

JB Watkins PTA
General Membership Meeting
September 20, 2022 6:30p.m.
JB Watkins Elementary School Cafeteria
501 Coalfield Rd. Midlothian Va, 23113

President Liza Maddrey called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

In attendance were:

Officers:

Liza Maddrey, President
Lindsay Miller, VP Ways and Means
Brittany Heare, Treasurer (not present)
Karen Crenshaw, Secretary

Committee Chairs & Guests:

Nicole Seay, Beth Hines, Stephanie Greene, Katie Yourth, Linda Eakin, Angie Barlow, Diane Best, Kim Missory, Jennifer Fazar, Irene Buckley, Sheila Ungerer, Julia Byers, Allyson Duffy, Kelly McDonald, Karen Schenkman, Jen Salley, Greg Brown, Lil Danowski, Arielle Greene, Debbie Weatherford, Brenda Borgman, Morgan Salvador, Lauren Drew, Whitney Revell, Arianne Hayes, Shannon McGinnis

All other committee chairs were absent.

Quorum Certification

A quorum was established.

Approval of Minutes

See secretary report

Officer Reports

President's Report: Liza Maddrey

Liza thanked everyone for coming and introduced the board. She stated that she was looking forward to having more content and open to ideas for future meetings, but first wanted to do some housekeeping.

Liza presented the new bylaws amendment, moving to amend local organizational structure. Liza motioned to amend new bylaws, Lindsay seconded the motion and a vote was recorded of 29 in favor and 0 opposed. The motion was adopted. Liza presented the Treasurer's audit from 2021-2022 on behalf of Brittany Heare. There were no questions, and Liza moved to adopt the audit, Lindsay seconded the motion, and 29 were in favor and 0 opposed. The motion was adopted.

Liza presented the Treasurer's audit from 2022-2023. There is a surplus leftover from Covid years and money from Apex which was used to buy the sunshades, help with the book vending program, and snacks and undies for the Nurse's office. She stated there were no big changes reflected in the budget and asked for any questions. No questions were offered. Liza moved to adopt the budget with Lindsay seconding the motion and 29 were in favor and 0 opposed. The motion was adopted.

Liza reported that membership has been great and then answered the question that if grandparents want to volunteer that it is not required to join the PTA. Debbie stated that they would just need to fill out the volunteer form and that she would put it again in the new Miner Message.

Treasurer's Report: Brittany Heare (not present)

Liza presented for Brittany the July and August treasurer reports were available for review. She reported that the sunshade payment will be reconciled in the upcoming September report.

Vice President - Ways and Means Report: Lindsay Miller

Lindsay announced the upcoming spirit night at Dairy Queen on September 28 from 5-7pm, and other spirit nights at Skate-A-Way, Buffalo Wild Wings and many other restaurants for the coming year. She also announced Richmond Virginia Orthodontics' sponsorship of the PTA this year, and that more information will be available once things get ironed out. She said to look out for the spirit wear shop in November. Lindsay also announced CNF Bank's sponsorship for the Community Magic Show and luncheon for the teachers.

Secretary's Report: Karen Crenshaw

The minutes from the May PTA General Membership Meeting were reviewed and posted to the JBW PTA website. Hard copies of the minutes were offered at the sign-in table. There were no corrections and the minutes stand as presented.

Committee Reports

Watch Dogs: Greg Brown

Greg introduced himself and stated that his goal for the program started in the 2016-2017 school year and that Covid made the program dormant. Since then he has been starting from scratch but there were no responses from previous volunteers. He said the goals of the program are to invite males into the school to volunteer to 1) provide a positive male role model and 2) provide some security. He announced changes to the website to a signup genius that was created and a volunteer form there. He was able to sign up 25 volunteers from back to school night. Lindsay asked if there would be pictures of the volunteers available and Greg responded, yes he can try to get them. Greg announced the new sign for the Watch Dogs for the front of the school. Teachers asked if there would be a sign in sheet available for teachers to know who and

where the Watch Dogs would be and if the volunteers would be able to do a half day or share a day. Greg responded by saying he would look into if the new website could accommodate the requests and look into other ways to make it happen.

Pumpkin Lighting: Shannon McGinnis and Whitney Revell

The Pumpkin Lighting festival will be on Saturday October 29 from 3-5:30 in the bus loop like last year, and it will have some of the same things as last year, including a photo booth, bounce house, games, and a pumpkin catapult. One change this year is the addition of a bake sale with a list of things for volunteers to make. They are also hoping to use the popcorn machine, but found that it has a missing a part. Shannon said it would be more expensive to buy a new kettle for the machine than to go ahead and buy a whole new machine. Arianne Hayes then offered the PTA the use of Midlothian Middle School's popcorn machine. The board thanked her for the generous offer. Shannon said she wanted to get the sign up genius out by October the 10th and said that they are open to middle and high school students to volunteer to get volunteer hours in. Whitney stated that in years before the classes were able to see the pumpkin in class before the festival and asked if there were any suggestions on how we could have this happen this year. She also asked if there was a way for the pumpkins to stay in the school overnight or a way for parents to transport pumpkins from the classrooms to the festival. Whitney stated that they were thinking about raffling off prime parking spots ahead of time. They announced that the church can take care of crossing guards and possibly having a costume parade with teachers as judges.

APEX: Lindsay Miller

Lindsay announced that there would be an email coming out about the upcoming pep rally on October 3rd during recess. The race would be during resource on the 12th and 13th and that emails would be going out to parents. This year they will be marking laps so we will need parent volunteers to sign up via signup genius to help mark the laps. Lindsay said we are thinking about some new benches for under the sun shades but then asked if there were any other ideas to spend the funds from this year's APEX run. There was a donation question on if it was a lap vs. flat donation distinction on the website. It was discussed that maybe prek-k would be a flat donation and grades 1-5 would have the option. Lindsay responded that she would look into it and look at the website. Julie Byers suggested a volleyball court for recess. She stated that her students asked her about a volleyball court for those students that don't play basketball. Jennifer Fazar asked about getting the slide repaired on the playground. Debbie Weatherford responded the county is taking care of playground repairs. Arielle Greene suggested planting large trees for more shade on the playgrounds. Beth Hines suggested a donation to a charity, possibly partnering with a sister school that may not have the funds, Christmas holiday support for kids and families in need, and some extra storage space for the school like a shed. Debbie said that the school counselors could help with the student/family support, and suggested to look for schools that have CIS to help with support.

Green Team: Arielle Greene and Whitney Revell

Arielle announced that they are working on the recycling program with Mrs. Wilson's class with ideas that they did last year. The recycling of plastic bags will start in November. They will put some drop off bins outside, get the bags weighed and then take the bags to various stores to deposit them. They will get more information about what types of plastics can be recycled. The program will end in April. The green team would like to put in some garden beds that were approved before covid hit. The money is in the budget. They will get together a proposal of cost and placement. They also proposed to get the USA mural that is on the playground basketball court repainted and a project to stencil storm drains to bring awareness to waterways protection. The green team will check with Lewis Ginter about logistics of this project.

Staff Appreciation: Beth Hines

Liza introduced Beth as the new Staff Appreciation committee chair, and thanked her for all that she has done so far.

Representative Reports

Principal Report: Debbie Weatherford

Debbie thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and thanked the PTA for the treats and chocolate donation. She is excited to move forward with the electric marquee sign for the front of the school. There is a Board of Supervisors meeting on Oct 26, and then hopefully it can move forward with the sign by January. There is already a brick base and electricity installed. Debbie thanked the Watch Dogs for being back. She is happy that kids are interacting more with not having to be distanced which is a great start to the year. Beth Hines said she had to brag on the staff and how well the students behaved during school picture day.

Committee Report

Chess Club: Lina Basyuk (not present)

Liza reported that Chess Club had a great start with about 100 kids at the first meeting.

Lunch Buddies: Liza Maddrey

Liza gave a reminder that lunch buddy volunteers don't have to be parents, and that volunteers need to fill out the volunteer form.

Teacher's Report

None

Adjournment

With no further business, the PTA meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Authentication of the Minutes

Respectfully submitted to the Board for approval this October 5, 2022 by Karen Crenshaw.