

GJHS Booster Club Minutes

05/06/25

Attendees: GJHS Principal Jory Sorensen, Carrie Martindale, Miranda Smith, Debbie Carol, Jane Pizem, Janell Gear, Dr Brad Neese, Karen Hatfield, and Carolee Hawkins.

Treasurer's Report - Jane Pizem shared a nice new budget for us to review.

The Bingo account has \$32,956 and the General fund has \$3,918.

Jane is working to input our past transactions into a spreadsheet so we will easily be able to extract information. Once the data is complete we will have access to very helpful, historical data since we began the booster club in August of 2023.

Financial Requests:

- ❖ We received a request from Jana Boies, the new Pom's Coach. GJHS has not had a Pom's team and Jana was hired as the coach of our first team! She requested \$1,400 for pom-pom's that will be used for the next few years. This request was approved, and a check was issued to the Pom's SBA account (from bingo funds).
- ❖ We received a request from Isaac Lavadie, the band teacher, for \$8,000 to cover the cost of one bus for transportation to the state competition. The request was presented by Karen Hatfield, a band parent. This request was tabled until the fall as the funds are not needed until Oct/Nov '25.
- ❖ We received a request from Tami Garmany with Grand Valley Youth Cycles for \$5,000, for team camp in early August. Last year there were 31 students who rode for GJHS on the team, with other schools also represented. The requested funds would be used for campground costs (one night), coaching fees and three meals. The representatives were advised that we prefer to support teams with tangible items, rather than a meal or one night of camping. The GVYC representatives suggested a few items they might need (a grill and folding chairs). We discussed donating \$1,000 to the team, but it was then decided Karen H will work with Tami on tangible items the team may need and bring us the information.
- ❖ A follow up from our March/April meetings, when we agreed to pay the remaining cost of the Art Book Collection for our art teachers. Although it was initially a \$1,900 request, after parents purchased books from the teacher wish list, the total cost of the art books was just under \$1,000. The books were ordered and have been arriving at the school.

Future financial needs: Mr. Sorensen briefly discussed a couple things he would like the Booster Club to assist with this year. A sound system for the baseball field and the concession stand on the south side of school property will need to be furnished with various pieces of equipment.

Booster Happenings:

- After Prom was a success! We had 251 kids attend, and the event was fully funded by donations! Stacy and Luke Feather did a fantastic job planning and organizing the party, and had great support from Carrie M and Joy Z.
- Graduation Yard Signs - the signs arrived and have been sold during lunch hour and after school. There are about 60 signs still available. (On 5/08/25, all but 10 signs were sold at Senior Awards night!)
- Teacher Appreciation week is underway! We provided staff with Rubi's Burrito's on Monday morning, and Nothing Bundt Cakes bundtini's on Tuesday. Wednesday they will get an Enstrom's treat, Thursday is a Taco Party for lunch and Friday is a special thank you gift for each teacher.
- Bingo continues to go well. We had a Must Go on April 30th and deposited over \$7,500 from that night. We still need more callers!
- We need volunteers to help with All School Awards on 5/7/25 and Senior Awards on 5/8/25. Meeting attendees were able to help with this request.
- Carrie M created a Booster Club Master Calendar for the 25/26 School year and collected suggestions to be included on the calendar.

Watermelon Scrimmage - Dr Brad Neese gave a detailed presentation of his vision for this year's event. He would like to keep it at no cost. Brad has talked to the coaches and they are willing expand to a bigger and a louder event! Brad discussed the possibility of adding a food truck, music, the fire department and the police department. Brad would love to get more family and fan's involved. The event is set for August 15th, 2025. Set up will begin at 2:30pm, and clean up will occur between 8-9pm. Brad would like to add novelty items to the event and will continue to work on donations. It was agreed we will form a sub-committee to support this event.

Although it was on the agenda to set a date and time for our next meeting, this meeting ran long and we did not have time. The next meeting time and date will be set by email. Have a great summer everyone and thank you for being part of the Booster Club!