



Jefferson PTA General Meeting Minutes August 14, 2019

- **ATTENDANCE:** See attached sheets.
- **Call To Order** – Phil Fernandez
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Welcome** – Phil Fernandez
- **Reading and Adoption of minutes** from last meeting May 21, 2019
 - Geoff Gaebel motioned to approve– Kelly Perry seconded
 - Majority approves adoption of minutes – APPROVAL OF MINUTES PASSED
- **Principal’s Report** – Dr. Podraza
 - Teachers had first inservice
 - Motto for the year – “unlimited growth and connection”
 - Dr. Podraza also introduced herself and her background.
- **PTA Board Introductions & Reports**
 - President’s Report & Correspondence – Phil Fernandez
 - Thank you for ice cream social volunteers. Thank you to Jen Taylor and Laura West for welcome back breakfast.
 - Thank you to last year’s Jefferson PTA Board
 - Introduction to the new board
 - VP of Membership – Jen Taylor
 - Just switched Membership Toolkit which bought out My School Anywhere
 - Janette Lancilloti and Sheila Mueller – introduced as chairs.
 - All of My School Anywhere information went to membership toolkit.
 - To look at app d205.membershiptoolkit.com
 - Can add teachers now as well.
 - Can pay dues on line.
 - Donations are what keeps up a no sell school.
 - Multiple ways to sign up: membership form with check/cash, on line as well by cc
 - Treasurer’s Report – Meredith Vogel
 - Thank you to Kelly Perry for being treasurer for the last 3 years
 - Budgets are on the table –
 - Committee chairs – will have your line item \$\$
 - MV to send out budget lines to the committees – if needs change then will ask in advance.
 - Will set up treasurer email box
 - Will try to come once a week on Friday to school.
 - Had audit committee last week – thank you Geoff Gaebel, Jenni Jasani and Mary Carol Honquest. The books were found to be complete and accurate.
 - Motion to approve the audit: Jess Testani motioned; Becca Harpster seconded
 - Majority approved – APPROVAL OF AUDIT PASSED

- Motion to approve budget: Becca Harpster motioned to approve the budget; Kathy Fromm seconded
 - Majority approve – APPROVAL OF BUDGET PASSED
- VP of Committees – Kerri Timmerwilke
 - Thank you to Lara Bogenrief and Amanda French organized signs and Kinder playdates, etc.
 - Thank you to Jen Taylor and Laura West for the breakfast and welcome back
 - Thank you to ice cream social chairs Cathy Dykes and Pamela Ferguson
 - Sign up boards for volunteer opportunities are in hallway. Thank you for all who have signed up
 - Stephanie Palzkill updated website to see all committees listed
 - Volunteer opportunities and sign up s will be moving on line.
 - Can email chairs of committees or Kerri Timmerwilke with questions on your committee
 - Running club starts Sept 4 and Fun Run is Sept 6.
 - Tiger Beat – Committee chairs will get information on how to communicate with Tiger Beat and when.
- VP of Ways & Means – Ioana Fernandez
 - 2 big fundraisers
 - Trivia Night is November 15, 2019 at Knights of Columbus
 - Jefferson Tiger Fest is Feb 29, 2020 at Jefferson
 - Spiritwear is on line and can see samples
 - Bookfair – Week of Sept 23 at Jefferson
 - Halloween Party Oct 26 – not sold out have some openings
 - Trolley – Sept 14 and sold out
 - Will have separate email of Jefferson Ways and Means if there is a separate Ways and Means question.
- Programs – Donna Hayes (Phil Fernandez speaking for her)
 - Programs will do assemblies every year.
 - In fall always bully prevention in September with Chris Kusack SW. First assembly in the fall. – in the past Women in History; Earth Dome last year
 - Committee Chair is Pam McGuckin
 - Teachers perspective
- Corresponding Secretary – Kathy Fromm
 - Does Tiger Beat and administrator of Facebook –
 - If committee send information.
 - Tigerbeat goes out every Tuesday
 - Has links to everything.
 - Would like all submissions by Friday at 10AM
 - Committee Chairs will all get information on what to do. Kerri Timmerwilke will send out that information.
- Recording Secretary – Kanako Shuaipaj (Phil Fernandez introduced)
- Webmaster – Stephanie Palzkill
 - Revamping and reorganizing website content
 - Putting Tigerbeat on line
 - Getting all volunteer sign ups on line
 - Online dues as well and will try to do credit card processing as well.
 - If questions to send email to Stephanie or with Kerri if committee chair.
- Meg Aguilera from District 205 Foundation
 - Foundation give \$25000 to Elementary Schools in Elmhurst

- 3D printers given to Jefferson
 - If we need something we can ask Meg.
- Phil to introduce
 - Appreciate input.
 - Membership – software changed bc Myschool anywhere was bought out.
 - Working on membership tools to work on Volunteer sign up.
 - Lunch room recess helper – we need a lot bc we only have 1 person that can lunch supervise and usually they have 4. Time is 1050-1230. Help clean for lunch and then recess supervision – make sure people are safe. Would love help. Will initially ask for 4 people to do it, and then once fully staffed again then will go down to 2 people.
 - Late starts 2 times a month to allow teachers to have learning opportunities.
 - DR PODRAZA: Connected to district and teacher institute from yesterday
 - Details are on the website, and Tiger beat.
 - Looking for input, looking for help. Open to ideas on ways to make things more efficient. Ask kids for their point of view. Also to have teachers input – with Mrs. Hayes in the PTA hopefully will involve more – and involve Student Council more as she is in charge of Student Council.
- **New Business**
 - **No new business**
- **Next General PTA Meeting** is Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at Jefferson School in the Multi-Purpose Room (MPR) at 7PM
- **Adjournment**
 - Motion to adjourn – Geoff Gaebel; 2nd Jess Testani

Important Dates and Upcoming Events

- August 15 – New Family Night 6-8PM (MPR)
- August 28 – Student Late Start Day (more details to come)
 - Grades 1-5 and AM Kindergarten - instruction begins at 9:45AM
 - AM Kindergarten dismissal at 11:55AM
 - PM Kindergarten - instruction begins at 12:55PM
- August 29 - Curriculum Night 6-7:30PM (Entire School) (5:30 for REACH)
- September 2 – Labor Day - NO SCHOOL
- September 4 – Fall Running Club begins
- September 6 – Jefferson Fun Run
- September 10 – Coffee with Dr. Podraza
- September 14 – Fall Trolley Event
- September 18 – PTA Meeting
- September 23 – Book Fair Starts