

George C. Marshall PTSA Meeting Minutes  
February 22, 2023

Board Members Present: Julie Lubbe (president), Tara Henigan (vice president), Elizabeth Keegan (secretary), Christine Neville (treasurer), Jeff Litz (principal)

President's Report: Minutes from the January PTSA meeting were approved. Julie reported that the PTSA board will need to fill both the VP and Secretary positions next year. World Heritage Night is March 16<sup>th</sup>. Food will be served from 5:30-7pm, and performances will take place from 7-8:30 pm. We will need a lot of volunteers. A sign up will be posted in the next PTSA blast. There are 92 countries and 72 languages represented in our GCM community. Items for display will be up two weeks prior to the event.

Treasurer Report: Christine presented the current PTSA budget, which can be found on the PTSA website. We presently have \$98,5000 in the bank, the bulk of which belongs to ANGC. The PTSA has made @ \$2000 this year on camouflage shirts sales. Class magnets have also brought in some additional funds.

Committee For Supporting Seniors: John Windt, GCM staff member and coach, presented on the newly formed Committee for Supporting Seniors. He stated that there is a great need every year to help senior students with expenses related to graduation (like senior dues) and other events like prom, senior trip, yearbook, etc. Expenses for all of these events are increasing, as is the need for assistance. Marshall currently has @ 25% of students receiving free and reduced lunch. For example, some seniors were not able to afford to have senior photos taken this year, so a GCM staff member donated her own services and time to do beautiful senior portraits for them. In order to avoid the end of the year panic to help students with these expenses, the decision was made to create the Committee for Supporting Seniors and to fundraise in advance. The first fundraiser will be a faculty basketball game between Marshall and Madison on Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. The Committee asked the PTSA to "house" the funds as part of our budget, to ensure a clean and public way to manage the funds. It is not a PTSA funded project, we will simply hold the money for the Committee. The goal is to raise approximately \$5000. Any money that is leftover will be rolled over to the following year. GCM social work staff will be the ones to determine eligibility and distribute funds to students in need. Per the PTSA bylaws, the addition of these funds to the PTSA budget requires a vote by the membership. The vote was approved.

Principal's Report: The boys' basketball team won districts and advances to regional play. A parent donation enabled the first 100 students to get in free. Mr. Litz was in Virginia Beach on Saturday for the state wrestling tournament. Marshall has its first state champion in 53 years. The girls' basketball team lost to Oakton. They have a very young team, however, and their future is bright. We have a record number of 800 kids trying out for spring sports. Interest in girls' softball is down, but that is the same across the county. Class registration should be finalized by spring break. Sophomores and juniors will have a guest speaker this spring. The winter sports banquet will be held on March 6<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Litz is currently in the process of hiring for

next year's vacant positions. Lilian Taddock mentioned that the Science Olympiad is going to states, for the eighth year in a row.

Hospitality Committee: The Committee hosted a Valentine's coffee for the teachers. During the next teacher workday, Tara said they hope to provide teachers with mini-massages and smoothies. There are several more events scheduled for the remainder of the year, including custodian and teacher appreciation. The Committee needs a chairperson for next year. Tara also mentioned that the ANGC silent auction will be held the weekend of March 17-19. She will recommend that the ANGC committee donate a portion of sales to the Committee for Supporting Seniors.

The next PTSA meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.