray-Smith, Dr. Byars, Stephanie Calhoun, Denise Dittrich, Amy Hines, Alyssa McIntyre, Beth Rezendes, Christie Seckley, Kassandra Veal, Michelle Weber

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

GHS will once again participate in a voluntary confidential child development study by Yale University. With parental permission, students answer 10-15 minutes of questions during the school day. Permission forms will be coming home.

Pick up after school has been running late due to construction on town roads. GHS has improved the bus dismissal process, but are at the mercy of the busses. Once construction is completed, dismissal should run smoothly. Thank you for your patience!

TREASURER'S REPORT

The checking balance is \$19,019.33. \$15,000 is for the Library Renovation. The savings account balance for the Cafetorium project is \$4,458.41.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Pizza & Pie Fundraiser had a great response. Official numbers are pending, but we might meet our goal of a free Promethean Board. Either way, GHS did a great job!

Activated Storytellers will be at GHS on October 25th with a free show at 6:15. The PTO will hold a bake sale and will be looking for volunteers to bake and sell items that night.

The 3rd Annual Pumpkin Run will be Friday, October 28th. Forms were sent home...if you would like to volunteer for this very fun event, please contact Beth Rezendes at bethrezendes@yahoo.com.

The GHS Food Locker needs donations! They can be sent in with your child any day. The PTO is looking for a volunteer to pack food for the Backpack program and possibly shop for items until enough donations come in. Please contact the PTO if you are interested. Contact the school nurse for more information on how to confidentially participate in the program.

Yearbook Pre-Sales are due on October 17th. At this time we only have about half of the necessary 100 sales to go forward with the yearbook. If 100 yearbooks are not pre-ordered there will be no yearbook this year. Please contact Denise Dittrich for more information.

Enrichment sessions have begun with over 40 kids participating.

PTO has permission to hold a bake sale during soccer games on Saturday at Purdy Field (next to GHS). If you are interested in baking or selling on Saturdays from 9:00 to 1:00 please contact Stephanie Calhoun at stephanierc1999@yahoo.com.

The PTO will be participating in a gift wrap fundraiser for the Cafetorium Project at Crystal Mall. We have two dates in December to confirm and then we will be looking for donations of gift wrap/bows/tape/tags, etc. We will also be inviting Mom's to join us in wrapping and having a fun night out with dinner before or after. Dates TBA.

Mr. Shaw has asked the PTO for assistance in finding new or used instruments for students. If you have an instrument you are not using, please consider donating it to the school. Also, please ask family and friends.

The PTO will be purchasing a popcorn machine to be used at events.

A parent has offered to host a Pampered Chef party in conjunction with a healthy cooking show by the "Healthy Kids are Happy Kids" program. The representative would donate their commission to GHS and the hostess gifts items earned will be added to the Basket Raffle during Winter Wonderland. The show will be open to all GHS parents and will either be held at school or a parent's home. More details will be sent home when a date is set.

NEW BUSINESS

The following candidates for public office visited the meeting and spoke about their experience and platforms. Don't forget to get out and vote in November!

Mayor: Fred Allyn, Tony Saccone, John Rodolico

Town Council: Kevin Dombrowski, Mary McGrattan, Ed Monahan, Naomi Rodriguez, Bill Saums

Board of Education: Bob Beaver, Stephanie Calhoun, Joan Disco, Sharon Hightower.

The next PTO meeting will be Tuesday, November 15th at 3:30 in the Library. Hope to see you there!

Respectfully Submitted,
Beth Rezendes