

JB Watkins PTA
General Membership Meeting
November 15, 2022 6:30p.m.
JB Watkins Elementary School Cafeteria
501 Coalfield Rd. Midlothian Va, 23113

President Liza Maddrey called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

In attendance were:

Officers:

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

Committee Chairs & Guests:

Stephanie Greene, Allyson Duffy, Beth Hines, Debbie Weatherford, Jennifer Fazar, Kim Sheehan, Kim Dacey, Rachel Robinson, Heather Parrish, Brenda Borgman, Trupti Yates, Cameron Baskerville, Arielle Greene, Nicole Heindl, Irene Buckley, Lauren Drew, Allison Zabel

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 being at the meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Brittany Heare

Brittany reported the October report included Apex which was about a \$10,000 increase from the Apex income from last year.

Vice President - Ways and Means Report: Lindsay Miller (not present)

Liza announced that as mentioned from last month's meeting the next spirit night will be on Nov. 30 5-9pm at Buffalo Wild Wings. There will be a basket at the hostess station where the receipts will be placed for JB Watkins. Spirit wear is being put together to include sweatshirts and long sleeved shirts. A message went out on Sunday for how to

purchase. The shop will close December 4 in time for delivery and open back up after the winter holiday. There is a possible sponsor to provide school t-shirts for the staff.

Secretary's Report: Karen Crenshaw

The minutes from the October 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.

Board Update: Liza Maddrey

Liza reported that the PTA is working with administration to have a medical form on file for students attending any before and after school activities. This form has been sent to Chess Club families and confidential copies of the medical form will be kept in the locked PTA closet. Next year the PTA hopes to have the form available in the back-to-school folder to be filled out at the beginning of the year. Liza thanked Debbie for her help with this. Liza recalled the request for CPR training for lunch helpers and staff and proposed for the PTA to provide a CPR training reimbursement. A vote was called for the proposal to begin January 2023, seconded by Brittany, and passed with 19 yays and 0 nays. The Magic Show with Chris Michaels will be on February 9, 2023 in the Midlothian Middle School auditorium. The PTA is looking for a sponsor to pay for half of the event. A second date could be added next year if this year is a hit. The magician offers magic kits that the PTA would offer for sale to those that did not get tickets/ attend the event.

Committee Reports

Pumpkin Lighting: Shannon McGinnis (not present)

Liza reported that the PTA is looking at making some changes to the event and are open to any feedback.

Reflections: Lil Danowski (not present)

Allyson reported that there were 14 submissions this year which is higher than the previous year. There are 9 awards to be distributed in 3 categories at Watkins and then the students have the opportunity for national prizes as well. Allyson suggested that next year information about prizes in the Miner Message could help with incentive to participate in Reflections. Arielle asked if art and music teachers talk to kids about the program.

Green Team: Arielle Greene (present) and Whitney Revell (not present)

Arielle reminded everyone about the watershed and storm drain project proposal with the James River Association and announced that it was set up for February 21st for all 4th grade classes. She reported that Whitney has met with a volunteer grandfather who will take on the planters project because she will be transitioning to middle school next year. Liza reported that she received an email from a Midlothian High School student about doing a project teaching art history. Liza will reach out to Ms. Bailey, the main art teacher at Watkins. A teacher in attendance reported that all CBG classes are doing a

lesson on art with a field trip in March and that this could be a possible option for the high school student.

Talent Show: Liza Maddrey

Liza reported that the talent show is coming up in February and asked if there were any parents willing to help to let her know.

5th Grade Bridging Committee: Liza Maddrey

Liza reported that the committee is looking for any parents who would like to help and let her know. Someone suggested that the 5th grade room parents reach out to parents with requests for help.

Staff Appreciation: Beth Hines

Beth reported that the teacher's luncheon went well and is looking for ideas for the luncheon in March. She reported that she will receive some gift cards that various people have pledged to donate and is hoping to raffle them off as an extra treat throughout the year.

Representative Reports

Principal Report: Debbie Weatherford

Debbie thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and thanked the PTA for the Taco Truck. She reported that she got a lot of feedback from the evacuation drill across the street to Sycamore Church and that the kids did great. She announced that she is always looking for substitute teachers to add to the pool and that as of yesterday, Watkins is fully staffed.

Teacher Reports

Cameron Baskerville spoke to say that the teachers would like the PTA to look into the teachers' request for a color printer for each grade level, and stated that anything would be appreciated, including a possible yearly budget for cartridges. There was discussion on availability of the county print shop and the office color printer, with Liza saying that the PTA will look into options for printers and the ongoing expense for cartridges.

New Business

Liza reported the with the \$39,000 from the Apex Fun Run the PTA is looking at some possible projects such as a volleyball net, having some shorter basketball nets, a possible rolling cart for recess equipment balls, tetherball, an outdoor classroom/ amphitheater and ideas to make the shades classroom friendly, fund teacher wishlists, a scholarship for a 12th grade Watkins alumni, new climbing structure, merry-go-round, planting trees, color printers for teachers, replace some older folding chairs, whiteboard for outdoor classroom. Liza stated that the PTA is looking to do an online poll for suggestions. There was discussion on sand toys for the sandbox and a smaller climbing structure for the 1st graders. Allison Zabel spoke about the new library being built next door with a literacy event, new playground, and proposed walkway between the library and school. Liza reported that the school counselors will speak at the next PTA meeting

in January, and suggested that the librarian come to a future meeting to talk about resources.

Adjournment

With no further business, the PTA meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Authentication of the Minutes

Respectfully submitted to the Board for approval this November 21, 2022 by Karen Crenshaw.