

Cuthbertson High School
PTSO Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
October 11, 2021 (via video conference)

Attendees: LaDonna Baldwin, Kelly Barna, Sonya Carter, Justin Cook, Jane Gettinger, Trish Giglio, Amy Githmark, Tracey Hammond, Asa Humphries, Allison Matthews, Taylor Ommer, Liz Patel, Julie Swafford, Georgina Zayas-DeCouto

Call to Order: 6:31 p.m.

Approve Meeting Minutes from September: Minutes approved.

Administration and Staff Update:

- Assistant Principal Zayas-DeCouto said it was a very busy month, with wonderful events.
- Homecoming was a success and there was a great turnout.
- Preparations are still underway for the engraved brick or plaque.

- Amy Githmark thanked the PTSO for the September treats.
- She shared that a few more staff members have joined; she will send out the form again.
- The Homecoming tailgate, game, and dance all were well-attended and it was nice to see students able to enjoy school events again.

Student Council President's Report

- Asa Humphries reported that over 1,000 tickets were sold for the Homecoming Dance on October 2.
- Spirit week had a lot of student participation.
- He thanked the PTSO for the support with Homecoming.

President's Report:

- LaDonna Baldwin shared her appreciation for the volunteers, administration, staff, and students working as a team.

Treasurer's Report:

- Jane Gettinger reported highlights from the year end and monthly financial reports.
- Invest is above budgeted goals.
- Venmo donations continue to come in for the monthly staff treats.
- There will be a holiday push for Spirit Wear purchases.
- Liz Patel asked for clarification on the web site expenses.

Committee Updates:

Senior Events

- 445 packages have been sold (out of 501 senior families.) 89% of families have purchased a package. (Typically 83—87% purchase.)
- She thanked everyone that helped at the first Senior Breakfast on September 24. It was attended by 330 seniors.
- Upcoming Events:
 - October 14—Senior Events Committee meeting
 - October 22—Senior Breakfast/ Halloween theme
 - November 19—Senior Breakfast
 - tbd in December—Winter Cav-a-Land drive-through event

Hospitality

- The committee recognized birthdays through October.
- The staff treat for October will be a goody bags.

Spirit Wear

- Spirit Wear will be sold at the Lawson vendor fair November 7 and the Holiday fair at CHS December 4.
- Prices will be increasing.
- Tracey Hammond asked if the PTSO could sell supplementary t-shirts publicizing the different clubs at Cuthbertson. Dr. DeCouto explained there are over 60 clubs, so that would be challenging.

Membership

- 588 families have joined the PTSO for the 2021—2022 school year; 36% of families.
- The committee has reached out to the middle school to brainstorm on ideas to capture incoming families from the middle school. Also approached the Athletic Booster Club.

Invest

- 99 families and businesses have donated so far; a total of 101 families/businesses donated through Invest last year.
- Whenever there is a mention through the PTSO social media platforms, more donations come in, so the support from the Communications committee is appreciated.

Volunteers

- A Sign Up Genius will be sent out for donations via Venmo for staff appreciation donations in October and volunteers in December.

New/Old Business

- New contact information can be sent to Julie Swafford for an updated contact list.
- The patio tables and signage are in the process of being concluded.

Next meeting:

Monday, November 8 at 6:30 p.m.

Adjourn: 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Swafford
CHS PTSO Secretary