

Jefferson General PTA Meeting Minutes
JES Library
December 4, 2017

Attendees: Meg Gollnick, Brian Edwards, Kelli Cooper, Tina Barton, Laura Winder, Linhda Sagen, Craig Nelson, Ericka Young, Chelsea Dusek, Angela Gibson

Called To Order:

Meg called the meeting to order at 7:15pm

Minutes:

Mr. Nelson motioned to approve the meeting minutes with small correction. Chelsea seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Principal's Report: (Craig Nelson) This was another eventful month. The treats for the staff were appreciated and went fast. The Veteran's Day assembly went very well. There were about 25 veterans there to talk about their service and where they were stationed. The two new school board members were in the building today to get a tour and they have been invited to the next PTA meeting. The Boundary Committee (Craig Nelson and Meg Gollnick both serve on the committee) has goals that seem to be to create hard boundaries so that where you live will determine where you go to school. This is different than the current system where class load balancing (meaning classes are comparable across all schools) was done since there is no rural school and no school on College Hill. It is a very complicated process. The committee is trying to make sure that the schools remain as balanced as possible across many different factors. These new boundaries will affect Jefferson quite a lot, particularly with Kamiak being built so close.

Treasurer's Report: (Brandy Wiser) Brandy absent. Need to vote on membership budget item as it was reduced during the board meeting last month, but upon further investigation it was determined that we needed the previous budgeted amount.

Tina motioned to bring the membership budget up to \$1000 where it previously was. Ericka seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Updates:

Art Show: (Heather Carter) Art display at WSU was fabulous. Megan Rowe did a fantastic job. About 75 people or so came through throughout the week. Megan wants to come back to Jefferson to do her internship with Tiffany next semester.

Art Docent: (Heather Carter) No update.

Book Fair: (Brian Edwards) The Fall Book Fair was successful!

Box Tops: (Jaclyn Gotch) The Spring Drive will be April 16-20th.

Carnival: (Laura Winder) The carnival is Friday January 19th from 6-8pm. Need to increase budget to accommodate extra student population, purchasing more pizza. If anyone wants to be involved let Laura know. Still considering whether to do door prizes or raffle drawings. This might depend on what we have to give away. The big difference is that door prizes are awarded just for coming to the carnival. If we go with raffle, then tickets would be purchased. We are looking into a new Balloon clown this year.

Brian and Meg will be available to help the day of the carnival. Angela volunteered to help with ticket presales.

Chelsea motioned to increase the Carnival budget by \$500 to a total of \$3000. Mr. Nelson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chess Club: (Christy McCloy) About 65 kids show up and are happy to have the snack. The signup genius posted on FB has worked really well.

Destination Imagination: (Sonia Bringhurt & Tina Barton) Things are going fabulous. Our groups have received the prompts for this years competition. Tina feels like the prompts are getting more and more complicated each year but the kids are not daunted at all. We have 5 registered teams for Jefferson.

Drama Club: (Vacant) Angela volunteered to chair this and is hoping to start in January. Not 100% sure if it will be open to all grade levels or not. More planning will take place before advertising this opportunity to our students and families. Suggest CCE contact for volunteers.

End of Year BBQ: (Shari Carter) No update.

Food Pantry: (Linhda Sagen) We have 100 kids that receive snacks each week at Jefferson. There is a special call out for specific items to send home for the long break. We found that when we tried to send home extra for Thanksgiving, the younger kids had trouble packing them home because they were too heavy. The plan for Winter Break is to send home extra snacks with the kids but have also sent home a note to see if parents can come to pick up some supplemental food. This program is showing community. We are trying to write grants, but we have to be careful with income caps for PTAs. To alleviate this problem, we are working to have this program housed under a separate non-profit. It is also a way for our district to address some of the issues that the school board and the Superintendent have slated as important issues. We are continuing to develop partnerships with WSU (i.e. volunteers).

Fundraiser: (Vacant) Finally got the check!

Green Team: (Ericka Young & Kelli Cooper) Another great meeting. Kids loved the model and really enjoyed learning about the local river systems.

JES T-shirts: (Megan Brannon) Megan is hoping to go to College Custom Threads to get some quotes and information. We have a few t-shirts left from last year that we could start with if needed.

Math Club: (vacant) No update.

Membership: (Brian Edwards) We have 111 members so far! We only need 20 more families to meet our goal. If we have all the teachers by December 15, then the Washington PTA provides an incentive prize.

Movie Night: (Judy Willington) The next movie night is Dec. 15th with the movie *Arthur Christmas*.

Newsletter: (Josh Heim) Things are going well. Please send him info by the end of the week for the next newsletter.

Reader Board: (Senait Tekale) No update.

Science & Technology Fair: (Brenda Schroeder) No update.

Silverwood Reading Program: (Ashley Herridge) No update.

Spaghetti Feed: (Meg Gollnick) Takes place on February 8th from 5:30-7:30 pm. Going well so far! Thank goodness for Jefferson Alumni as there has not been a great turnout for current Jefferson families. It would be great to get some more help with Auction items. A poster was created by a Jefferson artist. There will be an article in the next Community Update and there will also be announcements on the

radio. Advance Ticket Prices: \$8 adult, \$5 child, 3 and under free, family tickets \$25. At the door, adult tickets go up to \$10.00. Tickets will be on sale at Dare Graduation Jan 10th and at Carnival.

Staff Appreciation: (Jaclyn Gotch & Ashley Herridge) The next event is a Hot Chocolate Bar for the staff. A link to the online signup sheet has been posted on Facebook.

Staff Mini-grants: (Jodi Winchell) Brandy is working with Jodi on these.

Student Directory: (Margie Hirose) Continuing to share Facebook to encourage families to participate.

Yearbook: (Megan Brannon) If you have any photos please send them to her for possible use in the yearbook.

Announcements:

- We want to create an outdoor classroom amphitheater with a Wisescape garden, an expanded school garden, beehives with Mrs. Minks. If anyone is interested in being on the committee, please let Meg know! There will be more information at the January meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:28 pm