

Jefferson Elementary School PTA

November 16, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Jenny Elder, President Katie Jones, Vice President Amanda Rost, Treasurer Anne Clarke, Recording Secretary Tracy Young, Historian Karen Wolling, Faculty Liaison	Tracy Lipple Andrea Croom Bailey Tata Kara Barton
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I. Call to Order

President Jenny Elder called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm and welcomed all members in attendance.

II. Executive Committee Reports

A. President's report – Jenny Elder

Mrs. Elder began by offering the following: she noted that we are all proud of how much we have been able to do for our school this year and that the JES families have really shown up. We have had our first in person PTA meeting with Dr. Irvin. Two things were discussed – the vaccine clinics and the poor state of our playgrounds. The play structures on the JES front playground have one year left until the items will no longer be in usable condition.

B. 1st Vice President's report – Katie Jones

Mrs. Jones reported the following: Restaurant nights are confirmed for December 1st. IO Deli will donate 20% of all sales that night – no need to even say JES fundraised.

C. 2nd Vice President's report – Brett Bielewicz

Mr. Bielewicz was unable to attend the meeting.

D. Treasurer's report – Amanda Rost

Mrs. Rost presented the month end report for October 2021 treasurer's report: [click here](https://drive.google.com/file/d/13m8OkglzFxlEhiGRjbtFplsE0eV0xFa1/view?usp=sharing)
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/13m8OkglzFxlEhiGRjbtFplsE0eV0xFa1/view?usp=sharing> to view the report.

E. Recording Secretary's report – Anne Clarke

Mrs. Clarke submitted the following report: Mrs. Clarke noted that the minutes from the October 2021 PTA meeting have been distributed to all via the PTA's email of November 15, 2021. She asked for a motion to approve those minutes. Mrs. Amanda Rost motioned to approve the minutes and Mrs. Tracy Young seconded the motion. The motion passed.

F. Corresponding Secretary's report – Nicole Lust

Mrs. Lust was unable to attend the meeting.

G. Historian's report – Tracy Young

Mrs. Young reported the following: anyone who has planned an event has gotten a form to prepare his/her report, but so far, only one person has returned her form. She is following up to get all forms returned but so far, it has been a slow process.

III. Standing Committee Reports

A. Membership - Elizabeth Smith

Mrs. Smith was unavailable for the meeting, so Mrs. Elder read her report. The goal is 140 family memberships. As of today's date, we currently have 132 total memberships. Of that number, 111 are family memberships and 21 are faculty memberships. The goal for the faculty memberships is 30. We had a bump in family memberships right after the book fair, and another bump coincided with orders for the Bingo Bash. Using the Membership Toolkit as a one-stop shop for as many PTA activities as possible will help us reach membership goals.

B. Read-a-Thon - Kristin Archbold and Melissa Maher

Neither Mrs. Archbold nor Mrs. Maher were able to be present at the meeting, so Mrs. Elder read their report. The read-a-thon was a great success. Thanks to the administration, teachers and families. Thanks also to Mr. Bielewicz, Mrs. Auslander & the PTA board as well as each faculty member who read for "books before bed". Hi-lights of the event were that the students read a total of 102,810 minutes and submitted 204 book reports. The winning homerooms were Mrs. Yablonski and Mrs. Holloway, with each student receiving a certificate and a small prize. The top reader in each homeroom also received a Barnes & Noble gift card.

C. Bingo Night - Ginny Chambers and Kara Barton

Neither Mrs. Chambers nor Mrs. Barton were able to be present at the meeting, so Mrs. Elder read their report. The JES PTA Bingo Bash was held on Friday, November 5th. With support from the entire JES Community, we

raised \$6,447.32 which was almost twice the budgeted amount of \$3,500. Families donated items for the 13 classroom raffle baskets & 17 JES teachers & staff offered creative raffles. 13 local organizations & businesses donated specialty items for our silent auction. Numerous parent volunteers made bake goods for the bake sale, helped with set-up, clean-up & assisted during the event. A special thank you to the JES custodial staff for the seamless table/chair and AV set up and clean up. Thank you to Jenny Elder, Amanda Rost, and Bailey Tata for all the behind the scenes help. Thank you to our extraordinary MC of the night, Mr. B! Events such as the Bingo Bash, remind us of how special it is to be a part of JES!

D. Book Fair - Tracy Lipple & Michael Duddy

Mrs. Lipple reported the following: The event was very successful. We raised \$10,040.53 and of that amount, they could either choose to take a cash amount or scholastic dollars. They chose the lesser cash amount so approximately ¼ of the total will go to the JES library. They did unique prizes such as the “you’ve been caught reading” and the bookmark contest. The book preview was also a good idea so the children could go home and tell their parents what they wanted in advance.

E. Holiday Shoppe - Marisa Hupe

Mrs. Hupe was unavailable but Mrs. Elder reported that the shop will be set up on Monday & the children will shop this Tuesday & Wednesday morning.

F. Square 1 Art - Katie Jones

Mrs. Jones reported the following: Square 1 Art catalogues will go out this week. Purchases can be made online or by phone. All items should be in by December 14th.

G. Lunch Clubs - Katie Jones

Mrs. Jones reported the following: she is currently trying to find volunteers for lunch clubs. She currently only has 8 volunteers between both months. Mrs. Young suggested that she could ask the homeroom moms to reach out to their parents and ask if they would be interested in hosting a book club.

H. Fifth Grade Farewell - Nicole Lust & Erin Appelt

Neither Mrs. Lust nor Mrs. Appelt were available to be present for the meeting, so Mrs. Elder read their report.

Service project: *A huge, “thank you” to Jill Kushnir and Julie Hall for their help in planning and executing the 5th grade farewell fall service project that took place November 15th. Roughly 36 out of 50 kids participated. While wearing their awesome “Class of 2029” tee shirts (thank you to Sara Snyder), the 5th graders collected & organized food items to be distributed to the Brookline food pantry in preparation for Thanksgiving. The kids learned about the importance of community service and helping one another in times of*

need. They then wrote notes of gratitude to family &/or friends & worked together to decorate the bulletin board just outside of the auditorium.

Memory books: Jenn Petrie has agreed to chair our 5th grade Memory book committee. They will be meeting tomorrow evening to start the planning and creation of our memory books. Anyone interested in helping can email Jenn Petrie... hiletree@yahoo.com

5th Grade Pool Party: Tara Leja & Lisa Hall have secured the date of June 2nd from 1-3 PM for the pool party which will take place following the "clap out" on our last day of school.

Pretzel Sales: continue to remain strong and will continue into 2022.

I. JES Community Rewards - Gina Florez

Mrs. Florez was unable to be present at the meeting.

IV. New Business

A. Nominating Committee for 2022-2023 PTA Board

Mrs. Elder stated the following: we need to pass a nominating committee for the new board. The PTA will nominate Anne Clarke, Emily Myers and Leslie Kiley. Motion Katie Jones; 2nd Karen Wolling. The committee will come back in March with the names and then we will vote on the slate.

V. Adjournment

Mrs. Elder offered a final word of thanks to everyone in attendance and adjourned the meeting at 7:58 pm.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 9:30 am in the cafeteria.