

# JANUARY PTO GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Rumsey Station PTO

1/5/2023 6:30 p.m. | Meeting called to order by President Jenny Gollehon

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## In Attendance

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Jenny Gollehon, Veronica Rosman, Traci Nimmo, Karly Howard, Ana Funkhouser, Erin Maloney, Dan Kauk, Stacy Galbraith, Marisol Anderson, Sarah Conway, Elizabeth Bowers (by phone)

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## President Report

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President Jenny Gollehon called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

The group started out discussing the upcoming Rumsey PTO Movie Night being planned for Friday, January 27 at 6 p.m. Discussion included which movie to play, can we show movies legally, what to do about the spotty internet service in the gym. Principal Kauk said the school has a license to show movies because Kids Club shows movies frequently. To address the internet issue, the group suggested using DVDs instead or downloading a movie from a streaming service to a device and using that device to play the movie on a projector. It also was suggested that the students vote on the movie title, allowing the teachers to decide how their classrooms can decide their vote. The three movies to vote from are: DC League of Super Pets, Sing 2 or Paws of Fury. The vote will occur January 13<sup>th</sup>.

Member Stacy Galbraith suggested that the PTO call on the 6<sup>th</sup> graders to volunteer and sell concessions at the movie night to earn money for their 6<sup>th</sup> party later this spring. But even 6<sup>th</sup> graders who can't volunteer at the movie night will be welcome to attend the 6<sup>th</sup> grade party. The PTO Board said they will reach out to the 6<sup>th</sup> grade room parents to organize the student volunteers.

Parents will be required to stay with their children at the event. Chairs and/or blankets will be permitted. Participants can bring their own school-appropriate drinks. Entrance will be through the Kids Club doors so the gates into the main school can be closed and keep people from roaming around the school. PTO will provide candy and Erin Maloney will shop for treats. Maloney also mentioned the PTO has \$100 budgeted for movie night.

President Gollehon reminded the group that Treat Yourself Tuesday for the month is January 31<sup>st</sup> and third grade parents are being asked to organize it.

Next, the meeting discussed meals for Parent-Teacher Conferences coming on February 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. The discussion centered around whether the budget would allow the PTO to fully cater food, rather than ask parents to bring in food as has been done in the past. Erin said the budget has \$1,324 left for teacher meals. Suggestions for catering included Olive Garden and Hy-Vee.

The discussion then shifted to planning for the Valentine's Day parties, which will be on Friday, February 17 to accommodate teachers who prefer parties to be on Fridays. There was discussion about continuing the process of sending home paper flyers to communicate with parents to see who would like to help with the party or donate money and/or supplies. The flyers were used this year because of a parent who worked full-time but wanted a way to feel involved in her children's school parties. To reduce issues with distributing monetary party donations, the flyer will say that parents should contact the room parent if they want to donate money or supplies.

Members Marisol Anderson and Stacy Galbraith brought up concerns about costs with parties and continually asking parents to donate money when the PTO already has a healthy budget balance in the bank. The party

budget is currently based on \$1 per student, per party. Anderson mentioned that she and other parents didn't receive a note about the holiday party in December. There was discussion about using flyers versus Sign Up genius to coordinate volunteers. Galbraith said that she had to take over for the room parent in her son's classroom and decided it was easier to do her own sign-up genius. Anderson expressed concern about one parent who paid for everything for her classroom party and spent upwards of \$50, which means the \$1 per kid formula wouldn't be enough to cover her expenses. Treasurer Maloney said most parents are not asking for reimbursement for party expenses. She didn't want to budget a larger amount of money and then not spend it. It was suggested that the PTO email room parents to remind them that they can get reimbursed and include the reimbursement form.

To prevent confusion, the PTO will continue to use flyers for the Valentine parties but the Board may revisit the use of flyers versus email for next year. Kauk also mentioned that, because the parties are after Valentine's Day, the room parents have the discretion to use a Spring theme for the parties instead.

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### **Vice-President Report**

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The next Chef's Night Out is Runza on January 23 and Texas Roadhouse on January 31, from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m.

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### **Secretary's Report**

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Secretary Rosman motioned to accept the previous meeting minutes from October, November and December. Member Anderson seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

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### **Treasurer Report**

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PE teacher Joe Pudenz, who was unavailable for the meeting due to health issues, had submitted a request for PTO money to buy some new gym equipment. It's been more than 5 years since the equipment was purchased with a grant. The request included \$1,499 for 30 new modern pedometers, \$849 for a container of new playground balls and \$459 for a container of new jump ropes. The total request is \$2,807 and would come from the Staff Grants/Special Request fund. Treasurer Maloney said the PTO has only spent \$935 of the \$6,500 budgeted for this fund. Member Galbraith motioned to accept the request and Member Anderson seconded the motion. The motion approved unanimously.

Treasurer Maloney said she has some good budget news. The Chef's Night Out fundraising has been excellent. The boutique Kajoma donated \$200 from its December fundraising night. Grayley's donated \$350 and Panera donated \$150, despite its Chef's Night Out date being cancelled at the last minute. Five Guys burgers raised \$542, which donates based on all sales for that day not just customers who mention Rumsey. The Texas Roadhouse gift card fundraiser brought in \$649.

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### **Principal's Report**

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Principal Kauk reported that the new electronic sign for in front of the school has been ordered and the permits have been approved. The district also has given its approval. The company is still looking a mid-spring installation. Kauk also mentioned that he will be needing payment soon as the company requires ½ of the money upfront and the rest after installation.

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### **Adjournment**

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The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.