



General Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 10, 2015 6:30PM
JB Watkins Elementary School Cafeteria

Meeting Minutes

The General Board Meeting of J. B. Watkins was called to order at 6:31 pm on March 10, 2015. The following people were present: Maggi Lewis, Brittany Krebs, Shelley Neofotistos, Kim McComb, Dana Gates, Amy Shutts, Mary Patterson, Beth Losego, Tracey Malkie, Sidney Newton, Auburn Stovall, Anne Counoupas, Lara Jones, Kris Perko, Robyn Bartholomew, Laura Kurichh, Kristen Beezley, Karyn Andersen, and Kimberly Cousins.

CALL TO ORDER

Maggi Lewis, president, called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kim McComb made a motion to approve the February 2015 minutes. There were no changes and the minutes were approved as written.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Shelley Neofotistos, Treasurer, reported that Ms. Cousins has provided her with the finalized list of requested items from the school for the use of the PTA "wish list" funds. Shelley will work with Rita Layne to purchase the Wish List items.

Shelley also mentioned that PTA membership dues have been paid for 617 members. Ms. Cousins will forward to Dana Gates, membership chair, and the number of Faculty/staff that joined the PTA for the 2014-2015 school year.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Brittany Krebs, Vice President, announced that local author Ginjer Clarke will present to all grade levels on March 31 and April 1, 2015. There is some money left for programs, so there is still a possibility to have another PTA sponsored program later in the year.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Maggi Lewis, president, stated that Julie Slack should have the school directory put together and delivered by the end of March. Kathleen Grattini will take over the directory for next year.

Maggi then asked the Board to review and form guidelines for which outside programs the PTA will sponsor. It was decided that the newly elected Board before next school year will write up these guidelines. For the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year the PTA approved Kids Fit Fun to offer its 6-week program on Mondays due to established relationship we have with them.

PROGRAM

Don Goding, with Apex Fun Run Fundraiser, presented information about a new fundraising possibility for the upcoming school year. This is a fundraiser that was founded by a teacher and her husband. It is a 2-week program that focuses on Leadership and Fitness; this involves ALL students, not just the ones who raise money. This culminates with a Fun Run. All monies raised will go directly to the PTA, which allows all donations to be tax deductible. Also, teachers will receive 10% of monies raised by their class to be spent on something for their class.

The membership and administration discussed that if this fundraiser is approved the best time would be during the end of September or beginning of October of 2015. Ms. Cousins will meet with the Board at a later date to discuss and make a final decision.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Nominating Committee, Anne Counoupas representing the PTA Nominating Committee announced the slate for the upcoming elections for PTA President and Secretary for the term of June 2015- June 2017. The nominees for President are Kristen Beezley and Tracey Malkie. The nominees for Secretary are John Bevan, Laura Kurichh, and Auburn Stovall. Elections will take place in April at the Talent Show.

Watkins Wiggle, Tracey Malkie, announced that the new date for the Wiggle is Friday, March 27. At this time 581 tickets have been sold. Tickets can still be bought. Ms. Cousins will send out a Parent Link message with the new date.

Staff Appreciation, Mary Patterson reported that the Staff Appreciation committee replaced a microwave in the teachers lounge. The next teacher luncheon will be March 17, sponsored by the 2nd grade parents.

Box Tops, Kris Perko, stated that they will have a "Clip-In" meeting the morning of May 21 in the cafeteria to collect and clip Box Tops. All are welcome. As of now we are at 60% of our goal, hoping for a big Box Top collection in May.

Monkey Joes, Kim McComb for Laurie Valerio, announced that the next Monkey Joe's night will be Friday, March 20 from 5:30 – 8:00 pm.

NEW BUSINESS/ OPEN FORUM

There was a request for the PTA to provide a lunch or dinner for the teachers involved with Kindergarten Registration. The PTA has \$200 in the Hospitality Budget that they will donate towards a meal for the teachers to purchase. The teachers will need to fill out the proper reimbursement forms and provide receipts.

The PTA website (jbwpta.com) is new and improved. Many thanks to Karen Carps for building and maintaining it.

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION/STAFF REPORTS

Kimberly Cousins, Principal, stated that she finalized the Wish List requested by the PTA. She was able to request something for each grade. The book room was not funded through the wish list funds, but will be updated with the use of other funds.

Ms. Cousins then requested some PTA volunteers to help in the copy room. This can be done at the convenience of the volunteers. Kim McComb will send out a message to parents to find volunteers, and will pass those names onto the administration.

Karyn Andersen, Assistant Principal, requested assistance during before school programs with volunteers manning the front doors to let students in. The office staff's schedules have been adjusted due to the extended day, so there is not always someone available to open the front doors.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next PTA Meeting will be May 12, 2015 at 6:30 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 pm.