

JB Watkins PTA General Membership Meeting

January 19, 2021, 6:30 p.m.
Virtual Meeting - Google Meets

President Sara Sitkiewicz called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

In attendance were:

Officers:

Sara Sitkiewicz, President
Lacey Knoll, Treasurer
Becky Hoang, VP Ways and Means
Jean Patton, Secretary

Committee Chairs & Guests:

Melissa Hill, Whitney Revell, Maree Tysinger, Virginia Flaster

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 everyone for joining and asked Lacey for the Treasurer's report.

Treasurer's Report: Lacey Knoll

Lacey reported the PTA account has roughly \$22,000 at this time.

Vice President – Ways and Means Report: Becky Hoang

Becky reported that the PTA received a check from Chicken Fiesta for \$598.80 from the November spirit night. Becky will check to see if we can schedule another spirit night with them in the future.

The next spirit night is March 30 at Marcos Pizza. They will give a percentage of the proceeds from the entire day to the PTA. They also give 15% of any sale, year-round, to the PTA when families mention JBW. Sara asked Becky to please put together a message about the upcoming spirit night to include in the Miner message and on the PTA Facebook page.

Secretary's Report: Jean Patton

The November meeting minutes will be posted to the PTA website this week.

Committee Reports

Green Team: Arielle Greene/Whitney Revell

Whitney reached out to the Evergreen Elementary Green Team regarding their outdoor garden and learning spaces. Whitney asked if the Watkins Green Team should pursue outdoor learning spaces and gardens at Watkins. It was advised that she not do so at this time as Watkins has lots of folding tables and chairs if teachers want to move classes outdoors in nicer weather.

Whitney also mentioned that she will refresh the planters at the front of the school in the spring.

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

Sara reported for Katie. We are still collecting Box Tops in the blue box out front of the school. Sara encouraged parents to download the Box Tops app and scan receipts. It's so easy. She also mentioned that we are collecting soda tab tops for the Ronald McDonald house. Parents can place those in the Box Tops box as well.

Yearbook: Melissa Hill/Maree Tysinger

Melissa and Marie met with Caroline from Herff Jones. They were able to push back the yearbook purchase date to March 1 to give families more time to purchase a yearbook. Melissa is working on putting together messaging for parents that will go in the Miner message and on the PTA Facebook page. Melissa and Maree will also be soliciting pictures from teachers and parents to include in the book and are working on a calendar to see what type of pictures they need and how many.

Parents are able to submit portrait pictures for the class pages. This information will be included in the communications Melissa is putting together. Fifth grade shoutouts are also happening this year! Parents will receive information soon on how to submit and pay for the shoutouts.

Representative Reports

Principal's Report: Debbie Weatherford

None present.

Teacher Representative Report:

None present.

New Business

Sara announced that we need members to fill the nominations committee for the PTA board. We have one member and need four more to collect and review applications for the following PTA board positions - President, Treasurer and VP of Ways and Means. If we can not find a President and Treasurer, the PTA can not exist!

Mathnasium is interested in partnering with the PTA and school to support the school, teachers and students. A Mathnasium representative will be presenting at the February PTA meeting to provide more information about their programs and services.

Sara mentioned that vaccines are delayed for teachers. It's a very frustrating situation for all involved. The initial Facebook post regarding returning to school and vaccines will be updated to reflect the delays.

Sara also asked attendees to encourage parents to purchase yearbooks and solicit volunteers to join the PTA board and/or any open committee.

Adjournment

With no further business, the PTA meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Authentication of the Minutes

Respectfully submitted to the Board for approval this January 21, 2021 by Jean Patton.