

Jefferson General PTA Meeting Summary June 5, 2017

Principal's Report: (Craig Nelson)

This was an amazing year, from the astonishing fundraiser to the record-breaking spaghetti feed, to almost making our membership goal. The Snack Pantry getting up and running, not only for Jefferson but across the district, has been great. Testing season is over! The BBQ is coming up on Friday. Craig has liked having the school banners hanging in the hallway. One thing I would like to ask is if some PTA members would like to sign up to help with that. Thank you for a great year! We're looking forward to a better one next year.

Treasurer's Report: (Linhda Sagen)

I want to apologize that everything isn't wrapped up yet. I'm waiting for some expenses from some committee chairs. Our major expenses this month were the mural and the chromebooks. We took care of a lot of mini grants. If you're interested in the actual numbers, I can get the report to you.

Committee Updates:

Art Docent: (Heather Carter, not in attendance) During the meet and greet for the mural project, Squeak Meisel, the Department Chair for the WSU Department of Fine Arts, expressed interest in creating a summer painting class for his students to paint in the schools. This could be great for our schools. One of mural the painters, Megan, received a \$2000 grant to bring more art into schools. She would like to come to Jefferson twice a week to meet with each grade level and create art with them. She'll choose about 25 pieces to create an exhibition at WSU. We'll discuss this more next year.

Art Show: (Rhonda Skaggs, not in attendance) Meg shared that Mike Kennedy might be interested in helping with the Art Show next year. We'll wait and talk with him when school starts next year.

Spring Book Fair: (Brian Edwards) Every volunteer spot is filled. Tomorrow we will do set-up. I really hope we can get more flyers distributed. The book fair theme this fall is western, so if you have decoration ideas save them for us! The fair will be Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday this week, including through the BBQ.

Chess Club: (Heather Carter, not in attendance) Christy McCloy will be chairing this next year.

End of Year BBQ: (Jessie Armstrong, not in attendance) This Friday! Jessie is ready with about 10 volunteers, though we could always use more!

Weekend Snack Program: (Linhda Sagen) I'm still staying on for this next year. We had a meeting to discuss funding options. We will be looking at grants to increase the funds and get everyone ready for next year. We'll try to get a snack pantry at LMS, though it will look a little different than the elementary program. We have very enthusiastic volunteers. We have about 45 students and Franklin has 36. Next year we'll probably have even more students signed up.

Green Team: (Ericka Young, Kelli Cooper) Update from Kelli. The last meeting for the year went well. The kids learned a lot. Next year I will take more of the lead and have kind of planned out things for next year. We'll focus on Water Conservation.

JES T-shirts: (Megan Brannon) We'll go with a new design for next year. We have some remaining shirts. We will use three of the shirts for daily raffle prizes for the Book Fair. For the raffle, anyone who buys a book

will get to put a ticket in the raffle. We will pull one winner each day of the Book Fair. We will then try to sell the other shirts at the barbecue. Megan gave Scott Wilson a shirt to wear at Fifth Grade Camp.

Membership: (Brenda Schroeder, not in attendance) We ended up with 138 memberships. So close to our goal of 150! We have many memberships and are doing great.

Newsletter: (Jill Elbracht) We are looking for a chair for next year. Final edition went out in May. It's been a lot of fun to showcase what the PTA has done. This position requires a couple hours of work each month, but it's pretty easy.

Reader Board: (Kayla Thomas, not in attendance) We have someone on board to chair this for next year.

Science & Technology Fair: (Meg Gollnick/Brenda Schroeder) Laura will be around next year and can be the chair next year.

Silverwood Reading Program: (Ashley Herridge, not in attendance) We are waiting for 6 more tickets to be sent and then she will distribute the tickets to all of the students.

Staff Appreciation: (Jaclyn Gotch/Ashley Herridge) We would like to ask for an increase to the budget so that we can continue to do more to say thank you to our amazing Jefferson staff.

- **Laura moved that we increase the Staff Appreciation budget to \$500. Lucy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

Staff Mini-grants: (Jodi Winchell, not in attendance) Update from Linhda. We have the majority taken care of. There are two or three more to be taken care of. We took care of Catherine Vogel's grant as well.

Yearbook: (Megan Brannon) She will distribute them on Wednesday afternoon next week to teachers and the yearbooks can be handed out Thursday morning. Teachers will talk about whether or not to have a table set up during Field Day for students to get signatures. The cover is general for this year, but next year it would be cool to have the mural as the outside.

Announcements:

- Approve all line items on budget
 - We need to remove Book Exchange
 - **Jill moved that we remove the Book Exchange line item from the budget. Tina seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**
 - Green Team. We need to formally approve adding a line item for this club to the budget.
 - **Kelli moved that we approve the \$200 line item budget for this team. Sonia seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**
 - Mural. Our original estimate did not include a UV coat, which we need. An extra \$460.20 is needed.
 - **Brian moved that we add \$460.20 to the budget to cover the additional UV coat for the mural. Craig seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**
 - Nicki Wolfe is purchasing items for Title One Reading incentives and would like \$30 additional dollars, bringing the amount up to \$150 for this line item.
 - **Jill moved that we add \$30 to the Title One Reading incentives line item, bringing the total up to \$150. Laura seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**
 - We would like to give a \$50 gift card to Sandra Casanova as a congratulations for her teaching award. We need to approve this expenditure.

- **Tina moved that we spend \$50 to give Sandra Casanova a gift card to Black Cypress. Sonia seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**
- Weekend Snack Pantry
 - Linhda considers this pilot mode until we get it running smoothly and set up in the new elementary school. She will continue working on this next year. She enjoys the procurement side and she is thankful to have great people working with her on this important project.
- Track mile markers/handprints project
 - Craig said they will probably get to the mile markers this year, but not to the handprints. Hopefully that will happen next year. Craig thinks that they will do ¼ or 1/8 mile markers on the track, it will depend on the measurements and what works best.
- End of year close out and transition (PT Avenue)
 - This is for memberships. Brenda will be taking care of this. We would like to encourage everyone leaving a committee chair position to help bridge the gap with new committee chairs.
- Nominations and Vote in new president(s)
 - Meg and Margie are willing to be co-presidents again next year. This needs to be voted on.
 - **Laura moved that we approve Meg and Margie as PTA Co-Presidents for next year. Brandy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**
- Board meeting needs to be scheduled to update Standing Rules
 - Meg and Margie will send out messages during the summer to set up a Board meeting.
- Awards
 - We have several awards to highlight some of the outstanding members of our PTA.
 - Kelli Cooper was given the Jedi Master, Kindergarten Volunteer Award for always being available to help.
 - Ericka Young was given the Natural Helper, Extra Mile, Bright Ideas Award for all of her work with Green Team and numerous PTA activities.
 - Rhonda Skaggs was given the Amazing Creativity, Visual Arts, Going the Extra Mile Award for doing so much for PTA throughout her time at Jefferson, and especially for her beautiful work with the bulletin boards, green house, and art show.
 - Jill Elbracht was given the PTA Professional, Best Attitude Award for her years of service as part of our PTA.
 - Jaclyn Gotch was given the Dynamic Do Gooder, Willing to Help in All Areas Award for always being ready to jump in and help.
 - Laura Winder was given the Outstanding Chair of Fundraiser Award for her amazing work on our record setting fundraiser.
 - Linhda Sagen was given the Golden Acorn Award for being an outstanding PTA member who consistently goes above and beyond. This award comes with a donation in her name to the PTA fund. She is our model PTA professional.
- Thinking Ahead to Next Year
 - We need to help get more people involved for next year. We have several committee chair positions that are open. If we can't find people to chair these positions we may have some events not occur. Being part of PTA is a great way to show our children how good it is to volunteer and help others.
 - We want to build a community for our PTA, a Jaguar Family. We'll spread the word with the motto "We're building a community, can you help?"

