

Gaithersburg HS PTSA Meeting

September 20 ,2018 at Gaithersburg High School

Meeting opened by PTSA President Carrie Bohrer at time 6:35 p.m.

Welcome and Introductions: President Carrie Bohrer welcomed everyone. She announced that the Gaithersburg High School PTSA meeting schedule can be found on the school and PTSA website. The October meeting will be on October 16, 2018 at Laytonsville Elementary school to celebrate and express Gaithersburg Pride. All are invited. President Bohrer told attendees that topic suggestions for future meetings are encouraged. President Bohrer meets with Principal Cary Dimmick each week to discuss topics and school concerns. She also announced that ESOL needs parent volunteers to help with students.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: The May 2017 minutes were presented by Secretary Kim Braun – Accepted: moved by Lisa Bixler; seconded by Dawn De Barros. Approved by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report: Ted Seifu– Treasurer Seifu shared the 2018-19 Budget to attendees.

Committee Reports :

Boosters Club: Boosters Club Chairperson Rosie Allan explained that GHS Boosters funds athletics at GHS and also supports the GHS PTSA and the Gaithersburg High School Education Foundation. They help to send students to leadership classes, help pay for uniforms and field maintenance and sell and provide concessions at GHS home games and events. Their funding comes from memberships and concessions. She asked attendees to join the GHS Boosters Club. The Boosters Club always needs volunteers to help with concessions. The GHS Boosters Club is looking for volunteers to take on leadership positions in the club for the next school year.

After Prom: After Prom Chairperson Melissa Benowitz explained that After Prom is an event funded by the GHS PTSA that provides a safe place with food and entertainment free for GHS 11 and 12 grade students to go after the GHS Prom. The GHS Prom will be held on Friday, May 17, 2019. The After Prom event will be held at Gaithersburg High School. Please join the committee. Volunteers are needed to plan and also on the event night.

New Business :

President Carrie Bohrer reported that there was no new business.

Principal's Report : Principal Cary Dimmick held a Questions and Answer session with attendees. He announced that there were over 430 adults at Back to School Night. 102 people responded to the Back to School night survey. Positive feedback included that parents liked that the classroom segments were shortened, liked the video introductions, the students assisting were very helpful, the night helped parents to picture their child's daily routine. Negative feedback included that the classroom segments were too short, there were too many announcements made during transitions, there needed to be more signs and more credit card readers were needed for merchandise sales.

Principal Dimmick said that he is rebranding the perception of GHS. He asked more people to share positive feedback when they have it. A GHS goal is to have more students enrolled in AP courses. They are created a new and improved website. He has noticed a lot of positive energy among students so far. Four new clubs have already been started.

Principal Dimmick took questions from attendees and answered them with discussions.

Meeting Adjourned by Carrie Bohrer at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/Kim Braun/

Recording Secretary

After Prom Committee Report December 2018

Accomplishments:

1. Entertainment
 - Went through space at school with the vendor and decided on best pieces to fit the space. All will fit in full gym.
 - Contracted with Ultimate Amusements/deposit sent

2. Fundraising
 - Great news, we were awarded \$850 from the Montgomery County Collaboration Council for Children, Youth and Families, Inc. Under 21 Grant. Money will come after the post event report is submitted in May/June.
 - Working on restaurant nights for Winter/Spring 2019
 - Laytonville Women's Club donated \$50
 - Will start sale of controlled Raffle in January to be drawn at Mr. Gaithersburg. If interested in being a ticket sale captain let us know.

3. Prizes
 - Black Friday/Cyber Monday deals helped and we got some donations of college wear and other prizes
 - We took advantage of great deals too to purchase larger ticket items for grand prizes.
 - Sending message out to remember AP as purchasing final holiday gifts and that re-gifting is fine by us.