

# MARCH PTO GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Rumsey Station PTO

3/2/2023 6:30 p.m. | Meeting called to order by President Jenny Gollehon

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## In Attendance

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Jenny Gollehon, Hannah Mumma, Veronica Rosman, Traci Nimmo, Karly Howard, Iby Dominguez, Erin Maloney, Sarah Conway, Beth Saule, Emily Litel-Smith, Kelina Moore, Marison Anderson, Mr. Pudenz, Principal Dan Kauk, Ana Funkhouser (by phone)

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## President Report

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President Jenny Gollehon called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Motion to approve the minutes from the January 2023 general meeting was seconded and approved.

In March of each year, the PTO elects board members for the upcoming school year. All positions were advertised ahead of the meeting. The nominations were seconded and unanimously approved by the PTO members in attendance. For the 2023-2024 school year, the following PTO members were elected for the following board positions:

**President:** Jenny Gollehon

**VP President:** Traci Nimmo

**Secretary:** Hannah Mumma

**Treasurer:** Erin Maloney

**Members-at-Large:** Ana Funkhouser, Karly Howard

The next item for discussion was fundraising plans for the 2023-2024 school year. For the past few years, the PTO's main fundraiser was a Fun Run event in the fall. The board is considering hiring a different company to help manage the event for this fall. The previous company, My Booster, organized and supplied most of the event including prizes, posters and messages for participants to post on social media to help get pledges. But they charge a large fee upfront.

The board is considering another company, Pledge Star, to help us manage a Fun Run next fall. Gollehon said Pledge Star is less expensive, but does not offer individual prizes or the social media aspect. Gollehon also mentioned that several teachers liked the idea of fewer individual prizes and more emphasis on working together as classrooms.

Gollehon and Treasurer Erin Maloney said the school may be able to keep an additional \$9,000 by using Pledge Star but it would require a lot more work from the PTO members and volunteers from the school. There would need to be specific roles for many of the volunteers and several people to organize the volunteers.

One PTO teacher said her older students thought the videos they watched each morning from My Booster were "cheesy." She said those students are more motivated by earning pizza or ice cream parties. Another PTO parent said she didn't pay attention to the Facebook propaganda and she its important to keep more of the money.

The PTO selected Pledge Star to organize the Rumsey Fun Run for 2023-2024.

The discussion then revolved around what the school needs that the PTO could fundraise for. Principal Kauk and PE teacher Pudenz mentioned the garden club is developing a plan to beautify the area around the school once the construction is complete. That plan may include a butterfly garden, a sunflower garden, planting trees and mulching areas around the building. Kauk said the neighbors around the school work hard to

maintain their yards and he would like to see the school try to compliment the neighborhood. Kauk said he would continue to brainstorm ideas to use the fundraising money next year.

Gollehon then moved on to discuss planning for Staff Appreciation Week, April 17-21. Ideas from teachers included coffee trucks, handwritten notes from kids and families, hand massages during the school day and a finding parent volunteers to take over lunch duty, recess and classrooms so teachers and staff can eat a special lunch together. Mrs. Gaule said she prefers when the students are involved in making or doing stuff for her. Gollehon also reminded everyone that kindergarten roundup is March 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

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### **Treasurer Report**

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Treasurer Maloney reported that the Rumsey Chef's Night Out continues to do well. So far, we have raised \$3,690 – far past the \$2,000 that was budgeted.

Maloney also said there is still \$1,980 in the line item for Staff Grants. She will extend the deadline for Staff Grant requests until the money runs out.

However, the PTO is over its budget for popcorn days by \$195. Maloney said the PTO needs to either go back to quarterly popcorn days or increase the budget for popcorn next year. Teachers said the kids do enjoy the monthly popcorn treats.

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### **New Business**

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At-Large-Member Traci Nimmo brought up plans for the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade end-of-year party. She said the kids tend to go somewhere as a group outside of school and teachers typically aren't involved. The PTO helps plan it and gives some money to fund it. President Gollehon asked Nimmo to find parents who want to plan it and pick a date.

The 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers were present to request funding for their annual trip to the zoo as part of their study unit on animal habitats. The students will meet with high school students, some of which are often Rumsey alumni, who are in the PLVS-Zoo academy program. Depending on the offering at the Lozier Theater, they also may see a movie. The price went up this year to \$9.50 per student and we have 60 students this year. The teachers requested \$822.

Maloney motioned to approve and Veronica Rosman seconded. The motion was approved.

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### **Principal's Report**

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Principal Kauk reported that the new finishing kitchen is up and running and the students are really excited. They get to use real trays and silverware. Kauk said they are average 40 more hot lunches a day than before the kitchen.

Construction continues on the building. Crews are now working on the new office area and it should hopefully be finished by the end of the school year.

The new electronic sign, which was paid for by PTO funds, should be shipped by March 16.

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### **Adjournment**

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The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.