

Jefferson Elementary School PTA

January 11, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Jenny Elder, President Katie Jones, Vice President Brett Bielewicz, Vice President Amanda Rost, Treasurer Anne Clarke, Recording Secretary Nicole Lust, Corresponding Secretary Tracy Young, Historian	Jean Thomas Bailey Tata Kara Barton
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I. Call to Order

President Jenny Elder called the meeting to order at 9:35 am and welcomed all members in attendance. She wished everyone a happy new year and then re-capped the events of 2021.

II. Executive Committee Reports

A. President's report – Jenny Elder

Mrs. Elder began by offering the following: Going forward into 2022, she advised that the May Fun Fair has been replaced by the Talent Show. Bailey Tata will chair STEAM night (this will be done at home and is scheduled for 1/26); Tiffany Song has volunteered to chair Kids Heart Challenge; and Nim Short has volunteered to chair the Girls on the Run program. At this time, due to covid, we will not be holding a movie night, skating party or breakfast with someone special. As of now, these events have been canceled. Regarding STEAM night, the thought is to send home a bag of activities for the children to do and then return one of the items to the school.

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

Mrs. Jones reported the following: IO Deli restaurant night was a success and raised \$300. Square 1 Art was also a success and raised a lot of money however, the orders that were to be shipped directly to their house have yet to be shipped out. The orders that were to come to the school, have already arrived and been delivered to each child.

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

Mr. Bielewicz reported the following: so far the year has been going well. The in person assemblies have gone well. Other schools have done virtual

assemblies but he prefers in person. Splitting the assemblies into the younger grades and then the older grades has been working very well. We have the space in the calendar for an additional assembly this year if the PTA has another to bring to the school. One new item is that the district has also added a new covid form. This has streamlined the ability to keep the school open and keep the kids in the classrooms. Also, the Valentine's parties will still be taking place. He also thanked the PTA for the staff-wide Christmas gift. He and the staff were very appreciative of the thought and for the gift.

D. Treasurer's report – Amanda Rost

Mrs. Rost presented the December 2021 treasurer's report: [click here](#) to view the report. The report was also attached to the January 10, 2021 PTA email.

E. Recording Secretary's report – Anne Clarke

Mrs. Clarke submitted the following report: Mrs. Clarke noted that the minutes from the November 16, 2021 PTA meeting have been distributed to all via the PTA's email of January 10, 2021. She asked for a motion to approve those minutes. Mrs. Katie Jones motioned to approve the minutes and Mrs. Tracy Young seconded the motion. The motion passed.

F. Corresponding Secretary's report – Nicole Lust

Mrs. Lust reported the following: Mrs. Lust thanked Mrs. Young for her idea of the collective staff gift and reiterated what a wonderful success it was. She also read the many thank you notes written by the staff members who received money from the collective gift. She noted that it was very sweet to hear how much the staff appreciated the thoughts of the parents.

G. Historian's report – Tracy Young

Mrs. Young reported the following: She has been having a difficult time getting the people who have chaired events this past year to fill out the google form describing what they did. The suggestion was to call each individual and have them describe it while she takes notes.

III. Standing Committee Reports

A. Membership - Elizabeth Smith

Mrs. Smith reported the following: 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,

113 are family memberships and 25 are faculty memberships. The goal for the faculty memberships is 30.

B. Nominating Committee - Anne Clarke, Leslie Kiley and Emily Myers

Mrs. Clarke reported that the nominating committee has met and discussed the positions that are open for the upcoming year. The committee has started working on a notice for next week's newsletter to advise all members of the PTA of the vacancies which will hopefully garner some interest in the positions. Anyone interested will contact the committee by emailing Mrs. Clarke directly. ALL POSITIONS ARE ONE YEAR POSITIONS BUT WE ASK THE PERSON TO STAY ON FOR ANOTHER YEAR.

C. STEAM night - Bailey Tata and Jenny Elder

Mrs. Tata reported the following: Science night and STEAM night have both been canceled so now, instead of doing actual in-person nights, bags of items will be sent home with the children. The theme is space. The children will be doing an art project and bring it back to the school and they will all come back and be displayed at the school. There will also be a homeroom project where the homerooms will compete against one another. Prizes for the best homeroom project with a space theme will be given out by grade. The combined budget for science days and STEAM night is \$600.

D. Homeroom parent coordinators - Tracy Young

Mrs. Young reported the following: Valentine's parties are a go. Most classes can have 2-3 parent volunteers. Homeroom coordinators will be reaching out to parents to get volunteers. Through the efforts of the homeroom coordinators, each staff member received \$110 from the collective staff gift. The homeroom coordinators also collected money for the homeroom teachers holiday gift and each teacher got anywhere between \$250 - \$500.

E. Lunch Clubs - Katie Jones

Mrs. Jones reported the following: the lunch clubs have been running well so far. Roughly 110 kids have signed up. There were not enough parent volunteers to offer each child two lunch clubs, however, each child has one club. Almost every child got their first choice for their lunch club. The clubs will run through the first week of March with each club meeting at least 4 times.

F. Kids Heart Challenge - Tiffany Song

Mrs. Song reported the following: Mrs. Song was not available so Mrs. Elder reported the following. This event happen on the ½ day of 2/11 in the gym. Mr. Walker is aware of this. It will take place by class instead of by grade level. There will still be parent volunteers. Fundraising will be by the American heart association.

G. Fifth Grade Farewell - Nicole Lust & Erin Appelt

Mrs. Lust reported the following:

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

H. Yearbook - Amanda Rost

Mrs. Rost reported the following: Bailey Tata will help her with the yearbook this year. They are trying to come up with a theme for the yearbook.

IV. Other Business

None

V. Adjournment

Mrs. Elder offered a final word of thanks to everyone in attendance and adjourned the meeting at 10:47 am.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at 7:00 pm in the JES Library.