

Burke PTO Meeting Minutes
December 9, 2019
Meeting Called to Order: 7:01 pm

Welcome: PTO President Susie Gundersen

Principal's Update: Gaye Lannan

- Thank you for the staff Thanksgiving meal and pies provided by PTO
- Burke Bash was a big success
- PreACT parent night for sophomores
- Winter Concert for vocal music
- Instrumental winter concert is Dec. 10. It's combined with the art department to provide music and visual art by Burke students.
- Thank you to Omaha Schools Foundation for providing funds for the Burke Band to see "It's a Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood" as a culminating event to their "the Helpers" season
- Flying to Dallas with aeronautics students to see the Southwest training center and look into making connection and partnerships with the aeronautics program at Burke.
- Winter sports have all kicked off: swimming, basketball, wrestling are all underway.

Spotlight Teacher of the Month: Ms. Cammi Jager

- Teaches advanced swim aquatics, human growth, swim aquatics, Rock Stars
- Freshman volleyball coach
- She enjoys her time with students and the changes in facilities and curriculum. She really appreciates the supportive families and Burke PTO.

Burke Journalism and Yearbook: Angela Wolfe

- Yearbook: Students design, write, photograph and edit the pages based on a student-selected theme. Gives students specific skills in page design, layout and photoshop. But also has leadership, teamwork and growing responsibilities. Buy your yearbook at: **yearbookforever.com**. You can order your yearbook as well as creating senior tribute ads.
- Jumbo grant from 2018-19: Digital journalism class. Last year the PTO provided start-up costs for bhspress.com. This website is in place of a school newspaper. Currently 15 student staff members. They run the Burke Journalism twitter account. Also run a website designed for student readers. Currently at about 700 followers on twitter and Instagram. Goal is to create well-rounded multi-media journalists. Jumbo grant went to fund the initial start-up fee was \$800, with \$400 a year required to keep it going. Ad sales on the site pay for the renewal fees.

Secretary's Report: Wendy Kendeigh

- November minutes approved

Treasurer's Report: Alan Hauschild

- Burke Bash: \$42,000 gross. After expenses, the tentative net proceeds look to be about \$27,000.

- Feedback: Silent auction item sales were up, donation of auction items were about the same, live auction income was down. Auction donations were hard to come by. Possibly work with Booster Club to create baskets and items. Conflict with Saturday is Omaha Hall of Fame, college football. Stop silent auction at the stated time.

Kudos/Closing Remarks: Susie Gundersen

- Sign up to provide dessert to staff and retirees

Meeting Adjourned: 7:52 pm

Next Meeting: January 13, 2020 at 7:00 PM – Burke High School Library

- Guest Speaker: Susie Gunderson, PTO By-Laws

Upcoming Events:

- December 16, 2019 – Staff & Retiree Holiday Lunch
- January 14, 2020 – 8th Grade Open House
- January 23, 2020 – Teacher Cookie Jar