

Galena High School 5-Star Boosters
Meeting Minutes

DATE: September 21, 2022

Zoom Meeting

ATTENDING via Zoom: Michelle Simmons, Kristine Kinne, Cynamon Heide, Allisanne Steele, Janna Rager, Lynda Sohl, Alison Olsen, Tanya Lenon, Debra Cuddy, Kari Benoy, Jay Salter, Justin Jervinis, Silva Applebach, Becky Derifield

1. **CALL TO ORDER/OPENING REMARKS:** Meeting began at 5:33pm. Michelle called to order and thanked group for flexibility in attending Zoom; asked cameras to be on during voting.
2. Approval of Minutes from August 17, 2022: Michelle Simmons requested two corrections; made motion to approve and Janna seconded the motion, all online attending approved.
3. **PRESIDENTS REPORT:** A signup genius has been posted on Facebook for Tailgate party volunteers. The Senior Safe & Sober Graduation Trip planning is in progress with two dates submitted, 5/21/23 Sunday and 6/16/23, which is after graduation; each has pros and cons to be discussed. Boosters handles logistics of the event.
4. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Kristine Kinne reported Profit & Loss showing screen shared budget report. No Fundraising Fundraiser is just \$43 dollars shy of budgeted amount. Extracurricular Pass sales coming in close to budget and other funds came in from Amazon Smile. Membership dues continue to bring in funds; also Senior Activities brought in parent donations for Senior Sunrise and other Senior events. Spending so far includes \$350 for drone and sweatshirt stock-up was a one time purchase for back to school events. Endowment fund has increased a little over \$24. Checking account is at approximately 70K
5. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - a. Teacher request for funds; Galena Strategies Program Teacher Justin Jervinis represented himself and Coteacher Aaron Cook (Coach Cook). He presented request for \$1500 for Strategies class supplies (including office staples glue sticks, markers, craft supplies, ribbon and velcro. Their class size is 12 students. Jay Salter confirmed this class being so much smaller than other departments like Math and English definitely receive less funds and he can see the need being presented. Discussion of whether the requested amount would last the semester or the year landed on the possibility that \$1500 may very well last the entire year, although it's roughly \$100 per student (a little over \$10/mo) was offered as perspective. Janna Rager motioned to approve, Lynda Sohl seconded. All approved \$1500 for funding Strategies Class supplies.
 - b. Update to Galena Scholarship request by Silva Applebach, College & Career Center Scholarship Chair. She's been watching the trend of scholarship allotments. Approximately 30K scholarships given to Seniors each year as Top Ten. Previously the criteria was top GPA and she suggests getting a more holistic candidate pool, a bigger pool, for example students that are well rounded in STEM or out of state studies. The criteria change will allow us to give funds to some high

achieving students who's GPAs aren't necessarily in the top 10. Discussion included weigh in from member Kara Griffin; changes need to be clear to parents and students allowing 3.8 weighted GPA and other accomplishments/awards. Linda Sohl stated they meet next week for Bylaws and Rubric to be implemented. One change is there will no longer be an appeal process. In the past there have been 60-70 applicants. Discussion continued with whether an essay component should remain in effect. Michelle Simmons suggested setting parameters with the ability to make changes later. Michelle made motion to make it general, without current dollar amount. 5A scholarships (athletics, academics, art, achievement and accomplishments) must have a min weighted GPA 3.8 and 10 hours community service during Junior and Senior years.. The remaining Booster scholarships will have a min weighted 3.0 GPA plus 10 hours community service during Junior and Senior years. Kristine seconded. All approved.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS: Lynda Sohl reported the main fundraising event will be Saturday, Feb 4 at Napa Sonoma; they don't charge us fee for fundraising. Having online and in person auction with goal to raise 11,000. Sophomore or Jr parents still needed to co chair with Lynda and take over this committee chair next year.
- b. MEMBERSHIP: Tanya reported membership is up. We have sold 124 passes, 156 members. 74 booster 40 bronze, 22 gold, 20 platinum; raised a little over \$30,000. Separately sweatshirts sold at 1/3 of stock so far; all new no leftovers.
- c. SENIOR ACTIVITIES: Alison Olsen reported successful Senior Sunrise event, good parent attendance. For September event they're doing the brain freeze truck next Monday. Roughly every month has an activity planned. Asked for volunteers, and easily got the signups without using signup genius. Next month having a Trunk R Treat again. Michelle asked if Senior Sunrise video assistant changed logo. It's been updated; had 2022 on video. Michelle will share it on facebook page.
- d. TEACHER APPRECIATION: Debra Cuddy and Kari Benoy reported snack attack last week was positive; teachers were appreciative and chatty. Tue Oct 25 will be Witches Brew; signup will go out after Fall Break.
- e. HOSPITALITY REPORT: Michelle Simmons reported for Angie Revel that signup genius is out for Hospitality cookies at next event.
- f. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Jay Salter reported an exciting weekend for Galena with Homecoming events this Saturday to include 4 soccer games, ROTC Raiders multi-school competition, 2 football games, founding class of Galena High School-first to graduate will be here, Galena tailgate party, and the Saturday evening Homecoming dance. Additional parking has been arranged at neighboring school, Doral parking lot. Excited students were on the call today reporting the first time in 10 yrs we'll have a Powder Puff game on Friday. Girls promised him a no injury game. Almost all teacher vacancies filled; Geometry still has two teacher positions unfilled. Math positions have been helped with overage, meaning teacher availability from other schools based on student numbers. Substitutes are helping, but better alternatives are coming. Algebra 3 students were moved to Financial ____ classes. Galena recently had visit from Lt Govenor and Administrators have been rotating at different

schools to see other instruction with visitors here for fresh ideas. Staff is working hard to make high school engaging for our students.

Request for funds: Gift cards for Teacher Incentives. Mr Salter reported enthusiasm for last years give always \$5 Starbucks cards for teachers to be in the hall and encourage students. To get to class. Galena has the lowest tardy rate of area schools!

Michelle Simmons motioned to approve \$350, Allisanne Steele second the motion, all approved. Sanne Steele offered Starbucks cards with existing business name to Jay for teacher appreciation gifts; he accepted.

ADJOURNMENT: Next general meeting will be October 19, @ 5:30pm, location TBD

Michelle Simmons motioned to adjourn, all approved and meeting ended at 649pm.