

## **J.B. Watkins PTA General Membership Meeting**

March 8, 2016

J.B. Watkins Elementary School Library

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

### Officers:

Kristen Beazley, President  
Brittany Krebs, Vice President  
Auburn Stovall, Secretary  
Shelley Neofotistos, Treasurer

Karen Anderson, Assistant Principal

### Committee Chairs, General PTA Members and Guests:

Jennifer Fazar, Dana Gates, Laura Kurichh, Lesley Brocato, Amanda Bracey, Sherry Tremper, Amy Shutts

Kristen welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for being there. She said a special thank you to Auburn Stovall, Shelley Neofotistos and Amy Shutts. We are so grateful for all of our wonderful PTA volunteers.

### **Quorum Certification**

A quorum was established.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the February 9, 2016 General Membership Meeting were presented. There were no corrections and they will stand as presented.

### **Officer Reports**

#### Treasurer's Report: Shelley Neofotistos

Shelley highlighted a couple of line items in the Financial Report including the most recent income from Candela's. Shelley noted that the Wiggle income was right on budget and the silent auction at the Wiggle was very successful. The Wiggle final expense was way under budget so Shelley proposed that we vote to change the Wiggle budget line item to \$400 and all voted yes to change the Wiggle budget. Shelley also let us know that there was an immediate need for an extra \$200 for the Lunch Card Support fund and those funds have been given.

#### Vice President's Report: Brittany Krebs

Brittany let stated that Pamela Duncan Edwards will be at Watkins on April 13<sup>th</sup>. Her schedule will be: Fourth Grade: 9:30-10:30, Fifth Grade: 10:35-11:35, Lunch: 11:40-1:10, and Third Grade: 1:15-2:15.

## Committee Reports

### Bingo Night: Kristen Beazley

Kristen said that Bingo Night was really fun and that even without a ton of advertising it was very successful. We would like to try and do another before the end of the year, possibly on a Friday evening as some requested.

### Watkin's Wiggle: Tracey Malkie/ Amanda Bracey

Amanda said that the Wiggle went really well. She said that the committee would like to see a screening process for middle school volunteers. Next year we would like to have someone monitor the lights in the dance area to keep children from turning them on and off. We will also remind parents that silent auction baskets cannot contain alcoholic beverages, they can have a voucher, but no alcoholic beverages are allowed on the school grounds. All silent auction baskets were sold and picked up.

### Yearbook: Amy Shutts/ Sherry Tremper

Amy said that the yearbook committee has completed all pictures of newly enrolled Watkin's students. They are in the process of trying to finish pages, they have started the editing process. They hope to be finished with the yearbook in the next six weeks.

### Monkey Joe's: Laurie Valerio

The next Monkey Joe night is March 10 from 6-8 pm. There will be no volunteers and no wheel, just come and enjoy.

### S.T.E.A.M, Night: Beth Losego/ Prize Beazley/ Sanjay Kurichh

STEAM night is March 22 from 6-8:30 pm.

### Staff Appreciation: Leila Ward/ Lindsay Spears

The soup luncheon last month went very well. Instead of flowers, \$5 Starbucks gift cards were given and the staff really liked that. The committee is gearing up for the May Luncheon which will be catered.

### Chik-fil-A: Kim Young/ Sarah Orr

The next Chick-fil-A night is March 24, 5:30-8 pm and is hosted by the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.

### Spiritwear: Kelly Kaze/Sandy Sharp

Kristen let everyone know that we have quite a bit of Spirit Wear inventory to get through before we can order new items. We have offered staff our current inventory before it goes for sale online.

### Skyzone: Katie Berkman

The next Skyzone night is April 28, 6-8 pm. One hour jumps will be available (6:00, 6:30 and 7:00 start times). Flyers will be sent home the second week of April.

### Boxtops: Katie Berkman/ Erin Clippinger

The committee submitted the February collection on February 22<sup>nd</sup> and received an email from Box Tops verifying that we earned \$931.10. We have raised \$3,771.00 this school year. Their last collection will take place on Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. There will be a clip-in in the cafeteria from 9:30-11:00. After the Box Tops from this collection have been counted, they will announce the

winner of this year's ice cream party. Thank you to all of the regular clippers and others who have volunteered their time to clip and count!

Spring Event: Kristen Beazley/ Laura Kurichh/ Erin Brandenburg/ Jamie Marotta

Laura updated everyone and said that the committee has come a long way. They are trying to offer things that will interest all ages. The goal is to have educational participants, food trucks and lots of fun for everyone. Many have already been contacted and secured. The entire event will take place outside.

Principal's Report: Karyn Anderson

Mrs. Cousins was at a Young Writers event where Watkin's students were being recognized. The administration is working with Mr. Cotman to get the rest of what is needed for Field Day. The administration asked that PTA let parents know that there is a school attendance issue. We need students to have 97% attendance and there needs to always be a note saying if the absence is excused or unexcused. Playing catch up is hard for students especially with testing coming up. The administration is open to suggestions as to how to make this easier for families.

### **Program Report**

Chinese Acrobats: Kristen Beazley

Kristen said that the Chinese Acrobats was a very successful and fun event and was on the front page of the Chesterfield Observer!

Funds Project: Track and Copier

Kristen said that there are plans with Chesterfield County Parks and Rec and with a contractor to use part of the APEX funds to pave our track. We are also looking at the possibility of buying a copier with remaining money.

### **New Business**

Vote of Vice Presidents and Treasurer

Per by laws, if opponents are running unopposed, a simple voting process of verbal voting is acceptable. A formal vote was taken for Amy Shutts as Vice President, Laura Kurichh as Vice President, and Divya Raman as Vice President. We plan to have three Vice Presidents serving in different roles. All present supported the vote of yes for these three candidates. A formal vote was taken for Emily Stein as Treasurer. All present supported this with a yes.

Announcement of Volunteer of the Year

Divya Raman was named as Watkin's 2015-2016 Volunteer of the Year. Kristen thanked Divya for her dedication to so many areas of Watkins. Divya has spear headed the Copy Room Committee, volunteered as a helper in many classrooms, Co-Chaired the Talent Show and many other things in our school. She is a friendly, familiar face in our building and her presence is always appreciated! Congratulations to Divya Raman!

Committee for 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

The PTA would like to form a committee for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Watkins next year. Please let us know if you are interested!

Midlothian Middle School PTA Board

The PTA President at Midlothian Middle is looking for a secretary for their PTA Board. If you are interested please let Kristen know.

**Announcements**

- March 10, 6-8 pm Monkey Joe's
- March 11, Jump Rope for Heart deadline
- March 14-18, Book Fair
- March 22, 6-8:30 pm S.T.E.A.M. Night
- March 24, 5:30-8 pm Chick-fil-A Night hosted by 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade
- March 28, April 1 Spring Break
- April 8, 8:05 -9 am Chess Club
- April 14, Kindergarten Registration Day
- April 15, Early Release
- April 28, 6-8:00 pm Skyzone Night
- April 28-29, Field Day
- May 2-6, Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 6, 8:05-9 am Chess Club
- May 10, 6:30 PTA Meeting

**Adjournment**

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm with a motion made by Shelley Neofotistos with a unanimous vote.

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