



Thomas Jefferson Raider Parent Movement
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TJ RPM General Meeting
Monday, January 13, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm

RPM President Tara Zuehl opened the meeting with a quick recap of the 2024/25 goals for RPM. **Growth** - TJHS community, family and advisors, **Raise** - funds to drive our mission, **Awareness** - who we are and why we exist and **Active** - 80% active status (attend 4 of the 5 meetings a year). Changes to RPM, Transparency - Balance sheets, Statement of Activities, Meeting Minutes and Governing By-laws are posted to www.TJRPM.org after each meeting.

Secretary Report: Secretary Sonja Kropp presented the minutes from the general meeting on November 18, 2024. No modifications or changes were heard. A motion was made to approve as presented, the second received and all were in favor of approving the minutes for filing.

Principal's Report: Assistant Principal T. J. Young noted the new tardy policy has shown improvements in the hallways. Lunch detention is issued if students are in the hallway during sweeps and/or have three classroom tardies. The late work deadline is January 15th. The end of semester is January 31st and there is no school on February 3rd. The new sports banners are hung up in the gym. This was the Principal's Choice from last year's auction. There will be pictures coming to RPM.

RPM Survey Results: Report of survey results was given. See the following slides at the end of the minutes.

Resource Library: RPM is looking to build a resource library with items for clubs and sports to check out. Currently there is a weather resistant 6'x3' Senior banner, two balloon towers and a backdrop. Looking for ideas on other items that would benefit these groups. If interested in reserving items, it will be a check-in/check-out system. Please e-mail RPM@TJRPM.org with a date and items needed.

Sports Report: Athletic Director Courtney McCurry noted that winter sports are doing well. Bowling is undefeated, gymnastics only has one loss, boys swim has one win, a loss and a tie, girls' basketball is 7-5, boys and girls wrestling is doing well and have had several top placers in tournaments, boys basketball is working hard and keeping positive attitudes and girls flag football have two wins on the season so far. Samyia Gildon from girls bowling was recognized as a WIAA Athlete of the Week. Work on the baseball and softball fields are wrapping up and should be ready for use this year. Spring sports begin March 3rd.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Carina Cline, noted that the money market account has made \$1100 in interest so far. Auction tickets sales are still coming in, the goal is \$2100 in ticket sales. Member Laura Wales made a request for the balance sheet to include prior month balance along with prior year over year. Tara said she would try to adjust the report within Quickbooks to accommodate and if unable to figure it out, will reach out to Laura to assist.

Grant Request: Coach Townsend spoke about the grant request submitted for bowling. The team is asking for \$500 in a grant to help them cover the cost of travel and expenses related to competing at the national bowling

tournament in Fort Wayne, Indiana this June. This is an amazing opportunity for the team to be invited and will have college scouts there with possible scholarships for the girls. A motion was made to approve the \$500 grant request, a second was heard and all were in favor of approving the grant.

Committee Reports: Currently looking to fill several positions. The FW Rotary Club lead, this person should have an interest in board development and will sit on the FW Rotary as well. Staff Appreciation lead, this person would plan/organize ways to celebrate TJ staff. May 8th will be staff appreciation day. Scholarship lead, this person will coordinate with school staff to award scholarships to students. Social media chair Raegan Baas is still looking to expand the team. She would like to increase interaction with sports and clubs. Facebook numbers are not doing too well, but Instagram continues to gain momentum having 7000 views and 125 interactions.

Auction: The auction is to be held at Green River Community College on March 8, 2025. Last year the auction raised approximately \$65,000. Already have 68 ticket sales, hoping to reach 250. Auction package deadline is February 8, 2025. If you have auction items they can be brought to Green River College on March 8, 2025, at 10 a.m. This year will have a "Fund a Need" instead of the Principal's Choice. www.tjrpm.org/auction

Senior Grad Night: Amanda Threlkeld and Ashlee Lopez spoke about starting up a Senior Grad Night celebration again. They have a committee of seven so far but need at least ten members. They sent a poll out to students to gauge interest and are discussing fundraising/promotion ideas. They are hoping to keep the cost out of pocket to around \$125 per student. If anyone is interested in being a part of the committee, please contact Amanda or Ashlee. Both expressed that they are near but have not acquired the 10 members to move forward with signing the contract with the Grad Night Company to lock in the plan for 2025.

Member, Jon Becker, inquired why the need to meet 10 members before signing the contract to move forward. President, Tara Zuehl explained that the Board of Directors established guidelines that needed to be met to sign off on such a commitment that puts RPM General Funds at risk of depleting the reserves if not successful. The Board also desired to have good faith commitment to make a program that is sustainable for future graduating classes. With the magnitude of the commitment, we felt it was a fair expectation to require.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.