



**Jefferson PTA General Meeting Agenda**  
**October 17, 2023**  
**APPROVED AT 11/14/23 MEETING**

- **Welcome and Call To Order** – Meredith Hardt at 7:30P.M.
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Reading and Adoption of [September Minutes](#)**
  - Motion to approve by Mina McMahon, 2nd by Jill Bissell
  
- **Principal's Report** – Lori Sweeney
  - Thank you to the PTA!
    - Science Olympiad was so much fun!
    - Running Club- Thanks you to the volunteers for making it work despite the poor weather
    - Bullying Prevention Week - Author visit Julia Cook was a delight!
      - The kids loved it and were fully engaged!
    - Wrapping up first Wit & Wisdom module
    - In D205 we are fortunate to have a lot of time for professional development for teachers
      - Institute Day was spent focusing on best practices in math
      - Partnerships with both Eureka Math and Wit & Wisdom
    - Halloween Parade at 8:30AM (weather permitting)
      - followed by an all-school assembly - parents invited to attend
      - In case of inclement weather, unfortunately parents will be unable to attend and the assembly will be live-streamed
    - Question was posed about upcoming testing
      - CogAt Testing for grades 2 & 5 in December
      - MAP in January
  
- **PTA Board Reports**
  - VP of Membership – Erica Phillipi
    - Membership numbers are strong
  
  - VP of Programs – Mina McMahon
    - Prairie Garden
      - It's starting to get a little overgrown
      - Staff coming together this week to discuss potential ways to memorialize Maxime
      - Budget for Prairie Garden has been increased to allow for the memorial
      - Once the memorial is decided we can use that to revision the direction the prairie garden is headed
      - There is a family who owns a landscaping company potentially interested in helping

- o VP of Programs – Mina McMahon, cont.
  - Chess Club
    - o offered to grades 2-5
    - o after school from 3-4
    - o potentially starting late November, may start in January
  
- o VP of Events - Jill Bissell
  - Thanksgiving Feast
    - Details are coming together nicely and will be shared soon
    - There will be plenty of opportunities to volunteer
  - Ice Skating Party needs a chair
  - Color Run was a success and well attended
  - Science Olympiad
    - Was awesome!
    - A few new experiments, well received
    - Really well attended ~ 200 people
  
- o VP of Fundraising – Val King/Jen Wilhelm
  - Trolley
    - Sold out! Excellent turnout!
    - Profit \$2700 - right on budget
  - Trivia Night
    - December 1st - Welcome to Las Vegas
    - Tickets for sale by the end of the month
    - More School Perks this year
    - We may not gain access until 5PM to decorate
    - Mina will contact K of C to see if we can get in earlier
  - Kie and Kate Shop and Earn December 6th
    - 10% off your purchase & 10% back to the PTA
    - Jen Burmeister will graciously host an after hours event 6-8PM
      - o Can accommodate about 30 people
      - o Bubbly refreshments and light bites
  
- o VP of Communications – Michelle McCarthy
  - No updates
  
- o Recording Secretary – Cathy Dykes
  - No updates
  
- o Treasurer’s Report – Jen Schneider
  - Cash balance is \$61,000
  - \$16,000 net income- although misleading bc we are awaiting book fair expenses
  
- o President’s Report & Correspondence – Meredith Hardt
  - National PTA Reflections Contest
    - We would love to get more entries
    - Mina will look into getting a flier from Regine to share with Ms. Sweeney
    - Perhaps teachers can briefly mention it at morning meeting
    - This year’s theme is “I am Hopeful Because...”

- o President's Report & Correspondence, cont.
  - UCCA Food Drive starts 10/23 - 11/17
    - United Community Concerns Association
    - A group of non-profits come together to serve the community
    - Donations benefit the Elmhurst Yorkfield Food Pantry
    - Collected here at Jefferson
    - Ms Sweeney will suggest a category of donations per grade level to hopefully increase buy-in from the kids i.e kindergarten brings in cereal
  - Map Stencil- purchased, Dad's Club will apply
  - Spirit Wear Tee- awaiting final sizes - sizes due Friday 10/20
    - Will ship in 4-5 weeks once order is placed
    - The office will distribute the shirts to the kids for the PTA- for which we are very grateful!
- **New Business**
  - o Gym Refresh
    - The PTA will partner with the district to refresh the gym
    - D205 will allocate \$50,000 towards the project
    - Goal is for the PTA to fundraise an additional \$24,000
    - Work will be completed this summer and next
    - An official proposal will be made
    - Discussion regarding what the approval process looks like - see [here](#) for details
      - Paint the gym
      - Replace ceiling tiles
      - Install new lighting
      - Redo stage floor
      - Replace the stage curtains
  - o A Cricut will be purchased by the PTA to be potentially housed in the Maker Space
  - o A question was posed about if we are able to share email addresses
    - Discussed using MemberHub for that
    - Led to the discovery that some families with common last names are not rostered properly in MemberHub, Erica has corrected the ones that have been brought to her attention
- **Next General PTA Meeting Date-** Tuesday November 14, 2023 7:30 pm
- **Adjournment** Motion to Adjourn by Erica Philippi, 2nd by Jen Wilhelm at 8:08P.M.