

Jefferson Elementary School PTA
February 15, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Christine Neavin, President

Sarah Shaw, 2nd Vice President

Mary Crowley, Recording Secretary

Jean Thomas, Membership

Carrie Conboy, Historian

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Christine Neavin.
- II. Executive Committee Reports
 - A. President Christine Neavin announced that the bylaws are complete. A vote was not taken because they need to sit for 30 days. They have been posted to the website. An announcement regarding the bylaws will be added to the next Declaration. A vote to pass them will be taken at the 15 March 2017 PTA Meeting.
 - B. 1st Vice President - Valerie Baer - No report was given.
 - C. 2nd Vice President Sarah Shaw - Ms. Shaw discussed bracelets for Heifer International. The presentation given was effective in showing the students what the program is all about.
Plans for the JES Gardens are proceeding. Mr. Salvante will build a 26x26 red cedar garden and teaching station behind the first and second grade classrooms on the blacktop above the playground.
Jefferson Middle School students will come to perform both Greek Mythology and the JMS Musical, The Lion King, for JES students.
 - D. Recording Secretary Mary Crowley - Ms. Crowley made a motion that the minutes from the January 25, 2017 meeting be approved. Mrs. Neavin seconded the motion. The motion passed.
 - E. Historian Carrie Conboy reported that Committee Reports will return to hard copies.
 - F. Corresponding Secretary Karen Wolling reported on reimbursements for teachers. There will be a deadline of May 1, 2017 for these reimbursements and for wishlist items. We have a \$1000.00 base plus budgetary overages to distribute.
- III. Standing Committee Reports
 - A. Membership Chair Jean Thomas reported that there is one new membership. Jean will send out an Eblast to let parents know that they can still join.

- B. Mrs. Neavin reported that Homeroom Parent duties have concluded for this year. Monies remaining in classroom budgets should be spent on the children in that class.
- C. Mrs. Neavin reported that Jump Rope for Heart is in progress. Students are enjoying the dress up aspect.
- D. Mrs. Neavin reported that movie night will be February 24th at 6:30 in the auditorium. The movie is being previewed by Ms. Neavin and will be announced by Friday. Movie snacks and water will be sold for \$1.00.
- E. The Spelling Bee will occur February 16, 2017 at 6:00 PM for grades 4 and 5 only.
- F. Mrs. Neavin reported that Breakfast with Someone Special is scheduled for March 10, 2017 at 8:00 AM. fruit, donuts, coffee and bagels will be served. Each student is permitted to bring one "someone special".
- G. Mrs. Neavin reported that Art Night has been planned for March 23, 2017. Mrs. Switzer will be selling framed art as a fundraiser. This will be announced in the Declaration and Eblast.
- H. 5th Grade Farewell will have a Chipotle Night Fundraiser next month. That and the March Madness Fundraisers should be the last ones. The 5th Graders will coordinate with the entire school in order to complete a whole school community fundraiser for SHIM. SHIM may send a representative to help pack and sort food. We will check to ascertain if that person must have full clearances.
- I. The BoxTops drive will be February 17, 2017. The date and the leaders/winners should be announced in the Declaration and Eblast. Another drive will be conducted toward the end of the school year.
- J. February 21 and February 23, 2017 will be the final days for Session II Lunch Clubs.
- K. Mrs. Neavin reported that Heather Casturo is working privately with families who are dealing with illnesses, etc. If there are any other families in need of this type of assistance, Ms. Casturo should be notified.
- L. Girls on the Run registration is over. There are two full teams and all registrants were able to be placed on teams at JES. no overflow to other elementaries was necessary.
- M. A promo will be utilized to encourage enrollment in Kids of Steel. High School and Friday, recess, trainings will begin in March.
- N. Juvenile Protection - Mrs. Thomas discussed the possibility of a spring Walk to School Week.

IV. Other Business

- A. Cultural Arts - May 18th J. Sadecky - the new kid - may conflict with a 3rd grade field trip
- B. CLO will come to perform in March.
- C. Christine Neavin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 PM. Carrie Conboy seconded the motion and the motion passed.