

Grasso PFO Minutes

November 16, 2020

Virtual

1. Call to order @ 5:04 by Mr. Jones
 - a. Denise Smith wasn't available tonight to give her resignation after her son graduated last year. We expect her written resignation soon. Mr. Jones explained that he and Mrs. Moran are ex-officio's and what that means. He said that basically they are the liaisons between the school/clubs and the PFO. Having said that, he needed to vote in the President of the new Board at this meeting.
 - b. RyAne Taylor has stepped up to be President. Gail Morrissey motioned to accept, Sheri Marchand 2nd. All were in favor, no nays.
 - c. Gail Morrissey has stepped up to continue being the Secretary. A motion was made by Richard Waselik with a 2nd by Sheri. All were in favor, no nays.
 - d. At the meeting Sheri stepped up to be the Vice President. Richard Waselik motioned, and Gail Morrissey 2nd. All were in favor, no nays.
 - e. Also at the meeting, Richard Waselik stepped up to be Secretary. Vince Whittle motioned to accept, and Gail Morrissey 2nd. All were in favor, no nays.

2. Secretary's Report
 - a. Bylaws- RyAne talked about the Bylaws being in place since 2009. She went through them and made 2 changes, the name from "the Organization" to "Grasso PFO" and the term limit to 3 years. The Bylaws will be posted online until the next General meeting, and we will adopt them at that time.
 - b. Membership Form- RyAne talked about the new Membership Form and the change to it to include Membership Dues. There was a small discussion about why we are now putting that in. The need for it is that with Covid we are unable to do many traditional fundraisers. This would be a kickstart. Dues do not need to be paid, but with the paid membership, the family would be able to vote on things in the PFO. This is outlined in the Bylaws under Article 4: Membership.

3. Treasurer Report
 - a. Gail went over the finances with the group. Currently there is \$2,773.93 in the account. There are a couple of line items that was explained in which groups keep their money with the PFO. Therefore the entire amount doesn't belong to the PFO.

4. Committee Reports
 - a. Athletic Report- Mr. Jones further explained how Athletics put money into the PFO account and how they take it out. There is no admission costs currently for the Basketball and

Volleyball teams as they aren't allowed spectators. With that, there is also no concessions or candy sales, which is where the PFO generally makes a little bit of money. It was explained that money for the athletics goes toward uniforms and team t-shirts.

- I. There was a question about who pays for the candy and water that the PFO sells. The PFO does. We have a BJ's card and so the cost is lower when we shop there.
 - b. Class Report- Mr. Jones explained that traditionally the PFO is very active with the Senior Class. Mrs. Moran further talked about what the Seniors needed. The Jr/Sr Prom is a big event, more like party. PFO is instrumental with helping Prom for things like streamers and decorations, and purchasing the crowns for the King and Queen.
 - I. PFO is the umbrella on many things with the classes. The current advisors are: Mr. Jones for the Senior Class, Mrs. McLellan for the Junior Class, Mrs. Ferrare for the Sophomore Class, and Mr. Flores for the Freshman Class. There was a discussion on instances where the PFO helps by Mr. Jones.
 - c. Grad Party- Mr. Jones talked about pre-covid examples. Due to covid, last year's graduation was a Drive up/Drive thru. This year, if permitted to have a ceremony, Connecticut College is out. Other options would include the Coast Guard Academy, the Garde Arts Theater, or Grasso High. The first 2 options would be \$4.5k to \$5k.
5. Administrative Report
- a. Mrs. Feeney was out sick. Mr. Jones filled in for her. Most everything is sent out via Parent Square and social media platforms. We have a new Psychologist in the school. The Construction workers are currently working on the greenhouse for BET and fields. Bus garage is being worked on as well. The school is looking at purchasing cameras for the teachers, for desktops. Webcams? The Athletic Complex is running a tad behind but is being worked on as well. Vince asked about the Complex and the possible fundraising within it.
6. Good of the Order
- a. Fundraisers
 - I. RyAne spoke with the Marketing Director at Crystal Mall about the Wrapping Paper Station that the mall does every year. Currently there are no other groups asking about it. So we have our pick of days/times. The group tonight approved doing the Wrapping Station. Sheri has volunteered to help as well as Mrs. Moran and RyAne. The dates chosen are Friday, December 18th in the evening, and Sunday, December 20th late morning. RyAne will make a flyer. All the mall is furnishing is tables and chairs. It is up to us to provide the wrapping paper, tape, scissors, bows, etc.. Sheri suggested asking Walmart for money through a gift card. We can also ask BJ's.
 - II. RyAne brought up an idea about doing a Basket Fundraiser. Possibly having all teachers/shops donating something to fill the basket. Parents and community shops will be encouraged as well. The asking donation for a ticket is \$1. Pictures and/or a

running list of contributions will be posted online. Mr. Jones mentioned a glass case that might be available to display the basket.

- III. Sheri suggests doing a calendar. There is a place in Griswold that makes them for \$5.80 each. Mr. Jones said we can contact our IT department about doing it.
- IV. Gail asked about doing something with the Bridge Market. RyAne to talk to Karen the owner about ideas. Mrs. Moran inputted other ways Karen helps the community. She suggests doing something on a professional development day.

7. Adjourned at 5:50p Motion made by Richard, 2nd by Jerry.

Next General Meeting will be Monday December 14th at 5p virtually

Those in attendance were:

Chris Jones, Carey Moran, RyAne Taylor, Gail Morrissey, Richard Waselik, Vince Whittle, Lee Taylor, Jerry Maynard, Norma Wallace, Lisa Sader Goede, Sheri Marchand, Jeninne Dahl, Sofia Davis, Flordelis Acevedo-Martinez, Amethyst Dube, Jamie Bohli-Cormier, Iris Vega, and 3 anonymous people.

Thank you all for coming, Hope to see you next month!

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Submitted by: RyAne Taylor