

South Anchorage High School PTSO  
General Membership Meeting  
February 5, 2025  
Raven's Ring Brewing  
Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Dr. Almon, Landon and Amber Forth, Kim Leary, Jennifer Wagner, Jyll Green, Courtney Luff and daughter, Jennifer Torpey, Dane Senaga, Ethan Saipon, Cristy Jenssen, Tara Devlin (teacher), Nikki Marshall and her husband, Rex John (co president of Thrive), Isabella Gonzalez (co president of Thrive), Andre Gonzolez (father).

Apologies: Jayme Carr, Lora Huston

1. *Call to order*- 6:02 Jyll Green, second by Amber Forth

2. *Approval of Minutes*

- a. Approve January meeting minutes. Motion to approve: Dr. Almon Second: Jennifer Torpey

3. *Principal's Report*

- a. Congratulations to Rylan Forth who has 8 nominations to military academies.
- b. Civic leadership program project recently highlighted in the ADN on providing feminine hygiene products in the middle and high schools.
- c. Budget is not good. Specifically for South there will be 6.4 teachers displaced, and 1 counselor (Tor Christopherson) cut from the budget. Dr. Almon thinks this will be mostly by attrition and Tor will be absorbed at another school. Class sizes will get larger on average. There may be some classes with an excess of 40 students. Rooms are not built for more than 42 students per room. Dr. Almon thinks this will not be the final number. Education is a top priority down in Juneau right now. Dr. Almon gave testimony to the house committee. He has a written copy of his testimony for us if we want to model our own letters to our representatives. Everyone agrees that our school education is at break point. The school board does not have the power to fix the budget deficit. He states the board was hammered for 3 hours last night. There is a 3<sup>rd</sup> school board meeting in February to finalize the budget. They are working to meet the March 1 deadline as layoffs will have to occur. Dr. Almon is dismayed at the governor's support for charter and home schooling and moving a large share of the school funding to those programs. Discussion about virtual classes and how this model fails students.

4. *Teacher Representative Report*—

- a. Tara Devlin presents on a club Thrive that moves from middle school to high school and is asking for \$1500 for snacks and supplies to help create a culture of community and a sense of belonging. She is thankful for PTSO prior support for snacks and supplies. Last 2 years the Alaska Humanities Forum has supported snacks and supplies with their grant funding, which has dried up now. Rex

and Isabella are co-presidents of Thrive. Isabella states she loves Thrive and that has helped her become the person she is today. She states before Goldenvue, she was terrified of interacting with people. Thrive helped her find friends and learn to talk/interact with people and ask for help. She states Thrive is so fun and she talks to her friends from Thrive daily. Thrive helped her with her mental health and now she is no longer scared of adults. Her dad said Isabella is always excited about Thrive and has asked "what exactly do you do there?" Rex states she transferred from a rural town in western Alaska, and she grew up around her cousins. When she moved to Goldenvue she was terrified. Rex met Isabella; they became friends. Their partnership and support have helped her to have compassion for others and make new friends. At Thrive, she has been able to meet new people, and the group has helped her step out of her shell. As she moved to South, the transition was easy. She said she had one friend when she went to Goldenvue and now she has many friends. Rex also states her grades have improved a lot. The Humanities Forum funded art teaching and art supplies as part of the Thrive program. Thrive also does after school homework help and goal building. They use peer support as an economical approach to tutoring. Thrive meets daily. They hang out until 3:30 and then they start their meeting. They always review their "norms", and they have a lesson plan curriculum that Tara develops over summer. They discuss their struggles and help normalize their vulnerabilities. Kim Leary makes a motion to approve, Dr. Almon seconds the motion, all approve. Tara will get what she needs from Costco and will submit receipts in the PTSO box.

- b. Kim Leary states that Ms. Scharr has requested \$900 to build her Spanish book library and floating shelf units to display the books. Requesting a variety of genres and multiple copies of books. She will have the students help select the books. She will order from Amazon or Wayside Publishing. Ms. Scharr is a PTSO member. Dr. Almon makes a motion to approve, Kim Leary seconds the motion, all approved.
- c. Kim Leary presents a request from Angie Lantz for 3 sweatshirts for the high school hockey team. Angie is not a PTSO member, but they are working on her. There was previously a discussion by text amongst the PTSO Board and all were in favor. We gave her the sweatshirts already.
- d. Kim Leary presents a request from Kathy Rumsey \$127.99 for a standing desk that will allow her to more easily monitor testing. Kim notes cheating is much higher than before. Kim never realized watches could be used to cheat. Kathy is a PTSO member. Dr. Almon verifies these are not available in the school supply. Dr. Almon makes a motion to approve, Courtney seconds the motion, all approve.
- e. Kim Natalie assistant principal and Amy Haverstaad hosting a parent-oriented freshman academies program on 2/18 from 6:30-7:30 (8<sup>th</sup> grade school visits during the day). Requesting PTSO to attend the academies. She is requesting store to be open, PTSO to host a dessert bar, buy a sweatshirt. Incoming class size is anticipated to be 365. Suggest giving Amy \$250 for desserts. Landon made a motion to approve \$250, Courtney seconds the motion, all in favor. Dane said he will man the SWAG store if someone will teach him. Dane will work with Jennifer over lunch tomorrow to learn how to take credit cards via the Square app. Dr. Almon will let Dane into the Spirit wear storage room.
- f. Kim needs to know who owns the grant form so she gets notified when there is a request.
- g. She may need help setting up the Sun Zone snacks-it hasn't happened for a few months. Courtney has volunteered to handle this one day a month on a Friday. We have grant funds already allocated for this.

5. *Student Report*

- a. Dane has been posting on SnapChat. He randomly follows people, and they follow him back and then he unfollows him so they have to continue to see his content. Dr. Almon said he can send out the QR code to all the student's Canvas. Kim suggests displaying the QR code at Soboss. Courtney suggests marketing this to the incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders. Kim suggested making a student suggestion box.

6. *Officer Reports*

- a. *President's Report*
  - i. Wants to work on regular PTSO messaging and try to gain more membership-he will work with Nikki.
  - ii. 3 years ago when he and Amber showed up to a PTSO informational meeting, he never anticipated filling this role as President. He really enjoys being a part of the PTSO.
  - iii. He would like to encourage the board to send letters to the legislation. He would also like form letters for students and parents to send letters to the legislation and our governor.
- b. *Treasurer's Report*
  - i. We are taking in more money than we are spending. The Costco Visa cash back program gives us 2% back for Costco and 1% for everything else and 3% at restaurants. She states this will give us about \$540 back along with the membership cash back.
  - ii. School YTD net revenue is \$16,625.00.
  - iii. We have only spent down about \$7000 of a \$23,000 grant budget.

7. *Committee Reports*

- a. *Senior Events*
  - i. Graduation is May 12 at 6:30.
- b. *School Store*
  - i. Soda keg is up and running-sales are slow, about 3-4/day. They have offered samples. The root beer is spicy and doesn't taste like commercial root beer.
- c. *Spirit Wear*
  - i. Haven't heard from Lora.
- d. *Membership*
  - i. 95 parents, 64 students, and 38 teacher members.
  - ii. Kim Leary suggested a 4-year membership, but that was done in the past and very difficult to track. Nikki said there are a few people with multiple memberships (they forgot).
  - iii. Consider change from "PTSO member" to "PTSO supporter" as membership implies they have to do something.

8. *Old Business*

- a. None

9. *New Business*

- a. Write your legislator.

10. *Announcements*—Next meeting March 5, 2025, 6:00 P.M. at Raven's Ring. Jyll will be gone and Dr. Almon will take notes.

11. *Adjourn*—Motion to adjourn Courtney Luff , seconded by Jyll Green at 7:32 p.m.

## Treasurer's Report

### South High PTSO

Feb. 4, 2025

2024-2025

	2022-2023	2023-2024	2023-2024	2024-2025	2024-2025	Difference
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Last Report</u>
<b>Income</b>	approximate					
Donations	\$2,040.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,460.82	\$1,000.00	\$1,196.32	\$126.32
Donations directed to Staff App						
Amazon Smiles /Fred Meyer	\$151.80	\$50.00		\$50.00	\$0.98	\$0.98
Interest	\$10.99	\$12.00	\$12.45	\$12.00	\$5.21	\$1.14
Other income	\$115.00					
Membership Dues	\$1,420.00	\$1,400.00	\$1,780.00	\$1,800.00		\$140 below budget
Individual					\$580.00	\$60 from Spr 24
Family					\$1,080.00	\$180 from Spr 24
School Store						
Clothing	\$11,999.00	\$20,000.00	\$13,964.10	\$14,000.00	\$5,179.00	\$55.00
Food	\$39,146.70	\$45,000.00	\$53,672.39	\$53,000.00	\$42,419.36	\$5,661.88
Carry-over from previous year	\$16,939.35	\$23,277.98	\$23,277.98	\$14,085.18	\$14,085.18	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$71,822.84</b>	<b>\$91,239.98</b>	<b>\$94,167.74</b>	<b>\$83,947.18</b>	<b>\$64,546.05</b>	
	\$54,883.49					
<b>Expenses</b>						
Administrative Grants		\$2,000.00	\$2,009.90	\$2,000.00	\$462.94	
Freshman Shirts/welcome gift		\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00		
All School Breakfast		\$500.00	\$55.45	\$300.00	\$402.94	\$402.94
Bank Fees	\$1,569.83	\$1,800.00	\$2,214.84	\$2,300.00	\$1,569.65	\$203.04
Fees paid for other organizations						
Bo Seward Community Service Award	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$3,500.00		
Business License 2 years due Dec2023)	\$30.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$30.00	biennial report, bis lic next year
Emergency Preparedness		\$200.00		\$100.00		
Hospitality						
-Staff Luncheons/Breakfasts	\$43.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00		
-Staff Appreciation Days/Weeks	\$3,216.02	\$4,500.00	\$2,089.00	\$6,000.00	\$1,469.40	\$1449.40 reimbursed in Aug for Spring24 spending total23-24 ~\$3739
-Custodial Night crew appreciation				\$500.00		
Back to School Ice Cream Social				\$300.00	\$284.85	
Family Emergency						
Graduation Support		\$500.00	\$331.33	\$500.00		water for prom, candy bags
Senior Fun Day	\$530.78	\$1,000.00	\$1,040.88	\$1,000.00		
Senior Night of Inspiration						
Graduation Hospitality Room	\$264.88	\$500.00		\$900.00	\$387.13	\$387.13 Spr24      normal budget 500 for year
Insurance	\$510.00	\$515.00	\$515.00	\$525.00	\$515.00	
Memberships		\$150.00	\$214.60	\$220.00		namecheap & Costco
Mini-Grants	\$4,310.76	\$29,000.00	\$28,250.66	\$23,500.00	\$3,245.54	\$187.14
Operation Supplies	\$596.16	\$600.00	\$1,652.29	\$1,000.00	\$327.38	new water urns
Professional Services	\$315.34	\$500.00	\$159.99	\$300.00	\$205.33	\$164.99
						online tax prep, quickbooks, Sundog web domain

School Store							negative from clothing donations to give away at HOCO
Clothing	\$14,761.50	\$15,000.00	\$15,177.63	\$6,000.00	\$2,922.49		got \$204 credit from online
Food	\$18,733.65	\$23,000.00	\$23,225.57	\$27,000.00	\$21,754.97	\$2,249.94	\$1184.60 from Spr24
Payout to other organizations							
Student-Enrichment (Planners)							
Student Treats	\$936.73	\$750.00	\$167.92	\$500.00	\$147.93	\$147.93	
\$5 Teacher Coupons for student rewards			\$141.71	\$400.00	\$111.50	\$54.00	4 \$5 student gift cards to store available to each staff member
Wolverine Den	\$226.21	\$500.00		\$500.00			after they are redeemed book as \$2.50 in expense and \$2.50 credit to cost food expense
Carry over to next year	\$23,277.98	\$6,000.00	\$14,085.18	\$6,000.00			\$5 categ includes some give away of near expired food
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$71,822.84</b>	<b>\$90,815.00</b>	<b>\$95,131.95</b>	<b>\$84,645.00</b>	<b>\$33,837.05</b>		
<b>Net Profit (Loss)</b>		\$424.98	-\$964.21	-\$697.82	\$30,709.00		
<b>Bank Balance (approx) 10/2/2024</b>	<b>\$30,710.18</b>						
<b>Quickbook Balance 9/30/2024</b>	<b>\$29,745.97</b>						

## South High PTSO, Inc (new)

### Statement of Activity Comparison

July 1, 2024 - February 4, 2025

	TOTAL	
	JUL 1, 2024 - FEB 4, 2025	JUL 1, 2023 - FEB 4, 2024 (PP)
Revenue		
Business donations	126.32	100.00
Clothing sales	5,179.00	11,255.30
Contributed income		
Donations directed by individuals	670.00	750.00
Silver donation	400.00	
<b>Total Donations directed by individuals</b>	<b>1,070.00</b>	<b>750.00</b>
<b>Total Contributed income</b>	<b>1,070.00</b>	<b>750.00</b>
Food Card		40.00
Investment income		
Interest	6.39	8.44
<b>Total Investment income</b>	<b>6.39</b>	<b>8.44</b>
Membership PTO	580.00	730.00
Family PTSO membership	1,080.00	920.00
<b>Total Membership PTO</b>	<b>1,660.00</b>	<b>1,650.00</b>
Sales		
Food sales	42,419.36	31,355.47
<b>Total Sales</b>	<b>42,419.36</b>	<b>31,355.47</b>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$50,461.07</b>	<b>\$45,159.21</b>
Cost of Goods Sold		
Cost of Goods Sold		
Cost clothing	2,922.49	15,177.63
Cost Food	21,754.97	13,441.18
<b>Total Cost of Goods Sold</b>	<b>24,677.46</b>	<b>28,618.81</b>
<b>Total Cost of Goods Sold</b>	<b>\$24,677.46</b>	<b>\$28,618.81</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>\$25,783.61</b>	<b>\$16,540.40</b>
Expenditures		
All School Breakfast	402.94	55.45
Awards & grants to others		
Administrative grants	462.94	
Student gift cards	111.50	64.21
<b>Total Awards &amp; grants to others</b>	<b>574.44</b>	<b>64.21</b>
Contract & professional fees		
Accounting fees		84.99
Accounting software	164.99	
Biennial Report - Domestic Nonprofit Corporation	30.00	
Business License		100.00
<b>Total Contract &amp; professional fees</b>	<b>194.99</b>	<b>184.99</b>
Insurance	515.00	515.00

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	JUL 1, 2024 - FEB 4, 2025	JUL 1, 2023 - FEB 4, 2024 (PP)
Mini Grant	3,245.54	1,432.28
Office expenses		
Bank fees & service charges	1,569.65	1,381.40
Memberships & subscriptions		94.60
Office supplies		1,652.29
Software & apps	40.34	
<b>Total Office expenses</b>	<b>1,609.99</b>	<b>3,128.29</b>
Staff appreciation	1,469.40	305.00
Supplies		
Supplies & materials	327.38	
<b>Total Supplies</b>	<b>327.38</b>	
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$8,339.68</b>	<b>\$5,686.22</b>
<b>NET OPERATING REVENUE</b>	<b>\$17,443.93</b>	<b>\$10,854.18</b>
Other Revenue		
Amazon smiles/Fred Meyer	0.98	
<b>Total Other Revenue</b>	<b>\$0.98</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
Other Expenditures		
Graduation support		
Graduation Hospitality room	387.13	
<b>Total Graduation support</b>	<b>387.13</b>	
Other Miscellaneous Expenditure		
Back to school social	284.85	
Student candy handout	147.93	
<b>Total Other Miscellaneous Expenditure</b>	<b>432.78</b>	
<b>Total Other Expenditures</b>	<b>\$819.91</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>NET OTHER REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ -818.93</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>NET REVENUE</b>	<b>\$16,625.00</b>	<b>\$10,854.18</b>