

JB Watkins PTA General Membership Meeting

October 13, 2020, 12:45 p.m.
Virtual Meeting - Google Meets

President Sara Sitkiewicz called the meeting to order at 12:49 p.m.

In attendance were: Marian Millikan and Paige F.

Officers:

Sara Sitkiewicz, President

Lacey Knoll, Treasurer

Becky Hoang, VP Ways and Means

Jean Patton, Secretary

Committee Chairs & Guests:

Jennifer Waters, Shannon McGinnis and Whitney Revell

All other committee chairs were absent.

Quorum Certification

A quorum was established.

Approval of Minutes

See secretary report

Officer Reports

President's Report: Sara Sitkiewicz

Sara thanked all members for attending and deferred her updates until the end of the meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Lacey Knoll

Lacey reported the PTA bank balance, as of September 30, is \$29,980.63. Lacey encouraged all meeting attendees to join the PTA and encourage family and friends to join so we can continue to work to support the school and teachers.

Sara added that straight donations made to the PTA are wonderful and so helpful. She encouraged attendees to please share with friends and family. Straight donations can be made through the JBW PTA website.

Vice President – Ways and Means Report: Becky Hoang

Becky reported on the PTA's first Spirit Night held at Marcos on October 1. The event raised \$265.04 and includes a straight \$50 donation from a family. Marcos will donate 15% of all orders year-round to JBW if families select JBW under the fundraising tab when ordering.

Next Spirit Night is November 18 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Chicken Fiesta.

Secretary's Report: Jean Patton

Meeting minutes from the September 2020 PTA General Membership Meeting are posted to the PTA Facebook page and website. Jean presented the minutes for review. With no questions or comments from attendees, the minutes stand as presented.

Committee Reports

Chess Club: Jennifer Waters

Jennifer and Lina tried brainstorming ideas for a virtual chess club. Unfortunately, all ideas were either too expensive or not feasible. Therefore, there will be no chess club at this time. Jennifer is assembling information with online chess resources and possible chess apps for parents/students. This information will be emailed to parents by the PTA and included in Mrs. Weatherford's Miner Message. Jennifer will also continue to check the Chess Club email inbox in case there are any inquiries from parents.

Spirit Wear: Courtney King/Emily Parnell (not present)

Sara reported for Courtney and Emily. The PTA will not sell t-shirts this year. Courtney and Emily are proceeding with ordering navy blue masks with yellow JBW print for kids. They will work with Lacey on ordering and should have a date of when masks will be available at the next meeting.

Box Tops: Katie Berkman/Erin Clippinger (not present)

Sara announced the next Box Top collection date of October 15. Families are encouraged to drop off box tops in the large blue collection container located outside the front of the school. The next collection date will be early 2021. Parents, family and friends are also encouraged to download the Box Tops app and scan receipts for easy recording.

Yearbook: Erin Smith (not present)

With Erin not present, Sara reported that yearbook orders are open however, orders can only be placed through the Herff Jones website. No orders will be accepted by the PTA or the school. Yearbook cost is \$20 and will go up in January.

Some parents questioned the validity of the email from Herff Jones. It is legitimate and parents will need the school code located in the email to proceed with an order. The school code can also be found on the PTA's website or Facebook page.

The yearbook will certainly look different this year as it will be chronological in nature. Sara also reminded parents to please download the Herff Jones photo share app to upload pictures for the website. This is the only way to submit pictures for the yearbook!

There is no update at this time regarding individual student school pictures.

Pumpkin Lighting (Shannon McGinnis)

Information was emailed to parents regarding the virtual Pumpkin Lighting. Students are encouraged to decorate a pumpkin and submit a picture for the virtual slide show. One picture per student, please. Sara encouraged all attendees to please share this information with family and friends to increase participation.

Representative Reports

Principal's Report: Debbie Weatherford

None present.

Teacher Representative Report:

None present.

New Business

Sara reported about several committee positions still open: School Sign, County PTA Council representative, Lunch Buddies, Room Parent Coordinator, WEP, Spring Fling, and Denim Drive. The PTA desperately needs volunteers to step into these roles so they are ready for next year. Please email Sara directly for more information; she will be transparent and forthcoming regarding all duties related to each volunteer position.

Shannon McGinnis volunteered to take over the school sign next year.

Teacher reimbursements are due October 15. Each teacher was given \$100 by the PTA.

Administration needs volunteers to assist at the bus loop in the mornings and afternoons. Volunteers are encouraged to sign up using the Sign Up Genius emailed by the school.

The PTA is hosting a clothing drive for the clinic. They are in need of general clothing, sizes 4-10. An email to parents will go out soon with more information. A collection bin will be placed outside the school front entrance this week. Sara will collect clothing donations, sanitize and deliver to the clinic in the coming weeks. The PTA also donated new underwear in several sizes for clinic use.

Sara encouraged parents to consider nominating Mrs. Weatherford for the R.E.B. Award for Distinguished Educational Leadership. The PTA is compiling a nomination with several letters of support from board members. Mrs. Weatherford was nominated last year but did not receive the award. Her leadership before and during the pandemic is extraordinary. Becky shared the award nomination link with attendees: <https://www.cfrichmond.org/Grantseekers/REB-Awards-for-Distinguished-Educational-Leadership>. Nominations are due November 5.

Sara reviewed the agenda announcements and encouraged all meeting attendees to attend the Wednesday with Weatherford Google Meet tomorrow night. These weekly calls are filled with great information from Mrs. Weatherford and is a wonderful place to ask questions.

The next PTA Meeting is scheduled for November 16 at 6:30pm.

Adjournment

With no further business, the PTA meeting was adjourned at 1:07 pm.

Authentication of the Minutes

Respectfully submitted to the Board for approval this October 13, 2020 by Jean Patton.