



**Galatas Elementary PTO, General Meeting
December 10, 2024 at 10 AM**

Attendees: Nicole Serafini, Lindsay Guier, Cassie Jezriski, Jessica Buono, Christy Scharf, Terri Singer, Denae Wilker, Alex Kabli, Karla Letness, Pamela Molina, Ellen Bricker, Yi Burnley, Catharine Lyons, Maria Caire, Dawn Wright, Candace Mathis, Natalie Weber, Jordan Daniel, Andrea Diaz, Juan Villarreal, Katie Donovan, Melissa Niland, Monica Leon, Jan Cornelius, Juli Mills, Elizabeth Jones.

Megan Anzaldua, President, called meeting to order at 10:04 AM. Second: Jan Cornelius.

● **President's Report: Megan Andalzua**

- Reminder - PTO Related information posted on: galataspto.com and social media
- Thank you for everything in November, we cannot do everything we do without the volunteers!
- Thank yous
 - Movie Night & Bake Sale - Angelina Albert and Anne Rodriguez thank you!
 - Fall Fundraiser - Such a success, thank you! Kacie Stehling, Jordan Daniel and Jessica Buono. Raised almost ~\$39K.
 - Room Parents and Rachel Harter (room parent coordinator) - thank you! Hallways look amazing and for sending out all the emails/reminders.
 - Rena Taylor - poinsettias and the grounds look great
 - Jan Cornelius - Learning Express tomorrow the 11th - 20%.
 - Lindsay Guier and Joy Dernick - hospitality and the luncheons

● **Principal's Report: Mrs. Wilker**

- So many things to be thankful for on our campus, and the extensions that we can provide to support the learning environment because of our PTO and volunteers. Thank you:
 - Fall Fundraiser, Movie Night, PTO Luncheons
- Glowing Greyhound recognition - so fun to recognize and celebrate the students
- Early release on the 20th dismissal at 11:55 AM
- Highlights for January:
 - 7th - First day back
 - 16th - Newcomer coffee
 - 23rd - Science fair
 - Western art show

- Current enrollment 800, Attendance - 96.9% goal is to be over 97%.

- **Treasurer's Report: Terri Singer**

- Monthly reminder - expenses, please have them approved before you spend the money and then submit for reimbursements through the website. We do NOT reimburse sales tax.
- November
 - Income
 - Russo's spirit night, Fall Fundraiser, Bake Sale, Memberships, Yard Signs, Donations for luncheons, watchdog shirt
 - Expenditures
 - Copier maintenance, Paypal fees (yard signs + memberships), Tax prep fee, Beautification, Sponsoring the author visit for 3rd and 4th grade - looks like we went over budget and we rolled over money from last year so we are good, Fall fundraiser, Teacher luncheon
 - Statement of Activity
 - Snapshot of all the expenses and income this year so far

- **Committee Reports**

- **Programs - Judy Michelson**

- Science Fair Projects - coming up, submission forms due 12/20
 - Projects due 1/21, Judging on 1/22, open house 1/23
 - Only 13 students signed up right now
- QUESTIONS/COMMENTS
 - Elizabeth Jones - current 7th grader expanding on an old project from 4th grade science fair. Could save you time in the future.
 - Alex Kabli - Partners for science fair? No, individual only.

- **Spirit Nights - Jan Cornelius**

- December 11th - Learning Express Toys Shopping Event (20%)
 - In store and Online as well - put in your order (notes/comments) add Galatas Elementary.
- Dave & Busters - Now thru January 1st (50%)

- Beauty and PNO (Cypress Academy) coming up in January

- **Springetti - Elizabeth Jones**
 - March 28th @ 5 - 8 PM
 - Theme: Rodeo
 - Go Texan Day
 - For every \$20 raised = 1 second on the bull. Goal per class is 8 seconds
 - Volunteer Opportunities
 - 2 assistant chairs
 - Graphic design and T-shirts
 - Social Media - planning out socials posts and can be scheduled in advance
 - Entertainment - bounce houses, popcorn vending machines, etc. & day of - making sure that things are where they are supposed to be
 - Games - games and prizes
 - Store - cotton candy, slap bracelets, prizes, items, setting up/restocking
 - Decoration committee
 - Dinner Committee - Russo's for pizza, etc.
 - Ticketing - communications for people to send out to order tickets, bundles and sent out correctly
 - Signage and Posters - putting up the signs that provide directions + sponsor signs
 - Prize Walk - collect items, volunteer shifts
 - Grade Level Art for Auction - each grade level submits artworks that is done by their entire grade (tray mosaic tiles, corn hole, etc.) coordinate with the teachers to complete
 - Volunteer Coordinator - Gabby Willmore. Volunteers from high schools and other clubs/organizations. She needs help to make sure all places are covered. (We feed our volunteers).
 - Games for the Raffle. If you see any good sales right after Christmas feel free to donate and/or let us know about them. Thanks!

- **Yearbook - Christy Scharf**
 - Price will increase right after Christmas
 - Top Dog baby pictures - due by 12/13

- QUESTIONS/COMMENTS?
 - Jan Cornelius: is the Top Dog Picture separate from the Ad? Ad is separate from Top Dog Picture
 - Ad is not due at the same time, you can go back in and complete it
 - Not sure if you ordered? Email me and we can confirm
- Yearbook only guaranteed if ordered by the end of January.
- If you are interested in being on the yearbook committee please reach out.

- **Hospitality - Lindsay Guier & Joy Dernick**
 - Cookie Wonderland 12/19, sign up is available now.
 - Hot cocoa and coffee - Jan Cornelius is providing, thank you!
 - Clean up - will need volunteers
 - Drop off on the porch that morning or can be dropped off in car line
 - QUESTIONS:
 - Karla Letness - Bake or Buy? Either.
 - Christy Scharf - Individually wrapped? No, not necessary

- **New Business**

Meeting adjourned by Megan Andalzua at 10:48 AM. Second: Jessica Buono.

- **Upcoming Events**
 - **December**
 - 11 - Learning Express Toys Shopping Events
 - 18 - Holiday parties: K, 2, & 3
 - 19 - Cookie Wonderland
 - 19 - Holiday parties: 1, 4
 - 20 - Polar Express Day (Students wear PJs)
 - 20 - Early Release Day, End of Nine Weeks- 11:55 a.m.
 - Dec 23 - Jan 6 - Winter Break
 - **January**
 - 7 - Classes Resume
 - 7 - Beauty Spirit Day at Next Level Beauty Bar
 - **14 - PTO Meeting @ 10 AM**