

J.B. Watkins PTA General Membership Meeting

May 10, 6:30 p.m.

J.B. Watkins Elementary School Library

President Kristen Beazley called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. In attendance were:

Officers:

Kristen Beazley, President

Auburn Stovall, Secretary

Shelley Neofotistos, Treasurer

Kimberly Cousins, Principal

Karen Anderson, Assistant Principal

Committee Chairs, General PTA Members and Guests:

Dana Gates, Laura Kurichh, Amy Shutts, Leila Ward, Emily Stein

Kristen welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. She thanked all of the volunteers that made Teacher Appreciation Week a big success! She showed the numerous awards that our PTA earned at the recent Chesterfield County Council Awards Banquet. The Watkin's PTA received the following:

Applause Award for participation in both the Talent show and the Reflections program. Thanks to Sidney Newton, Divya Raman, Angie Miller and Christin Martin for their hard work to share both programs with the school!

Good Standing on Time Award and Increased Membership Award-Thanks to Dana Gates for fulfilling the responsibilities of membership chair and for our wonderful commitment of members this year!

Right Foot Forward Award-this year's Spiritwear discount with membership was considered innovative and a great idea to support sales of both membership and Spiritwear.

Quorum Certification

A quorum was established.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the March 8, 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 some changes to the Financial Report including Spring Fling expenses, which is good because it means that the plans for the event are moving along and income from ticket sales are coming in. There is also an increase in Spirit Wear from the last report and expense from the author visit.

The S.T.E.A.M. team has requested new t-shirts for next year so we are going to raise the amount on the report to include the t-shirt expense. Amy Shutts made a motion to add the purchase of the school copier to the budget, all present voted in favor of adding the copier as a line item,

June 1st is the final deadline to have items turned into Shelley for reimbursements.

Committee Reports

Yearbook: Amy Shutts/Sherry Tremper

There will be a Yearbook distribution for 5th grade only on Friday, June 10. Yearbooks will be distributed on June 15 at 1:00 for K-4th grades. The Yearbook Committee still needs volunteers to help deliver Yearbooks on June 15th. There are a few extra books that are available for sale on June 16th. The committee will accept exact cash or check only in the amount of \$20.

Monkey Joe's: Laurie Valerio

A \$25 check was received from the recent Monkey Joe's night.

Spiritwear: Kelly Kaze/Sandy Sharp

Spiritwear is still available for sale online. We currently have enough stock to start next year with long sleeves.

S.T.E.A.M. Night: Beth Losego/Price Beazley

S.T.E.A.M. night was a great success. We would love to add bags for next year!

Chick-fil-a: Kim Young/ Sarah Orr

The next Chick-fil-A night is May 26, 5:30-8:00 and is hosted by the Resource teachers.

Blood Drive: Erin Brandenburg

The most recent blood drive had nine participants. We would like not have the drive around Spring Break due to travel issues.

Chess Club: Lesley Brocato

Chess Club is going well with tournament play and regular play continuing on May 20 and June 3 both at 8:05.

Staff Appreciation: Leila Ward/Lindsay Spears

The Staff Appreciation lunch went really well, Baja Bean gave us a great deal. Five dollar cards were handed out as prizes throughout the week. The committee has money left over in the budget so they are considering doing bagels next month for a breakfast.

Skyzone: Katie Berkman

We discussed the possibility of having Monday night Skyzone nights next year with a deal with pizza included.

Box Tops/Labels for Education/Kroger Points: Katie Berkman/Laura Kurichh/Erin Brandenburg/Jamie Marotta

Box Tops has done really well this year! There are \$1,500 left in the Box Tops account after using the year's funds for Field Day and the new school copier. The Labels for Education program has been discontinued. The school has Kroger points that need to be used, Kristen suggested that we take a look at the catalogue and decide on a purchase.

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

The Spring Fling is ready to go and volunteers are signing up. Ticket sales are still coming in and tickets will also be sold at the door.

School Representative Reports

Principal's Report: Kimberly Cousins

Thank you to Staff Appreciation committee and volunteers, the staff and faculty was so thankful for everything. Kim made a staff announcement, Debbie Whaley is going to Bettie Weaver to fulfill the Assistant Principal role for next year. Watkins will be looking for a new Administrative Assistant this summer. Thank you to Divya Raman for all of her hard work on organizing the mail room, it looks wonderful. Last night, Shirley Jackson's home burned down and we would love to get a fundraiser together for her. Kim also mentioned that we need to get a committee together for next year to plan the school's 50th anniversary. The library is still in need of volunteers to help pack up for the summer renovations.

Program Report

Field Day

The PTA gave \$615 towards the Field Day festivities.

Kindergarten Registration

The Staff appreciation committee provided coffee for the teachers at Kindergarten Registration.

SKIP

SKIP is Service Kids in Progress and there are different projects that introduce children to service projects. The program is now called Hands On and Kristen plans to have a new committee next year for this initiative.

Funds Project

The PTA has worked with the county to schedule the new track construction for this summer. We have also purchased the school a new copier and made sure that the playground was mulched as requested to help with drainage issues.

New Business

Committees for next year

If you are a current Committee Chairperson, please let Kristen know if you are planning to return to your position next year or if you are no longer able to keep your position. Amy suggested that we have a description of the different Committee positions.

Revamp Teacher Appreciation Week

Amy Shutts brought up some ideas about new things to try for Teacher Appreciation week next year. Examples were wearing teacher's favorite colors for a day, meals for teachers and gift card collections.

Kristen spoke to everyone about the new reliever school and redistricting that should take place 2018-2019. She also explained that switching the high school and elementary school scheduled is being discussed. If you would like to have more information about this, please visit the Chesterfield County website and voice your opinion now!

Announcements

- May 13, 9:30-11 Box Top Clip-In
- May 14, 11-3 Spring Fling
- May 20, 8:05-9 Chess Club
- May 26, 5:30-8 Chick-fil-A Night hosted by Resource
- May 30 No School
- June 3, 8:05-9 Chess Club
- June 14, 6:30 Last PTA meeting

Adjournment

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm with a motion made by Amy Shutts with a unanimous vote.

_____ Minutes Approved as Written

_____ Minutes Not Approved

_____ Date _____