

**Waltrip High School PTO
General Meeting Minutes - DRAFT
Tuesday, February 18th, 2026 6pm
Waltrip High School Library**

Called to order at 6:12 by Michelle Schoene, President

Attendees: See attached list. Quorum established.

Review of Minutes – November 2025 and January 2026.

- Erin Field makes motion to approve both minutes as presented. Second by Rachel Riebling. Minutes approved as presented.

1st Vice President's Report - Rachel Riebeling

- GOMM asking for Volunteer swap for their fundraising gala this Friday 2/20. Shared signup. If we can provide some volunteers for their event, they'll do the same for DJ Bingo.
- Seeking volunteers for nominating committee. Contact Rachel if interested. Elections will be held during May meeting.
- Mr. Gray is interested in offering a practice AP session on 4/11. Question about whether there are any conflicts – Band UIL, Project Prom, Softball, Baseball).
- Mentioned possibility of Waltrip participating in ODC opening day parade on 3/21.
- Confirmed picture day on March 23-24 during social studies class.

2nd V.P. of Fundraising - Carrie Jaeger, no report.

Treasurer's Report

Presented budget; current account balance \$138,828.17. Suggestion to keep record of money raised for classes – save receipts, take photos of submissions to the school. Question about Adjustments in Snack Shack Income and Expenses. Michelle to review and confirm.

Committee Reports:

- **Membership** - Yanira Dudley, not present.
 - o Michelle shared - Yanira still working on getting merch owed to Members.
- **Events** - Amy Roe-Soliz, not present.
 - o Carrie Jaeger shared DJ Bingo update. Seeking wine for wine pull and auction donations. Encouraged everyone to buy tickets and sponsorships. Ms. Patty presented quilt that will be donated for auction.
- **Staff Appreciation** – Suzy D'Souza not present.
 - o Michelle Schoene presented. Next snack cart will be on 3/20. If elevator still broken will set up in the library like last time and take baskets up to teachers who are unable to come down.
- **School Store** – Megan Rasmussen
 - o Requested more volunteers. Please sign up via SignUp Genius.

- **Student Culture** – Rachel Reibling
 - o Next Ram Fest 2/27 – Go Texan Day. Petting zoo, mechanical bull, DJ, photo booth. Last Ram Fest of the year in April – One Love, One Community.
 - o African American Cultures – 2/24, 3-4pm – Mr. Grey having Gatlins in for African American Cultures class. During 5th/10th period additional community leaders will join in auditorium to talk to students about how to set themselves up for success upon graduation.
 - o Talent Show, Black History Month – 2/27, 3-4pm. Mr. Grey organizing – one act play, spoken word performance, step show.
- **Parent Engagement** – Rachel Reibling
 - o 14 students attended info meeting; getting \$10 gift cards for Handels.
- **Teacher Grants** – Megan Rasmussen
 - o 9 total received. Algebra, flag poles for color guard, art car/bike, theater, class set of books, fetal pigs. Total spend between \$3,600-3,700.
 - o Question about whether there is still money in grant budget for boys volleyball request; coach is new and unaware of grant program.
- **Scholarship** – Susie Molina
 - o Would like to get more applications.
 - o Suggestions for people to share on personal social media; request senior-level teachers to communicate; put signage around school (including school store); make sure CCMR group is aware
 - o Working with Mr. Martinez (Rogelio) on date for reception
- **Community Partners** – Erin Field
 - o Introduced Marshall with Class 101; new Community Partner
- **Capital Improvement/Campus Beautification** - Angelica Sullivan, not present
- **Legislative Liaison** - Jennifer Perry, not present
- **Teacher Liaison** - Stephanie “Spoony” Witherspoon, not present
- **Class of 2026** - Melanie Barr Fitzpatrick
 - o Climb Capuchin Spirit Night 2/27. Portion of the proceeds back to 2026.
- **Class of 2027** – Brooke Persyn
 - o Successful talent show
- **Class of 2028** – Tracey Rios, no report
- **Class of 2029** – Dana Gallegos
 - o Mr. Martinez (Mario) officially named as class sponsor; met today after school to discuss Ram Fest participation.

Unfinished and New business:

- Class of 2026 Decisions IG page set up; google form set up to collect information
- Suggestion to spend money to promote senior decisions. Ideas – pop up banners with school logos, photo frame, elevate signing night, banner for senior clap outs.
- Decision to form committee; contact Michelle if interested

Adjournment – 7:09pm

Secretary, Michelle Kelley, absent. Minutes taken by Angie Gunden.