

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

June 13, 2017

J.B. Watkins Elementary School Cafeteria

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President Kristen Beazley called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. In attendance were:

### Officers:

Kristen Beazley, President

Auburn Stovall, Secretary

Emily Stein, Treasurer

Divya Raman, Vice President of Programs

Amy Shutts, Vice President of Committees

Laura Kurichh, Vice President of Ways and Means

Karyn Andersen, Assistant Principal

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

Morgan Cheatham, Sarah Simmons, Heather Fritz, Kimberly Johnson, Erin Clippinger, Carla Hagan, Leila Ward, Jenny Quarles, Rebecca Williams, Michelle Sexton, Melody Bergman, Didi Cohen

Kristen welcomed everyone and thanked Emily Stein for being a wonderful Treasurer this past year. She is moving this summer and Carla Hagan will take her position as PTA Treasurer. Kristen also thanked Auburn Stovall for serving as Secretary for the past two years. Didi Cohen will take the Secretary position for the next two year term.

Kristen showed the slideshow of the PTA's contributions to the school and celebrations throughout the year.

Kristen shared that the baseball field beside the Kindergarten playground was dedicated to Tyson Kalafatis this week. There was a small ceremony on the ball field with Tyson's teachers, family and friends. The PTA donated a plaque in honor of Tyson that is attached to the fence line on the baseball field.

### **Quorum Certification**

A quorum was established.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the May 16, 2017 General Membership Meeting were presented. There were no corrections and they will stand as presented.

### **Officer Reports**

#### Treasurer's Report: Emily Stein

Emily reported that there is currently \$47,003.62 cash on hand. There is not a huge amount of expenses that should be coming through at this point. Please note that the books close on June 30 and that all

expense reimbursements must be turned in by then. Income amounts for Candela's, Office Max, Patient First, Kid Fit, Yearbook, and WEP all need to be adjusted. All voted in favor to approve adjusting those amounts as each are needed.

Vice President's Report: Amy Shutts

Amy announced Carla Hagan as the new PTA Treasurer and Auburn Stovall as the new PTA Vice President of Programs. Amy also announced the new Chess Club Chair as Lauren Sos and Angie Scranton will be the Chess Club Co-Chair. Amy welcomed all the new JBW parents that attended the meeting this evening.

Vice President's Report: Laura Kurichh

Laura reported that the projector screens for the cafeteria are being ordered. Technology is also being ordered for the PTA officers, tablets that can be used for payments and ordering at PTA functions, and a laptop and printer for the PTA Secretary. The board has decided that there will be a direct donation campaign next year instead of APEX as a school fundraiser.

Vice President's Report: Divya Raman

Divya said that there are ten yearbooks left and they will be sold from 10-noon tomorrow, June 14 for \$25 each.

### **Committee Reports**

Chess Club: Michelle Sexton/ Lesley Brocato

Michele said that the Chess Club had a great year! This past year, 70 students enjoyed playing chess each month. She knows that the new Chess Club Chairs will do a great job! Keychains were given at the end of the year. They would love to do t-shirts for the club next year.

Box Tops: Katie Berkman/Erin Clippinger

Erin said that they collected 13,064 Box Tops this past collection and there is a check for \$1,316.80 coming to the school for the last collection. JB Watkins collected 46,701 Box Tops total this year. The App only collected about \$20 worth so they are thinking of ways to encourage the App for next year. The Box Top committee is ready to go for next year!

Spring Fling/50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary": Erin Brandenburg/ Jaya Baker/ Kat Kelly/ Kelly Barry/ Danielle Maldonado/ Amy Shutts

Erin said that the Spring Fling was a huge success! Everyone had a great time and Mother Nature behaved herself. The committee broke even for expenses and income. \$500 was raised for Noah's Children in honor of Beckett Wyatt.

Amy thanked Danielle Maldonado for all of her hard work with the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. It was exciting to see people from our community such as Betty Weaver and Senator Watkins celebrating the Anniversary with our school. Kristen Beazley thanked Amy for all of her hard work preparing for this great event!

Green Team: Irene Delcamp/Sarah Simmons

The Green Team committee would like to recruit more volunteers for next year. Irene and Sarah are putting together a Sign Up Genius for watering the plants in the courtyard over the summer. This is a small time commitment and a great way to serve the school!

### **School Representative Reports**

Principal's Report: Karyn Andersen

Karyn thanked the PTA for all of the supplies, food, events and all that they have provided for JB Watkins this year. Karyn also asked that the Lost and Found is put on the PTA Facebook page.

**New Business**

Kristen spoke about the Provisional Fund line item in the budget. This fund is given to the counselors every year and is designated to provide additional money for JB Watkin's families in need. There has been a discussion that some schools in Chesterfield County have a large school debt for lunch cards. Kristen has found out that the County is responsible for this debt. The County is currently working on applying new rules for the upcoming school years. Therefore, the PTA will not pay the remainder of Watkin's debt because the County is taking care of each individual school.

Rebecca Williams was awarded the Volunteer of the Year. Kristen presented Rebecca with her name on the PTA Volunteer of the Year plaque and Divya Raman wrote and presented the following:

Anyone who is a parent knows that parenting in itself is a full time task. But the parents, who make time to contribute to the wellness of the whole school system over and above the responsibilities of their own children, make the most valuable and deserving volunteers. Rebecca Williams is such a parent and our choice for J. B Watkins Volunteer of the year.

Rebecca has tirelessly contributed to several committees and volunteer opportunities with a smile. She is responsible for the coordination, organization and fulfillment of one of the biggest events of our school- The Pumpkin Lighting Festival. Ticket sales for this event this year surpassed all other years thanks to Rebecca's careful planning. Even when faced with the potential of a washout due to rain, she restructured the event at the last minute to make it fun for the kids. While she would be quick to pass on the success of the event to the members of her committee, it is no secret that her leadership enables other volunteers to bring their best to the table.

Rebecca saw that our cafeteria was understaffed and volunteered regularly to help kids with their lunches. In a school as large as ours, the noisy cafeteria is the least favorite volunteer opportunity for many. Yet, when the opportunity arose for her to make a more significant difference, she answered the call to take on a weekly paid position to help in cafeteria. The paycheck though small in no way undermines the fact that Rebecca offered to take on the role when no one else would. She saw the void and offered to fill it for the benefit of the student population.

She is also the Room parent liaison working alongside another super Mom, Lara Jones, to coordinate the efforts of over a hundred room moms to enhance the classroom experience of our students. The liaisons act as the mediators between the teachers and room moms, room moms and the PTA to ensure information passes on effortlessly and efficiently. Thanks to their efforts, we have a detailed job descriptions list that makes it easy for committee members in the future to fill in their roles.

Rebecca Williams is also a member of the copy committee that assists teachers with all their copy needs, fills in the library for checking in and shelving books and is at every Book fair to help. She also attends most school board meetings to stay informed about the changes occurring within our school district. And needless to say if there is a sign up genius asking for help, Rebecca's name would definitely be on it somewhere.

And what truly makes her a deserving winner is her positive attitude, excellent sense of humor, attention to detail, amazing organization and her complete and unselfish love for the kids and our school.

**Announcements**

- June 15<sup>th</sup>- 3 Hour Early Release
- June 16<sup>th</sup>- Last Day of School! 3 Hour Early Release

**Adjournment**

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:06pm with a motion made by Amy Shutts with a unanimous vote.

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