

GALWAY PTSA MEETING MINUTES

April 10, 2024

Galway Public Library, Galway, NY

CALL TO ORDER: Trisha Hopper @6:34pm

Attendees: 7 in person; 4 virtual

AGENDA & NOTES:

Treasurer's Report:

- Money will be moved to the spring dance budgets thanks to some overages from the spring fundraiser, picture day and trick-or-treat trail or holiday gift shop all came in over budget
 - o Budget will now be \$1,400 each (\$2,800 in total)
 - o VOTE: Trisha Hopper makes a motion; Amber Eaton seconded - approved
- Science Fair: asked us to carry forward overages to next year (\$143.95) – Mrs. Flinton plans to expand the science fair next year for encompass a wider STEM curriculum.

Dance:

- Spring Dances:
 - o \$1,400 budgets each (\$2,800 total)
 - o Tickets: \$5 per person (students and guests); online ticket fee will be passed on to the ticket purchaser(s); all money earned from ticket sales will go toward funding next year's dances; 50/50 that will be run during recitals will also go toward future dances
 - Recurring goal: to fund the next year's dance at the conclusion of the current year.
 - o Still in the ES cafeteria
 - o Friday, 5/3 K-3 Special Person Spring Fling
 - o Friday, 6/21 4-5 Moving Up Dance
 - o DJ and Photobooth: contract done and payment made
- Recitals:
 - o Will use ticketsource for tickets and seat selection
 - o Costumes are on order (paid for via Cheddar Up)
 - o Pictures will be done on recital day this year

By-Laws:

- Required to revisit every 3 years
 - o For this by-law submission: our board structure and membership fees will remain.
 - One president (v 2 co-presidents); will keep the optional VP seat; 2 consecutive 1-year terms (v 1, 2-year term); keep election and annual meeting in June; quorum of 10
 - o Vote on:
 - Membership dues: currently \$6 per member (regardless of member, family, teacher): \$4 to National PTA, we keep \$2
 - DECISION: our goal is more about membership numbers than raising revenue; so, we will keep at \$6 for everyone and run a big membership drive for 2024-2025
 - Kara had suggested prizes for classrooms with 100% participation
 - For membership drive, include in the "why to join PTSA" info about what we support: senior pins, scholarships, picnics, etc.

Website:

- Amber purchased galwayptsa.org from GoDaddy to register and host the site for 1 year; but, GoDaddy has changed their site and policies, so we need a way to build the site itself.
 - o Athena suggested Wix as a site builder platform (has templates) which would be used to build the page that GoDaddy hosts.
 - Athena posted info to Facebook Messenger after the meeting, which was forwarded to galwayptsa@gmail.com
- Amber found someone (Mark) who would help us to host our domain and build the site (he uses WordPress) for \$20/month
- Amber has some foundations to whom we could apply for grants to fund the website hosting fees in future years, or more broadly apply for some money to support our programs
 - o Need someone to help us do the application
 - o Amber to forward information to galwayptsa@gmail.com

Fund Requests: (comes from clubs and groups line and reallocation from HS yearbook party that will not happen this year)

- Mrs. Sitts – Senior Trip: \$400
- Mrs. Karen Decker advocating for a post-testing celebration: asking for PTSA to offset cost for a roller skating party 4/26 for the 7th grade. High Rollers \$10 per student including skates; 65 students: PTSA will donate \$325
- VOTER: Trisha Hopper makes a motion to approve both requests; Hillary Clemens seconds - approved

High School + PTSA Relationship Building:

- This topic was raised by Mrs. Flinton during last months meeting
- Suggestion(s):
 - o Fund an additional HS scholarship
 - Currently, we do: Senior pins; (1) \$250 volunteer award
 - HS was over budget on fall/spring fundraiser and picture day
 - Could offer one lump sum scholarship amount to Mr. Miller for this year, without promise of an annual recurrence
 - Could alternatively give Mr. Miller \$X to allocated more broadly to add to existing awards (this was the widely preferred option by all attendees; both broadened the support PTSA could provide, and also reinforced the desire to partner with more HS clubs/events/faculty, etc.
 - Trisha Hopper to talk to Mr. Miller
 - o Sponsoring events at pep rally
 - o Parent Liaisons:
 - We have volunteers lined up 6-12; we'd need to discuss a structure
 - o HS Survey:
 - Talk to Mrs. Sitts about having the business intern run a survey asking peers what they'd like to see us do.

Meeting Concluded 7:55pm

Respectfully submitted,

Becky DiCaprio

Galway PTSA Secretary