



## Jefferson PTA General Meeting November 09, 2021

Participants: Meghan Hood, Cathy Dykes, Colleen Kay, Cynthia Mares, Erica Philippi, Sara Roberts, Gina Lascody; Kara Johnson, Dr. Podraza, Pia Bartoli, Susan Grote, Claire Riemersma, Sophie Darley, Amanda French, Yolo Adams, Marcie, Ioana Fernandez, Talko

- **Welcome and Call To Order** – Meghan Hood
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Reading and Adoption of minutes** - [October Minutes](#) were approved.
- **Principal's Report** – Dr. Podraza
  - Thanksgiving Feast next week
    - Kid will eat with their Tiger Buddies and then rotate through different activities
  - End of 1st Trimester - survey will be sent to families
  - Working on Giving Tree - should be all in person and parents invited; Dr. Podraza will send out information in the next few weeks.
- **Teacher Presentation: 3rd Grade**
  - See [3rd Grade PTA Presentation](#)
  - Shared that students were working on creating a Paper folding company to learn about how to set up and run a business; getting ready to do a Chicago unit
  - Wendella Boat Trip
  - Multiplication is a huge part of math for 3rd grade
- **Special Report: Ms Bartolai - Building Number Sense in Students**
  - See presentation
  - What is Number sense? Discussed that the definition means do students understand how numbers work.
  - Eureka stresses the need to represent/draw pictures on how the numbers work.
  - Practicing at home is the best way to learn and using every day scenarios, making these into a game.
  - Reminder that there isn't anyone "bad" at math
  - Discussed that there are still timed standard tests and there is a level of efficiency that students need that is balanced with the conceptualization and problem solving
- **PTA Board Reports**
  - VP of Membership – Gina Lascody
    - 249 family memberships, 18 staff members (last year - 179 members, 5 staff); Question regarding how does full day kindergarten impact this number and need to confirm counting methodology from Member Hub
    - Discussed maybe sending out an email from room parents and doing a contest to increase membership
  - VP of Programs – Cynthia Mares
    - Mathletes will continue this year
  - VP of Events - Colleen Kay
    - Thanksgiving feast - good turn out for volunteers
    - Started planning for giving tree - start communication flow
    - Ms. Cusack and Megn Corrigan will be developing flyers

- o VP of Fundraising – Cathy Dykes and Erica Philippi
  - Trivia night was a huge success.
  - \$5,800 was profit, projected profit was \$2500
  - The Sloans donated food and we would like give a thank you via Tiger Beat.
  - Wednesdays in December- Shop & Earns: Get Bazy, Kie & Kate, Gia Mia
- o VP of Communications – Valeria King, no updates
- o Recording Secretary – Sara Roberts, no updates
- o Treasurer’s Report – Kara Johnson
  - Fundraising has been coming in as projected or above budget.
- o President’s Report & Correspondence – Meghan Hood
  - PTA Scholarship (target to award 20 scholarships to York seniors)
    - McDonalds Eat and Earn was not as successful - only \$250
    - 20% off of Minted cards
    - 12/16 - event at Elmhurst Brewing Company
  - Reach Reps
  - SERG Rep
- **New Business**
  - o Foundation 205 Update
    - Organization non-profit that supports all D205 students (fundraising organization)
    - All D205 staff can apply for grants that support students
    - Last year - \$120K COVID costs (technology, etc.)
    - Gala event - 2/5/21 at Medina - ticket sales start right after Thanksgiving
    - Christmas tree sales
  - o OJOB is requesting budget increase
    - Can use a portion of money from Scholastic last year, spring assembly
    - There is still an outstanding quote needed for the organization: Read to Them that could help with OJOB
    - There were 3 book options but cost is very much based on which book is selected.
    - Ioana will send out a spreadsheet with the comparison and associated expenses.
  - o Battle of the Books
    - Originally taken this program out of the budget last year
    - Mrs Georgeallis and Mrs Howe are coordinating
    - Several copies of each title for the school.
    - A new budget line item to be added - amount TBD.
- **Next General PTA Meeting Date - December TBD**
  - o For budget updates/changes those can be sent via Tiger Beat. Any votes against can be sent via email
- **Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 8:50 Val motioned to adjourned, Erica seconded the motion.**

**Important Dates:**

- November 10 - Late Arrival (School begins at 9:45 am)
- November 14 - HB Jones Football Sunday Eat + Earn
- November 15 - Tiger Buddies
- November 18 - Thanksgiving Feast (11:05am-12:35pm)
- November 19 - Last day of UCCA Holiday Food Drive
- November 19 - Square1Art Order Due
- November 22 - Parent Teacher Conferences (4:30-8 pm)
- November 23 - Parent Teacher Conferences (10 am-6 pm), NO SCHOOL
- November 24 through 28 - Thanksgiving Break, NO SCHOOL
- December 1 - Get Bazy Shop and Earn

- December 8 - Kie & Kate Shop and Earn