

Galatas Elementary PTO
General Meeting
December 12th at 10am

- **Attendees:** Elizabeth Jones, Jessica Buono, Mirada Metrejean, Lily Jagtiam, Alex K, Judy Michelson, Megan Anzaldua, Christy Scharf, Terri Singer, Katie Leicht, Megan Thomas, Shauna Tysor, Kristina L, Elena Kambouris, Gabriela Willmore, Rena Taylor, Sabre Gaffikin, Laura Heeman, Candace Mathis, Cassie J., Katie Kegley, Meghan Sucher, Michelle Ladner, Denae Wilker
- **Sabre Gaffikin, President called the meeting to order at 10:01am, Second Meghan Sucher**
- **President's Report: Sabre Gaffikin**
 - **Thank you to Fall Fundraiser Team (Chrissy Finnegan, Jessica Buono, Megan Thomas) – Fall Fundraiser was a huge success, appreciate everyone's contribution of time, energy and donations! The Fun Run was awesome and everyone had a great time!**
 - **Thank you to Jan Cornelius and hospitality team for a fantastic Cookie Wonderland! The teachers look forward to this event all year! Also, shout out for organizing a delicious November Charcuterie Lunch for the Galatas Teachers and Staff.**
 - **VP-Membership Update**
 - **As discussed at last month's meeting, today we will be voting in a new VP-Membership since our original VP-Membership Julie Ditton has moved.**
 - **Sabre Gaffikin Motion to nominate Chrissy Finnegan for VP-Membership, Second Megan Thomas**
 - **Vote went to the General PTO meeting members, majority approved the nomination of Chrissy Finnegan, motion passed**
 - **Chrissy Finnegan will serve as the new VP-Member for the 2023-2024 school year**
 - **Bank Signer Updates – Julie Ditton**
 - **Sabre Gaffikin, Motion to Remove previous VP of Membership – Julie Ditton as bank signer, Second – Megan Anzaldua**
 - **Sabre Gaffikin, Motion to add Chrissy Finnegan as Bank Signer, second Jessica Buono – went to a vote, majority of PTO general member in attendance approved, motion passed**

- **Principal's Report: Mrs. Wilker**
 - Thank you to Jan C and Hospitality team for fantastic Cookie Wonderland and November luncheon!
 - Thank you to our Fall Fundraiser team! The Fall Fundraiser was a great success and it was wonderful to see so many people come out to support our Greyhounds during their fun run!
 - 4th grade choir program was amazing! Great parent and family turnout. Seeing our top dogs lead the whole school in Holiday songs was really special!
 - Reminder, Friday December 15th is Polar Express and early dismiss day.
 - Generation Texas – we had good student participation and fun themes.
 - Thank you to our student council members for continuing to give back to our community! In November, they helped support a food drive for Interfaith and in December they helped encourage toy donations for the CISD toy drive.
 - Lots of activities coming up in January, including Newcomer coffee, Science Fair, 3rd Graders Sound of Music Field Trip, and an Author Visit on January 22nd for 3rd and 4th grade.
 - Reminder there is an update to the CISD cell phone policy which requires smart watches need to be turned off during the day.

- **Treasurer's Report: Mirada Metrejean**
 - Deposits
 - Jersey Mikes Spirit Night
 - Fall Fundraiser
 - Expenses
 - Skate Week
 - 4th grade charter buses
 - Holiday Gifts

- **Committee Reports**
 - Science Fair Update – Judy Michelson
 - Is your Greyhound interested in participating in the science fair? Please submit your interest form by Friday, December 15th. Projects do not have to be turned in until Tuesday, January 16th. If you have questions please email Judy at programs@galataspto.com

- **Sabre Gaffikin motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:14 am, Second Megan Anzaldua**

- **Upcoming events:**
 - **December 12th – Learning Express Spirit Day**
 - **December 15th – Polar Express Day and Early Dismissal**
 - **January 3rd – Students Back to School**
 - **January 9th – PTO General Meeting at 10am**
 - **January 11th – Newcomer Coffee**
 - **January 18th – Science Fair 5-7pm**