

**Waltrip High School PTO**  
**DRAFT General Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, January 20th, 2026 - 6pm**  
**Waltrip High School Library**

- I. **Welcome:** Meeting called to order at 6:10
- II. **President's Report** - Michelle Schoene welcomed everyone to first meeting of the year.
  - A. Meetings from the November meeting were not available and will be approved at the next general meeting.
  - B. Community request for Art Department: Mr. Pinkston needs help with work on a golf cart as part of the Art Car Parade.
- III. **1st V.P. of School Enrichment** - Rachel Riebeling: no updates
- IV. **2nd V.P. of Fundraising** - Carrie Jaeger stated she would provide info as necessary as the meeting progressed
- V. **Treasurer and Treasurer-Elect** - Maritza Ortega-Harris (not present):
  - A. Budget update: budget was presented.
- VI. **Committee Reports:**
  - A. **Membership** - Yanira Dudley (not present)
  - B. **Events** - Amy Roe-Soliz,
    - 1. DJ Bingo - March 28th, 2026 - need gift card donations. The Qtego auction platform is up and ready to sell tickets, they are finalizing DJ and event time. Carrie provided copies of the donation request form—please share with local businesses. Tables can be bought separately or as part of sponsorship.
  - C. **Staff Appreciation** - Suzy D'Souza (not present): They had a snack table in the library since the elevator is still broken. Not everyone got snacks, unfortunately.
    - 1. Snack cart 2/9/26, (date may change), please contact Suzy to volunteer.
  - D. **School Store** - currently closed, making adjustments TBD. Principal Randall says we can reopen possibly next week.
  - E. **Student Culture** -
    - 1. Upcoming Ram Fest Dates: 2/4 Black History Month (Maritza Ortega-Harris & Michele Kelley working with Mr. Gray), 2/27 Go Texan Day, (Usual activities, all booked and ready to go, will have DJ), 4/29 One Love, One Community (More details coming soon).
    - 2. "Lock'd In" has been tabled until next year, line item remains in budget. Start planning earlier next year.
  - F. **Parent Engagement** - Rachel Riebeling
    - 1. Waltrip Recruitment / Info Session date scheduled for Thursday 1/22/26 @ Ashley Clark's home. Teachers/Students, 25 signed up at this time.
  - G. **Educational Support** - Megan Rasmussen,
    - 1. The spring grant deadline is January 23rd with notifications by February 2. No applications as of this afternoon.
  - H. **Scholarship** - Susie Molina,

1. Applications are out - deadline is Sunday, March 1st at 10pm. Ten being awarded. Spread the word. Website has an info page.

I. **Communications** - Angie Gunden: no updates

J. **Community Partners** - Erin Field: Carrie spoke for Erin: LaViva spirt night tomorrow.

1. Sponsor banners are in place on 34th near the tennis courts.

K. **Capital Improvement/Campus Beautification - Angelica Not present** Water bottle fillers are in!

L. **Legislative Liaison** - Jennifer Perry (Not present)

M. **Teacher Liaison** - Spooky Witherspoon

N. **Class of 2026** - Melanie Barr Fitzpatrick: setting up a Rock Climbing night at Climb Capuchin

O. **Class of 2027** - Brooke Persyn: Talent show Jan. 30th @7:00 Tickets sold @ door

P. **Class of 2028** - Tracey Rios: no updates

Q. **Class of 2029** - Dana Gallegos: not present

#### VII. **Unfinished and New Business**

A. Voting on making 3/28 (DJ Bingo Fundraiser) a tax free day for our 501(c)(3) Carrie explained that basket sales with taxable items would otherwise have to be reported. Carrie Jaeger made a motion to make March 28, 2026 as one of our designated Tax Free Days, Stephanie Witherspoon seconded. Vote passed by a majority of members.

B. Patty Newby (Waltrip Alumni Association) presenting gift to Mrs. Randall. She recognized the work and passion of Dr. John Enlow who passed away last year and presented a copy of the original fight song to hang in the office. She also presented a painting by Francis Ryan Scott, Class of 1975.

#### VIII. **Closes at 6:44 PM**