

Jefferson General PTA Meeting Minutes
January 15, 2019

Attendees: Becca Harpster, Kelly Perry, Kerri Timmerwilke, Michelle Kinney, Ioana Fernandez, Phil Fernandez, Jessica Testani, Cathy Dykes, Kanako Shuaipaj, Jennifer Hall, Jennifer D'Alessandro, Megan Corrigan and Principal Leslie Weber

Call to order: 8:35pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of the Minutes: Ioana Fernandez made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2018 meeting. Michelle Kinney seconded. All in favor. The minutes of the November 13th meeting were approved.

Principal's report. Mrs. Weber - F & P assessments are being done now through Feb. 1st. 2nd graders will do MAP testing in the spring, no other grades will. REACH notifications will be sent out for new students qualifying for the REACH program. Appeals are open January 15 through February 15th. Appeals are done online. If you request an appeal, the testing will be in March.

Please take the 5 Essentials Survey if you haven't already done so. Currently we are at 19% and won't see the results with that participation level.

President's report: Becca Harpster - She wanted to thank the PTA volunteers for all of the programs that are ongoing. The Lunchroom/Playground Committee can always use more volunteers. Mrs. Weber said next year for volunteers will need to be run for finger prints for more regular volunteers (15 hours per year). Junior Achievement is in need of volunteers except 3rd grade. There are a lot of fun things are coming up in the next few months.

Membership - No new report.

Treasurer - Kelly Perry reported that as of November 13th the PTA had \$16,944.13 in combined accounts. Receipts of 5343.48, mostly from Square One. Square One made a lower amount than prior years but was still a little over \$2200. Biggest expense \$2300 for Thanksgiving Feast, \$1700 for Brain Pop. Accounts now total \$15098.98. Carnival is coming up. Budget Revision to increase Feast budget upwards \$150.00 Motion by Jennifer Hall to increase the amount budgeted for the Thanksgiving Feast by \$150.00, seconded by Phil Fernandez. All present voted in favor and the motion passed.

Committees Report - Kerri Timmerwilke. Ninja Warrior event had close to 70 people and there was a waitlist. Jen Taylor did a great job. Junior Achievement, Social Committee's Beauty and the Beast, Ice Skating party and Math night coming up. Cathy Dykes -asked about the Wolves game. Kerri Timmerwilke - We tried something new with Ninja event but we can talk about doing it again. Jen Bjorlin planned last year. We are trying to give people a lot of options.

Cathy Dykes - Family Math Night is coming up, RSVPs due a week from tomorrow, still need a few volunteers but it should be ok. It is from 6-7:30. Kelly Perry asked if the teachers were participating this year. Mrs. Weber is looking into. Cathy will have the greeters asking people to move along and be considerate so everyone gets a turn in the Maker Space.

Programs Report - Kanako Shuaipaj booked an assembly through Mobile Ed productions - the Earth Dome. They will talk about the environment, very interactive, maybe 2 classrooms at a time. It's on Thursday April 11th.

Ways and Means Report - Ioana Fernandez: Working on Tiger Fest March 2nd, setup on March 1st. No silent auction this year, looking for people to host experience parties. There will be class baskets, teacher raffle, artwork and experience party. Carnival Chairs are in contact with the Carnival people. Cathy Dykes - do you know the admission? Ioana Fernandez similar to last year. Cathy Dykes - Feels that the pricing is kind of high. It adds up with admission, auction, raffle baskets. Jennifer Hall - we were trying to get rid of the ticket. Mrs. Weber said some of the older kids just want to do tiger bucks and cake walk. Ioana said they are looking for stuff for older kids. Tickets are a big portion of the revenue. Phil Fernandez said other schools have higher priced ticket events. Proposal of maybe a family cap. Jen D'Alessandro said that at Hawthorne they do wristbands and then second band to be in the gaming truck and you had to sign up ahead of time. So older kids maybe got those wristbands but not the regular wristbands. Also had a magician and required admission for that. Cake Walk tickets could be used for teacher raffles or cake walk. Those tickets were confusing. Food is cash only. Cake walk didn't have as many donations and then they bought too much. Discussion over where different activities should be set up for best traffic flow. Thinking about where things can be controlled to address the concern, PTA does donate wristbands for those on free/reduced lunches. Ioana tickets made \$2800 as a net, sold \$6000 worth of wristbands. Kelly Perry thought they sold more the year before. Ioana we do not have a number for experience parties yet. Jessica Testani - said that it was hard to get people to host last year. Mrs. Weber - asked if kindergarten families are approached? You might need to give them more information because they don't know what things are until they walk into the carnival. There was a discussion about that in general with giving information to Kindergarten parents. Megan Corrigan said that she is a new kindergarten parent and she has no idea what we're talking about. Ioana Fernandez said that explaining it in more detail is a great idea. Michelle Kinney said it's easy to add to the website. Keep in mind what you would want to know if you were new to Jefferson. Ioana Fernandez asked what if next year we have a communication chair for next year that works as a point person. Kerri Timmerwilke suggested adding this to Mrs. Weber's new family and kindergarten orientations. Maybe give those room parents more information. Kelly Perry - people are more likely to ask people they know. Michelle Kinney suggested a New to Jefferson section on the website. Ioana Fernandez - asked about an email blast to explain carnival and was told that it could be done.

Recording Secretary - No report.

Corresponding Secretary - Jen D'Alessandro asked did we ever decide what to do with things that aren't Jefferson. Becca Harpster - structured to have Jefferson PTA first, the District stuff. etc. How far in advance should things go in? Discussion over things going in and out and when it should be sent.

Webmaster Report - no report.

New Business - in the process of forming a nominating committee to contact people about being on the PTA board for next year. If you are interested in serving on the committee or on the board please let Becca know. Phil Fernandez has agreed to chair the committee.

Kelly Perry - asked everyone present to let her know if they had any suggestions of people interested in the role of Treasurer and said that she would be willing to speak to people about the responsibilities.

Kelly Perry made a motion to adjourn. Cathy Dykes seconded. All voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting is Tuesday February 15th at 7pm in the Jefferson Multi-purpose room.