

J.B. Watkins PTA General Membership Meeting

February 9, 2016

J.B. Watkins Elementary School Library

President Kristen Beazley called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. In attendance were:

Officers:

Kristen Beazley, President

Auburn Stovall, Secretary

Shelley Neofotistos, Treasurer

Karyn Anderson, Assistant Principal

Debbie Whaley, Administrative Assistant

Committee Chairs, General PTA Members and Guests:

Dana Gates, Mary Ayer, Beth Losego, Tracey Malkie, Amy Shutts, Sherry Tremper, Mary Patterson, Katie Berkman, Erin Brandenburg, Emily Stein, Kori Langlie, Leslie Brocato, Julia Trebour

Kristen welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. She also said a big thank you to everyone who has been volunteering so much lately at the school. We know how hard January is sometimes and we appreciate all that you do! Thank you!

Quorum Certification

A quorum was established.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the January 12, 2016 General Membership Meeting were presented. There were no corrections and they will stand as presented.

Officer Reports

Treasurer's Report: Shelley Neofotistos

Shelley noted the Chick-Fil-A income \$926.39 as of right now. She also mentioned that the Wiggle is coming up and how some expenses and income are shown on the Treasurer's Report dealing with that. WEP registration is almost finished so we will have more income from that coming in to offset the expenses incurred so far with that. Shelley also noted that the Treasurer's Report shows the Teacher Wish List Budget line item that has been modified to \$27,000 as voted on at our last PTA General Membership Meeting. This modification was made to accommodate the surplus income from APEX.

Shelley asked for a vote to remove the \$300 BINGO budget line item. The PTA has decided to offer this BINGO evening as a free event, so the \$300 budget is no longer needed. All PTA Members present voted YES to remove the \$300 BINGO budget from the PTA Budget.

Vice President's Report: Brittany Krebs

Brittany asked Kristen to report that the Virginia Opera is scheduled to perform Little Red Riding Hood for K-2 on February 19th at 1:30 p.m.

Committee Reports

Talent Show: Sidney Newton/Divya Raman

Kristen said a thank you to Sidney and Divya for doing such a great job with the Talent Show. This year's show was a huge success!

Chick-Fil-A: Kim Young/Sarah Orr

We just had the 2nd and 5th grade night and it went very well. Mrs. Ayer asked that it be considered next year to let 5th Grade have one of the earlier time slots in the year.

Reflections: Angie Miller/Christan Martin

Watkin's had eleven participants in the Rewards Ceremony and they all did a great job! Kristen commented on the talent that was shown from our school that evening!

Candela's Night: Brittany Krebs

The recent Candela's night went well and Amy did get some good pictures to use in the yearbook!

WEP: Judy Long/Kori Langlie

Kori reported that after the deadline was extended to 2/10, they received more sign ups and were able to run all of the activities that they wanted.

Staff Appreciation: Leila Ward/Lindsay Spears

The second staff luncheon is next week and the room parents are currently working on this. They are still looking for two more volunteers to help with clean-up of the luncheon.

Watkin's Wiggle: Tracey Malkie/Amanda Bracey

The Wiggle committee is doing great and is looking forward to the event. They have sold 175 tickets already. Tracey said they have lots of middle school volunteers. Karyn Anderson said that they could put signs up at school advertising the dance and that they would do a school announcement as well. Tracey will send a Facebook announcement to post. The silent auction baskets are also looking great!

Spiritwear: Kelly Kaze/Sandy Sharp

Kristen talked to Kelly about the long sleeve shirt option to sell at the wiggle and they plan to have that available. Karen Carps is trying to set up the spirit wear to sell online. The PTA would like to offer teachers apparel at cost if we are able to sell through more of our current inventory.

Monkey Joe's: Laurie Valerio

Our plan is to not offer a wheel at Monkey Joe's. Laurie plans to have stickers available to hand out. This should be a fun event. Monkey Joe night is scheduled for March 10th from 6-8pm.

STEAM Night: Beth Losego/Price Beazley/Sanjay Kurichh

Beth asked for Chik-Fil-A coupons to go in the packet for students that participate in the STEAM entries. Dana said she would give her the extras that we have from membership. Beth said that they have 20 groups signed up to participate so far with about 35 people total. Kristen offered to contact the Watchdogs to see if they could help out before and during the event. Beth said that she would need the extra help around 4:15 the day of the event to help with set up. Beth plans to purchase a helium tank if she needs it. Kristen told her about the two that are left behind the stage. She also said that she would be OK with Mathnasium coming and participating if they wanted to and would agree to not be there to solely promote their product.

School Representative Reports

Assistant Principal's Report: Karyn Anderson

Karyn introduced Debbie Whaley, the school's new Administrative Assistant, to the PTA members. Karyn said that Debbie has been well received at Watkin's and is doing a great job adjusting to her new role at Watkins. She told Kristen that Ray Suttan from Parks and Rec had contacted her and she would like to talk with us about meeting with him.

Program Report

Progress on PTA Funds and School Projects: Kristen Beazley

Kristen spoke about the progress that is being made concerning the remaining funds from APEX. There have been many emails sent back and forth with the County to try and get contractors out to give us estimates on possible school projects using the remaining funds. The possible projects still being discussed are: improving the current school track, a covered bus loop walkway, new copier(s) for the school, STEAM roller carts with STEAM related items that would be shared within the entire school.

Kristen asked that a vote be taken to give the members of the PTA Executive Board authority to vote outside of a regular PTA General Membership Meeting on the use of these extra funds. A vote was proposed by Amy Shutts that the current PTA Executive Board has the right to make a decision outside of the regular PTA General Membership meeting to use the remaining APEX fund money on the purchase of (A.) new copier(s) for the school, (B.) a covered walkway for the bus loop, (C.) improvements of our current track and/or (D.) the STEAM roller carts. All PTA members present voted YES to approve the Executive Board to make these decisions.

New Business

Three LEGO Teams have been formed with a coach and each team needs a LEGO kit. One kit has been purchased already at this time but they are still in need of three more kits. The kits are \$224.35 a piece with a grand total of \$673.05. The PTA members present voted YES to provide the LEGO Teams with the remaining \$673.05 needed to purchase the remaining three kits. Mrs. Ayer or Lesley B. will provide the PTA with receipts after they are purchased.

Mrs. Ayer spoke about the BOB program and how they are trying to back in the county with this program. Costs of t-shirts would need to be considered. Karyn and Mrs. Ayer are going to

work on what the total amount of money that would be needed to support this program at our school. They will come back to us with more information.

Kristen asked for a formal vote on whether to have the APEX Fundraiser at Watkins next year at the end of September. All PTA members present voted YES to have APEX at our school again next year.

Kristen formally presented the slate of officers for the PTA Board for next year. We have two Vice President nominees that will fill the two VP Positions offered next year, Amy Shutts and Laura Kurichh. Our Treasurer nominee is Emily Stein. A vote will be taken at the next PTA General Membership meeting in March.

Mrs. Youman thanked the PTA for supporting the Chinese Acrobat program this year. She asked if the PTA Board would consider including the Chinese program's like the Acrobats in the yearly budget. Kristen told Mrs. Youman that we would need time to consider this and we will get back to her.

Announcements

- February 11th, 7-8:30 pm Bingo Night in PJ's
- February 12th, Box Tops (No Clip-In)
- February 17th, Staff Luncheon sponsored by 3-5 grades
- February 17th, Chinese Acrobats Performance
- February 19th, 1:30pm Virginia Opera performs for K-2 Little Red Riding Hood
- February 26th, 7-9:00 pm Watkin's Wiggle and Basket Silent Auction
- March 4th, 8:05 am Chess Club
- March 10th, 6-8:00 pm Monkey Joe's Night
- March 15th, 6:30-8:00 pm PTA General Membership Meeting

Adjournment

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:49 pm with a motion made by Shelley Neofotistos with a unanimous vote.

_____ Minutes Approved as Written

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_____ Date _____