

**Tahoma Elementary School PTO**  
**November 2025 General Meeting Minutes**  
Wednesday, November 12, 2025

**Meeting Began:** Meeting called to order at 7:02pm by Liz Karkoski-Gardner

**Attendance:**

In person: Karin Morea, Cathy McDonald, Liz Karkoski-Gardner, Bill Hernandez, Griffin Cayce

On Zoom: Teresa Eccles, Jerry Gaston, Ashley Barrett

Motion to approve September meeting minutes by Cathy McDonald, 2nd by Liz Karkoski-Gardner. Approved

**New Business:**

- EP&O & Tech Levies presentation - Bill Hernandez
  - Election Day is Feb 10th, 2026
  - <https://www.tahomasd.us/fs/resource-manager/view/8f84e4ef-9ab7-4255-94ff-f03cb89237c0>
- VOTE presentation by Griffin Cayce, co-chair of the political action committee of VOTE
  - [voteyestahoma.com](http://voteyestahoma.com)
  - January 8th and 22nd VOTE Summit Trail library volunteer event
  - Sign waving at school drop off and pick up, Feb 5th, 6th, 9th and 10th
  - November 14th tshirt order close
  - Volunteers for chalk at bus stops
  - Send emails and ideas to [voteyestahoma@gmail.com](mailto:voteyestahoma@gmail.com)
- Vote on VOTE endorsement - passed
- New Program! "Gift a Book" - Cathy McDonald
  - Letters will be sent to families with birthdays that month and families can choose to donate a book or an amount of money to the library
  - Has the students name as "gifted by"
  - Looking for volunteers - put request out on FB, Cub News
- Lost and Found volunteers needed - Brittany Wittman helping

**Principal's Report:** given by Jerry Gaston

- Doug - new administrative assistant

**Teacher Update:** given by Teresa Eccles

- Teachers are a little stressed with the year moving fast, excited about the \$200 at the bookfair

**Officer's Reports:**

President: given by Liz Karkoski-Gardner

- Round table 11/20

Treasurer: Given by Cathy McDonald

- Taxes paid (filing fee)

Fundraising: given by Karin Morea for Katie Van Patten

- No sale fundraiser - \$12,613
- MOD pizza - \$323
- Thunderbirds November 14th - \$980
- Crown Donut in Feb
- Other ideas
  - Top Golf- March 8th
  - Sno King - January
  - Mariners - looking for a volunteer to take over the Mariner's fundraiser
  - BINGO - April, open to volunteers

## **Committee Reports**

Yearbook: update given by Karin Morea

- Cover contest ends 11/21
- Yearbook dedications coming in January
- 280 yearbooks ordered

Staff Appreciation: update given by Karin Morea

- Supporting conferences next week; pizza Thursday the 20th, coffee truck Monday 24th
- Add a line for Nurse Tina

Popcorn: No update

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Book Fair: update given by Cathy McDonald for Alicia Small

- New for this year - on the stage instead of the art room
- Books delivered on Monday
- Teacher signed up for their own time
- Sign-up genius will be posted again
- Teacher preview Monday morning
- November 17th-21st, evening will be the same evening as evening conferences
- Cathy McDonald will be co-chair

Summer Cub Fest (Carnival): No update

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Roaring Readers: No update

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Watch Dogs: No update

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Movie Night: given by Liz Karkoski-Gardner for Dave Gardner

- Friday, November 21st - Lego Batman Movie 6:30
- Member snack pack deal available
- Friday, Dec 12th

Dance update: No update

- Amy Moore
- January 23rd

Social Media: No update

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Membership update: given by Cathy McDonald

- Current memberships - 246 students, 56 staff

Spirit Wear: given by Karin Morea for Katie Van Patten

- Flash sale on FB for remaining items from last year coming soon!

Art Docent: No update

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**Next Meeting:** Thursday, January 22nd, 2026

**Meeting adjourned** at 8:03 pm

Minutes compiled by Karin Morea, PTO Secretary