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Opening

President Cindy Whaley welcomed members, visitors and guests to today's meeting. **Rob Bartel** led the group with the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance and **Marcia Machens** introduced our visitors and guests.

Attendance

Members with Guests

Steve Baumgartner Jack Stanley
Tina Ehrhardt Robert Brooks
Casey Buckman Kim Buckman
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Visitor

Peter Stiepleman Columbia South

Announcements

Thanks to **Anna DeJong** and **Scott Heck** for greeting members and guests as they arrived at today's meeting.

Fellowship: Members were reminded that the first Thursday social would be held January 6 at Broadway Brewery from 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Les Borgmeyer promoted the annual Metro Rotary Fundraiser. Trivia Night will be held February 4 at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Each member should have received a packet of nine (9) raffle tickets and two (2) admission tickets totaling \$100 in value. Members are asked to contribute to this annual fundraiser. The selling of raffle tickets and donation of auction prizes was encouraged.

Family of Rotary

Norm Benedict shared facts regarding historic events that occurred on this day. Two years ago, Metro had eight visitors present, five of whom later became members of our club. Also, **Marcia Machens** was nominated as club treasurer, and **Travis Cook, Britny Wright** and **Les Gelband** were

nominated as new board members. Members with recent birthdays are:

Dave Holtgraewe January 3
Les Gelband January 10
Lori Pewitt January 11

Sergeant-at-Arms

Steve Baumgartner offered two questions for club consideration. Those answering incorrectly had an opportunity to contribute to Metro charities. The questions were:

Q: Who was president of the first Rotary?
A: Mr. Sylvester
Q: Who was the first president of Rotary International?
A: Mr. Paul Harris

Upcoming Programs

Jan. 12 Youth Exchange Program
Jan. 19 TBA
Jan. 26 Classification Talks:
Jamie Cote & Shatenita Horton

Assignments

Metro Rotary appreciates having the following members provide the raffle prize, sell the tickets, say the invocation, and lead the pledge. Please show your support by purchasing tickets that enable us to support our charities.

Raffle/Invocation/Pledge:

Jan. 12 **Kristen Dickinson**
Jan. 19 **Ryan Lidolph**
Jan. 26 **Casey Buckman**

Next up for Greeters:

Jan. 12 **Kimberly Earnest & Stuart Scroggs**
Jan. 19 **Tina Ehrhardt & Mike Grellner**
Jan. 26 **Karen Brown & Jamie Cote**

Program Summary

Our program was presented by Dr. Peter Stiepleman, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education with the Columbia school district and Mr. Jonathan Sessions, member of the Columbia Board of Education.

Dr. Stiepleman's presentation was entitled "Small Autonomous Schools."



Dr. Peter Stiepleman

Three elementary schools: Benton, Ridgeway and Lee, would be the participants in the Small Autonomous Schools program. They would still be part of the Columbia Public School system but would have **some** autonomy in these areas: staffing, budget, curriculum materials and assessment, governance (not yet!), and school calendar.

Ridgeway is unique in that it has IGE - individually guided education; Lee is unique in that it is an expressive arts school; and Benton would become the STEM school emphasizing Science, Technology, Engineering and Math.

The Small Autonomous Schools would create innovation which leads to

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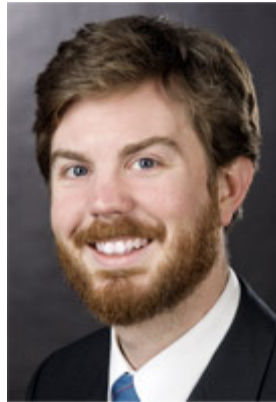
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opportunity. The affect would be to inspire careers by providing choices, encourage co-production, and initiate constant innovation.

Families that choose to have their children attend one of these schools will be more involved. SAS would provide consistency in education for children that are enrolled in one of these schools and has to move mid-year to a school outside of the SAS trio.

Busing would be provided to allow them to continue attending their SAS school.

Neighborhood children will be welcomed to the school in their district and children



Jonathan Sessions

from outside the SAS district will be accepted by lottery which is already in

place at Ridgeway. Studies show that children who are able to stay in the same school throughout their elementary years have much higher rates of completing school and the SAS would provide that stability and consistency.

Raffle

Congratulations to **Win Burggraaff** the lucky winner of a relaxing massage gift certificate.

*Thanks to **Beth Lammers** for providing today's meeting notes!*