

## Grasso Tech PFO Board Minutes

January 11, 2021      Virtual 5:02p

Carey started by saying she had \$5 that was a donation towards the Gift Wrap Event. The 2 days of wrapping made us \$300 prior to the \$5 additional bit. Feedback was that everyone had fun. Aside from parents and staff helping, there were students that currently attend and one that was a recent Grad! Thanks for the support!

**Treasury Report-** Renewal for insurance came in and was paid. \$425 was that total. We had 2 people pay through Venmo, one of which was \$50!

**Fundraisers-** Carey brought up an idea about recycling ink and toners through TonerBuyer.com She will put a box in the lobby of the school. Maybe get BET students to help out. Possibly place flyers around town. This was approved by Pat, so Carey will be taking this on. Gail brought up the idea of Calendars that Sheri mentioned in November. It would be great to highlight the school and shops with pictures. Possibly put all the dates for meetings, events, sports and so on. Sheri said her school did the printing to cut costs. We can also look into Norwich Tech to print. We talked about doing it September through August, or January through December. Sheri will head this project. BJ's Membership was suggested by Gail. Carey thought it was already a school and checked her email. Yes, that already went out to the staff at school, for a discounted price. Gail said this one is a little different. People would pay the normal price, but we would get \$5 for each Membership. The idea of selling flower grams for Valentines Day to students and staff was brought up by RyAne. Possibly the same thing or necklaces for St Patricks Day. Pat said that usually the Junior Class does something like that already. She'll check.

RyAne will look to see if there will be Concerts at the Municipal Building this year. If so, we can possibly do a bake sale there. It's been profitable in the past. Bingo was brought up by RyAne and Carey. We've done that for the last 2 years, and have made some money from it. Pat is concerned about health and precautions being made. It was decided that we would take this year off, and revisit it next year. Last year we had a tag sale. Nothing was really left over from it. Discussion about doing it outside this Spring. Again, the health precautions became an issue. This is tabled until next year. Pat remembers a flyer from November about a Virtual Vender Fair. She will get more info on that. RyAne brought up the Student Store. It has not been used in the new school yet. In our bylaws, it is stated that the PFO is in charge of it. In the past, the store was open during lunch only. We are looking at having it open, before school, lunch and possibly after school. Presently we are unable to use it, but in the future that will change. With that, we will need volunteers to open it. RyAne and Sheri stepped up. Chris said the online merch is finally good to go. The logo was just updated, so that needs to go on the items. This will be an online store, so things will ship directly to the buyers. Items include Reebok, Nike, Under Armor, and others of that quality. Colors chosen include royal blue, grey, and white. Merch is for everyone! Students, parents, and staff. The shop will be up and running by the end of February. Pat said she would look into other schools for fundraiser ideas.

**Other-** We realize that our meetings meet on the days and times of Richards work. It is agreed that we will look for a new Secretary at the next meeting.

**Dates-** RyAne went over the next meeting dates. General meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> of January. Board meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> of February, and Februarys general meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**The meeting closed out at 5:36p**

Submitted by: RyAne Taylor

**In attendance were:** RyAne Taylor, Carey Moran, Patricia Feeney, Chris Jones, Gail Morrissey, Sheri Marchand, Richard Waselik