

Virtual Meeting Minutes March 2, 2021 | 7 p.m. Via Zoom

Attendees: Virginia Fenstermaker, Megan Greisen, Stephenie West, Erica Smith, Mary Ann Triska, Rachael Rodrigue, Jen Stearns, Poppy Elshaug

I. Call to Order:

- Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Virginia Fenstermaker.

II. Guest Speakers:

- Principal Stearns shared:
 - One School, One Book:
 - Asking for GWPO support to promote the Nim's Island website and activities among parents.
 - Each chapter has trivia questions that will enter the student into a raffle for a Nim's Island basket. Each student can earn up to 16 raffle entries.
 - There is potential for a virtual assembly with the author.
 - Principal search: Committee had initial interviews with new principal candidates, however the position remains open.

III. President's Report: Virginia Fenstermaker

- Board approved spending (from contingency):
 - \$50 for Virtual Paint Night kits (12) for students that might need supplies
 - \$50 to create a table of staff treats for the first week of in-person class. GWPO offers a shoutout to Starbucks for providing coffee for staff.
- Upcoming activities:
 - March 5: Virtual Paint Night
 - April 8: Family Movie Night at 6:30 p.m. with *Nim's Island*
 - GWPO will be providing popcorn packets at the front doors of GWE.
 - Wine Auction Online:
 - Wine, Dessert & Flower auction will include 45 packages that will be a mix of wine paired with dessert or flowers.
 - It will be April 26-May 6, with GWPO delivery to local winners on May 7, ahead of Mother's Day.
 - Allocation of funds: Consider allocating to garden fund specifically
 - Rachael Rodrigue motioned to allocate the funds raised from the Wine, Dessert and Flowers auction to the garden fund. Poppy Elshaug seconded. Motion passed.
 - Discussion encouraged proactive communication around the cost of the elements of the garden. GWPO will prepare a message matrix for group review.

- Board vacancies for 2021-2022 term
 - June elections: If you or anyone you know that wants to shadow a board member position, please contact us. To operate, we need to have President, Treasurer, and Secretary fulfilled.
 - Please note, President and Secretary positions will be vacated, and Treasurer has to change positions after two terms served per GWPO bylaws.

IV. Vice President's Report: Megan Greisen

- Certified Staff Appreciation + Classified Teacher Appreciation Weeks
 - GWPO proposed a special spending request for \$250 to support Starbucks refreshers for all staff (20 in March; 25 in May); to be motioned later in the agenda
- Principal Stearns celebration/gift
 - GWPO underway in exploring gift options
- March Staff Spotlights:
 - 1st Grade: Noble, Rodrigue, Schrotzberger
- Story book signs are out on the Walks-A-Lot track.
 - The next book, *Going Places*, has been ordered

V. Treasurer's Report: Stephenie West

- Account balances [as of 3/1/21]
 - Checking: \$6,744.57
 - Boost Savings: \$32,620.97
 - Savings: \$298.08
 - Money Market: \$7,810.82
 - Certificate: \$19,544.03
- Annual Financial Audit-
 - We need 2 volunteers and a date that works best for them in April.

VI. Spending Requests: Virginia Fenstermaker

- *Contingency remaining \$2,403.07.*
- GWPO, Staff Appreciation Weeks, \$250 to purchase Starbucks refreshers (supporting them after supporting us). Erica Smith motioned to approved \$250 for the purchase of 45 Starbucks refreshers for the two staff appreciation weeks. Stephenie West seconded. Motion Passed. Rachael Rodrigue and Poppy Elshaug abstained per conflict of interest.

VII. Other school business: Erica Smith

- Box Tops earnings
 - As of [2/24/2021] Grant Watts Lifetime Box Tops earnings is \$15,085.51
 - 2019-2020 School year earnings total was \$1051.10!
 - 2020-2021 School year earnings so far is \$132.60
 - Visit www.boxtopsforeducation.com to learn more and download the app from your app store to help us earn \$ for Grant Watts!

- Yearbook picture submission winner for Valentine's Baking with Mrs. Stearns was Brenda Squires.

VIII. Additional Discussion:

- *Discussion beyond the agenda*
- Poppy Elshaug was the random drawing winner for attendees.

IX. Adjournment:

- Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m. by Virginia Fenstermaker.