

**Starside Elementary PTA**  
**January 10, 2023 | 6pm**  
**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

**PTA Board Members:** Kim Manson (President), Caroline Friday (VP) (absent), Chelsea Cole (Treasurer), Kelsey Zabel (Secretary)

**Starside Elementary Leadership:** Jan Hicks (Principal), McKenzie Mispagal

Kim opened the meeting and held introductions for all in attendance. Kelsey, asked for review of the November meeting minutes. There was no review or discussion and there was a motion for approval.

**Principal's Report** - Jan thanked the PTA for covering the cost of the SMORE for Starside after a really high increase. Conferences are coming up in February and will be student led. They will be offered in-person and Zoom and noted that Zoom meetings will be trickier to do a student-led conference but can be managed. She also discussed that the Family Night and traditional bingo night (last held pre-Covid) will be combined together this year in partnership with the PTA. Jan also shared that Kindergarten Roundup has been scheduled for March 9th.

**Treasurer Report** – Chelsea explained some lingering expenses still coming in for finishing out WAT as well as Amazon gift cards for all staff over the holidays. And noted that the SMORE expense was incredibly high even though more had been budgeted for it this year. The switch from Venmo from PayPal is still a work in progress as well as it is timely from a back-end standpoint to switch over. She is hoping that it would be up and running on the day of the Glow Party. Discussion was held as well about Amazon Smile donations and that we finally are reviewing those donations now! Great job Chelsea! There were several good questions from the attendees about Amazon Smile and it was suggested that Caroline share Smile info to our social accounts again.

**Committee Reports** – Restaurant night well and the chili/cinnamon rolls sold really well. Chris' Cakes decided to provide 100% of proceeds back to Starside for the night which was extremely generous.

Reflections only had one student enter the PTA contest this year which was a kindergartner.

The skate party is scheduled for Thursday, January 19th at the Shawnee skate center.

Glow Dance party which raises money for the Specials teachers is right on track and this year's glow items are sunglasses or a snowflake headband. The cost of these for the students increased from \$10 to \$12.

Valentine's parties room parent meetings were held following the general meeting.

KJ's pizza will be provided to the teachers for the staff meal during conferences.

Spiritwear is going to do another round this spring and potentially only offer the "rainbow" option and the Board will consider order some stock of all and sell at events in the future.

**Other Business** – Kim shared that the Thanksgiving treat this year were Sonic treats and cookies and they were received quite well.

Kelsey shared that the staff grant application will be shared this week for teacher grants and decisions on applications will be held in February.

Discussion was held about Family night in regards to Bingo night and having some raffle baskets available for fundraising. Parent, Kayla Greene, offered to take the lead on raffle baskets as she has connections in

the wedding arena for donations.

Kim shared information about committee and Board vacancies for the following year which will be voted on at the April meeting.

The Board should consider adding a “card your yard” event as a fundraiser and it was suggested to be a “Meteor Shower” since we are the STarside Comets as well as a dance bring your favorite human event.

A social event was held at El Patron following this meeting.

Meeting minutes by Kelsey Zabel, Secretary.

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