

GJHS Booster Club Minutes

03/04/25

Attendees: GJHS Principal Jory Sorensen, Heather Hawkins, Carrie Martindale, Miranda Smith, Debbie Carol, Karen Provenza, Carrie Zentner, Anna Adair, Joni Shepard, Katie Mathis, Janell Gear, Jane Pizem, Ashley Reed, Cassie Keller, Carolee Hawkins

Booster Club (BC) President Carrie Martindale called the meeting to order at 5:15pm.

Current Events: In the meeting that preceded the Booster meeting, Mr Sorensen had a slide showing the recent events at GJHS. The Boosters reviewed that information with a brief discussion about the events.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Deb Carol advised we currently have \$11,279 in our General account and \$37,989 in our Bingo account.

Upcoming events: Kelly Culver from Caprock Booster Club came to talk with us about an event they would like to host at GJHS, the Harlem Wizards. The GJHS gym is much larger than Caprock's and Caprock does not have access to Peach Jar to help promote the event. It is scheduled for April 28th at 7pm. Caprock will cover the cost of the event and marketing (fliers, yard signs, etc), and will make a donation to GJHS Booster Club when the event is over. At this time, they do not need any assistance from our Booster Club but will keep us advised as the event gets closer.

Financial Requests:

- Football coach Landon McKee advised the football team is in need of new pants. The players sell discount cards each season, and they host a golf tournament in June. There are approximately 80 varsity players and the pants usually last about 4 years. Landon brought two quotes, one for plain colored pants for \$4,602, the other for striped pants for \$7,391. Landon advised he and the players prefer the striped pants.

After discussion, it was motioned by Cassie and seconded by Miranda to donate \$4,000 to the football team for pants. It was also recommended we check with Athletic Director Shawn Marsh for his input regarding this request, which we will do prior to issuing a check.

- Choir teacher Brad Hirsh requested help purchasing additional music storage units for the music room. They currently have a couple of units but are in need of 2-3 more. The cost is \$10,000 for two and \$13,000 for three. When asked if this is something that could be purchased over the course of a few years, Mr. Hirsh advised the benefit of purchasing the units at one time is that the cost includes shipping, delivery and assembly of the units, so we get the best price if they are purchased at one time.

After discussion, it was motioned by Cassie and seconded by Miranda to approve ????? for three music storage units.

- Teacher Mark Carris oversees the Mock Trial team. The team recently qualified for the State competition in Pueblo next weekend. There are 10 students on the team, they will travel to Pueblo on Thursday and return Saturday evening. Mr. Carris requested we cover the cost of the hotel and transportation for the competition for a total of \$1,700.

After discussion, it was motioned by Cassie and seconded by Miranda to approve this request.

- Art teacher Sean Henry submitted a request for help creating an art library for art students to use as reference materials. Mr. Henry created a "WishList" on Amazon and sent a link to his student's parents requesting their help purchasing books.

After discussion, Booster members recommended the other two art teachers send the request to their student's parents with the link to the Amazon wish list and allow them to purchase books for the art department. This request was shared with Mr. Henry advised that those emails would be sent this week. Mr. Henry will follow up with the Booster Club in a month and let us know the total cost of the remaining books.

It should be noted that each presenter was advised that the Booster Club raises funds primarily through Bingo sessions, and we need volunteers at Bingo, specifically callers.

Bingo Update: Cassie Keller advised Bingo continues to go well, and that we need more regular bingo callers. A few suggestions were made about how we could achieve this.

Future financial requests to help with banquets: Based on concerns discussed at our previous meeting regarding financial assistance for our teams/clubs/groups with the end-of-year banquets, Carrie Martindale presented 4 options to handle future requests. Booster members reviewed the options then unanimously decided that the booster club prefers to support our groups with tangible items or expenses but will refrain from providing financial support for banquets moving forward.

Sub-committee: Carrie Martindale advised we are forming a sub-committee for Teacher Appreciation week in May, and if anyone would like to help with this celebration to please email the Booster Club. Carrie will send an email to all Booster club members soliciting help with this event.

Booster Board vacancies: The Booster Club Board has two upcoming vacancies, treasurer and secretary. There are two members, Jane Pizem and Carolee Hawkins, who are willing to be co-treasurers. A motion was made by Janell Gear and seconded by Cassie Keller to approve this position. Carrie Zentner is willing to be our secretary. A motion was made by Janell Gear and seconded by Cassie Keller to approve this position. The new Board members will begin learning about their new roles and take over the roles the first week of August.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, April 1st at 5:15pm (preceded by the Parent Advisory Group at 4:30pm).