



Thomas Jefferson Raider Parent Movement
Supporting the 4As at Thomas Jefferson High School

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TJRPM General Meeting
Monday, September 16, 2024, TJHS Culinary Room

Meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm

Principal's Report: Assistant Principal T.J. Young noted the school year is starting well. The Open House had several families in attendance. The freshman are having a seamless transition to high school. The leadership students put on the first all school assembly with lots of energy and excitement. Advisory circles have covered school-wide expectations. Overall, there is a feeling of a school-wide community. The baseball field has been completed and the softball field is close to completion.

Secretary Report: Secretary, Sonja Kropp presented the minutes from the general meeting on May 14, 2024. No modification, or changes were heard. A motion was made to approve as presented, second received and all were in favor of approving the minutes for filing.

Treasurer's Report: Carina Cline, Treasurer, noted that administration expenses are up 3% year-over-year (YOY) due to timing; renewed some items early to be ahead. This will level out next year when YOY comparison if renewed in the same timeframe. RPM's fund balance is \$29,194 (19%) and the designated group balance is \$127,923 (81%). Membership goal is \$1,000, to date we are at \$728. Auction revenue is the biggest portion of the budget for funds raised; last year the event grossed just over \$65,000.

Committees Report: Mr. V noted the homecoming football game is October 25th. We need a committee to decorate the stadium. The committee can access the stadium to start decorating at 12pm the day of the game. If you expressed interest in helping, Coley sent an email with more details and information.

Staff Appreciation: Is the first full week in May, the 5th through the 9th. RPM will be organizing a committee to plan and deliver a day of activities on Thursday, May 8th beginning with the Coffee Bar Delivery to staff at 7 am. This is reserved and paid for already. The committee will determine what the remainder of the day looks like and what we want to do in order to show our appreciation of all staff. You will be contacted if you expressed interest in this area.

Social media/Marketing: This is a new committee, led by Chair, Reagan Baas and she will be reaching out to those who expressed interest to set up committee meetings and plans. They will work on community reach through the social platforms utilizing our Facebook page and newly created, Instagram site. Be sure to follow each to stay up to date.

Board Development: This is a new focus area and committee that needs to be formed. This committee will work on growing the RPM board, expanding their reach, and working in collaboration with other groups such as Federal Way Rotary. The other focus is reaching TJ Alumni in the area and building connection to RPM as a "give back" and personal growth development.

Auction: Tom Norris noted that this year's auction is the 21st Annual Auction, held on Saturday, March 8th - 5pm at Green River College. Tickets are on sale now for \$60 per person and includes Auction, Dinner, no-host bar, and Trivia Entertainment. There will be a drawing for early ticket sales of \$100 Amazon Card and \$50 Red Robin card; the earlier you get your ticket, the more chances you have to win! The theme again this year is "It's a Great Day to be a Raider". The auction committee has some vacant positions for needs such as: table decorations and auction basket organization on the night of the event.

Grad Night Senior Party:

The following motion was put forth to engage a Senior Class Grad Celebration Committee led by a Chair with a preference to also include a Co-Chair. This committee would be responsible for building the committee to no less than 10 members, Chair/Co-Chair not included. The committee would establish: 1) Budget 2) Plan 3) Committee Roles/Leads and 4) Timeline. When all these items come together, and the Board of Directors reviews and approves; RPM would move forward engaging in a contract with a professional company to orchestrate an All-Night Grad Night Party. In the event, these are not all able to be met or within an approved timeframe by professional company, the committee would have permission to treat Class of 2025 as a building year (or highbred year) using the already allocated funds in the RPM account for a lesser risk/obligation, still requiring Board approval.

Discussion was had among attendees and members. Mr. Decker made mention that the Senior Grad Night Party went away well before Covid primarily because grads/students could not afford the cost of the ticket. Other discussion on what does the Seniors want, are they interested? Coley V. reminded the attendees of RPM that the school cannot cross over with help on this, meaning it needs to be an entirely RPM driven venture, otherwise, all students would be able to go regardless of the ability to pay and the liability would sit to cover all the costs with RPM.

A second was received on the motion and all were in favor to move forward with the motion as presented.

At-Large Member, Amy Belcourt was nominated for the Executive Board. Motion made to approve her nomination, seconded and all were in favor.

Before concluding the meeting, Co-President Justin Baas called for the Executive Officers to introduce themselves for the attendees in the room.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.