Galatas PTO General Meeting
September 13, 2016 10:00 a.m.

A Galatas PTO General Meeting was held on Tuesday, September 13, 2016, in the Activity Room, at Galatas Elementary School. A quorum of voting members was present.

Attendees: Lisa Doornik, Patti Kimmel, Reenie Depoy, Katy Clarke, Brandy Damico, Heather Weis, Nicole Wiggins, Kristen Miller, Amanda Ardill, Robyn Schapiro, Sondra Lagasse, Jaynee Keating, Allie Christopher, Andrea Rochin, Tiffany Nutt, Lesley Work, Catherine Preddy, Emily Holtgrieve, Alice Hynes, Amy Brown, Chris Outten, Valerie Tarbouriech, Laura Waldron, Jen Reitzer, Julie Lile, Amy Raper, Laura Lea Palmer, Susan Hutchins, Chris Walt, Adriana Kamura, Doreen Rosenstrauch, Ock Ryun Hur, Christina Davis, Meredith Sipko, Jasmina Incekara Kellici, Josh Weiser, Presha Carr, Tara Wheeler, Norma Sanchez, Julia Belforti, Julia Miller, Angie Kelly, Sheryl Brandt, Missie Hill, Judy Michelson, Kris Smith, Natalya Buberl-Narvaez, Sivakunjari Kannan, Helena Wollard, Joseph Norman, Kirsten York, Cis de Boer, Romney Haas, Denae Wilker, Deepa Chidamber, Becky Barton, Nicola Baranowski, Monique Langer, Jessica Cribbs, Candace Mathis, Meagan Smith, Larisa Olson, Sabrina Brough, Noelle Jahnke, Ana Lanni, and Kendrick Skipper.

President's Report

- Heather Weis introduced parliamentarian, Brandy Damico, who discussed parliamentary procedures. The PTO uses Roberts Rules of Order. All board members must be PTO members.
- Heather asked for a motion to approve the May 3, 2016 minutes.

Chris Outten moved to approve the May 3, 2016 minutes. Patti Kimmel seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

- Heather mentioned Coach Anderson was in need of a portable CD player for PE.

Amy Brown moved to approve $120 for a portable CD player system for PE. Kirsten York seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

- Heather discussed the Front Office/PTO Procedures, the Facilities Request Form, and decorating protocol.
- She thanked Presha Carr for handling school supplies before school. She thanked Julie Miller and Christina Davis for the hospitality events.
- Heather expressed a need for new volunteers to shadow the number of graduating board members.

Principal's Report

- Mrs. Wilker said they've had a smooth start to the school year thanks to volunteers with school supplies, spirit wear samples, and school tours during orientation.
- She thanked Hospitality for the great breakfast before school started.
- She presented incentive ideas for Boosterthon. Those include new signage along hallways for $2,500, iPad cart for $11,000/$18,000 (incentive/regular prices), or buy 1 get 1 free Chrome carts for $8,000.
- Mrs. Wilker introduced 4th grade teacher, Mrs. Kris Smith, the teacher rep for the PTO. She'll report to the staff what she hears.
- Mrs. Wilker discussed the Garden Club run by Mrs. Martin. Forms are due Sept. 16. The garden was built due to a Whole Foods grant last year. Students can learn about growing and maintaining the garden. All classes will have access for a variety of lessons. Parent volunteers are also needed.

Treasurer's Report

- Jen Reitzer discussed treasury procedures for reimbursement and deposits.
- She asked committee chairs to monitor their budgets each month.
- The current bank balance is $47,450.04.

Committee Reports:

Beautification

- Sabrina Brough mentioned a project presented by Cub Scout Troup 1774. They'd like to stain benches in the front and put a plaque.
- She also mentioned that Martin's Landscaping has provided a lot of inexpensive help with Beautification projects.

Box Tops

- Romney Haas and Missy Hill said the first collection date will be September 30 and the travelling trophy will be presented to the winning class.
- They also mentioned the HEB Bonus Box Tops promotion was going on now.

Directory

- Julia Belforti said the directory should go to print next week and that the cover was done.

Fundraising

- Meredith Sipko, VP of Fundraising, discussed Corporate Sponsors and the items they are sponsoring.
    - Chick Fil A – PE, Dr. Wheeler – Accelerated Reader, Dr. Andersen – Mathletics, Dr. Wagner – Art, Dr. Hunter – Raz Kids
- Reenie Depoy discussed the Boosterthon Fun Run. A meeting will be coming soon and volunteers are needed. A give back program will be announced next month. The pep rally is November 7 with the run on November 17.
- Kirsten York and Patti Kimmel mentioned the Springetti meeting to follow the PTO meeting. Springetti will be on April 7.

Health & Safety

- Alice Hynes and Allie Christopher announced Walk to School Day will be October 4. Volunteers are needed for Chalk the Walk the day before and then again the morning of to cover intersections and at school. The Chick Fil A cow and The Township mascot will be there.

Membership

- Dr. Doreen Rosenstrauch, VP of Membership, gave an update on the Membership and Friends of Galatas campaign. $19,375 has been made for both, but also includes some directory ads.
- She asked to raise her membership budget to cover the costs of the FOG gifts.

Jen Reitzer moved to approve $300 in additional funds for purchase of the Friends of Galatas gifts. Becky Barton seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

- The board discussed grade level incentives, which will be addressed next month if needed.

PALS

- Robyn Schapiro thanked all the volunteers who helped with Kindergarten lunch.
- Room parents have been selected and will attend the Room Parent Meeting on September 16.
- Committee chairs will get a list of volunteers, but it's not too late to volunteer online.
- Volunteers are need to help the nurse on Friday, September 16.

Programs

- Kristen Miller and Becky Barton talked about Reading Week coming up October 10-14. They are meeting at 1:30 today to discuss volunteer opportunities.
- Reading Week will be pirate themed and daily themes will center around that. Bedtime Story Night will have Mainstreet Theatre presenting "Duck for President".
- The book collection drive will benefit a Louisiana librarian collecting books for libraries who lost everything during the summer floods.

Special Events

- Tara Wheeler and Meredith Sipko thanked Chick Fil A for their donation to the Boo Hoo Breakfast.
- Movie night will be on November 11 and will be a "Seustastical" movie which will include a bake sale.
- The Newcomer's Coffee will be October 18 and is for new parents to learn more about the school.

Spirit Nights

- Amy Raper mentioned the Nestle Cookie flyer was in the Gazette. They give 5% back to Galatas with each order.
- The first spirit night will be Crust Pizza on September 27. They will give back 15% all day and is good at both Alden Bridge and Panther Creek locations.

New Business

- Brandy Damico said that spirit wear sales will end September 16 at midnight. Top Dog and Kindergarten yearbook pictures will be October 7 and students wear their spirit wear shirts. Water bottles will be available for a donation when orders are picked up. They are also looking at new magnet/cling ideas soon.
- Chris Outten is looking for a volunteer to do 2nd grade Buy and Fly.
- Sheryl Brandt, the Lost & Found chair, asked parents to label children's items. Any unclaimed items will be donated every 3 months.
- A parent requested the New Parent Coffee to be more social based on her experience last year.
- Another parent brought up the issue of recess length. This lead to a discussion regarding school policy and the limitations the PTO has regarding those types of issues. The school is often bound by state and district policy. Any issues should be discussed with Mrs. Wilker.
- Mrs. Wilker also addressed concerns regarding a recent severe weather dismissal. Policy also dictates that type of dismissal and modes of communication to parents. Communication may have been an issue with residents of Hayden's Run and was a concern to parents.

Our next board meeting will be held **Tuesday, October 11, 2016** at **10:00 a.m.** in the PTO room.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Doornik, Galatas PTO Secretary