

Jefferson Elementary School PTA
November 14, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Kristin Archbold, President

Marisa Hupe, First Vice President

Sarah Shaw, Second Vice President

Melissa Maher, Recording Secretary

Karen Wolling, Corresponding Secretary

Christine Neavin

Jean Thomas

I. Call to Order

President Kristin Archbold called the meeting to order at 7:02PM and welcomed all members in attendance.

II. Executive Committee Reports

- A. Mrs. Archbold started the meeting by highlighting and thanking those parents that chaired and assisted with the many events at JES in the past month.

BINGO Night – Thank you to Chair Wendy Clougherty, Bingo Basket Chair Julie Perricelli and Food Chair Alia Scherr as well as all of the many volunteers who helped make this a successful fundraiser for the school. Special thanks to the Pavlich family who generously donated a Pittsburgh Marathon package, Dr. and Mr. Shaw for calling BINGO and to all the families that donated to the raffle baskets.

Read-A-Thon – Melissa Maher and Christine Neavin; as well as the faculty, staff and 5th grade readers.

Book Fair- Jahna Steiner and Denise Romeo. Due to the success of this event the Author visits are now funded for the year.

Veterans Day Breakfast- Thank you to Elizabeth and Scott Smith for coordinating and making this event special for the veterans in our JES family.

Treats for Troops- Thanks to Mr. Hutsler for taking all the treats that were donated by students and ensuring that they will go to our troops overseas.

Mrs. Archbold had a few general announcements to make including:

Mt. Lebanon High School Faculty Speaker Series- Mt. Lebanon High School science teachers and residents, Josh Bilak and Drew Haberberger, will describe how cutting-edge technological breakthroughs could be leading to another industrial revolution. Wednesday November 28, 2018, 7:00 pm, Fine Arts Theater, Mt. Lebanon HS.

LEBO Pride- this is a new group for parents of children with special needs. They are holding their first meeting this month.

Guest Teacher Program for Day to Day Substitutes- this is a new program offered by the district. Interested individuals that have a Bachelor's degree are eligible to participate. You must take an online course and training session. If interested, please attend an information session. Thursday, November 29, 2018 at 10:00 am OR Friday, December 7, 2018 at 2:00 pm.

- B. 1st Vice President Marisa Hupe had no report at the time of the meeting.
- C. 2nd Vice President Sarah Shaw requested feedback on the updated parent/teacher conference scheduling tool in Dashboard. Those attending commented that the reminder received through the system was useful. One improvement for the future could be to allow parents with multiple children to see all their children side by side in the tool for scheduling purposes.

World Kindness Day was yesterday. Songs were played over the speaker and one of the JES Girl Scout troops handed out stickers in the morning. There were kindness activities such as making cards for community helpers and art projects like a "You matter" wall.

JES has partnered with the ADL to get a No Place for Hate designation. Olweus Bullying Program representative- teachers will be trained in January. Anti-bullying and anti-bias are at the core of the program.

Safety update- \$1 million approved by the school board. Need to prioritize how to spend the money. All money to be spent on capital improvements.

ESAP pilots- JES is not a pilot site. Program that connects kids with outside resources and additional resources at school.

Hillside update- Dr. Shaw believes the plan is to terrace the hillside and that most of the Kindergarten playground will be retained.

D. Kristin Archbold reported on behalf of Treasurer Rachel Golden.

Membership-

145 families- \$2,900

16 faculty (2 teachers joined as families) - \$240

32 donations made for \$1,160

BINGO-

Total expenses over budget (still waiting on one possible receipt):

\$1155.87 actuals vs. \$800 budgeted. Actuals comprised of:

-chairs \$442.88

-prizes/supplies \$284.99

-pizza \$428

Total revenues were a little less than budget \$3,676 actual vs. \$4,000 budgeted. Actuals comprised of:

-Raffle baskets \$1,308

-Cards/dobbers \$1,192

-Food \$675

-Chili \$140

Bake sale \$166

Auction \$195

Voted to approve the budget overage for Bingo- Christine Neavin motioned to approve, Melissa Maher seconded and the motion was passed.

- E. Recording Secretary Melissa Maher distributed the minutes from the October PTA meeting. Karen Wolling motioned to approve the minutes, Christine Neavin seconded. The motion passed. The minutes will be posted on the JES PTA website.
- F. Historian Mary Crowley did not have a report for this meeting.
- G. Corresponding Secretary Karen Wolling did not have a report for this meeting.

III. Standing Committee Reports

- A. Mrs. Archbold reported on Membership.
Numbers noted above.
Only 5 families have not joined from the previous year.
30 families total who confirmed their data have not joined yet.
- B. Read A Thon- Chairs Melissa Maher and Christine Neavin. Mrs. Neavin was present and reported that the school's minute total was 105,810.
The class winners were:
 - 3-5th; Mr. Hutsler 661/minutes student
 - K-2; Mrs. Wick 258/minutes/student63 students qualified for the Pictionary party
There was 100% participation (every child submitted at least one ticket) so they were awarded an extra recess and PJ day.

Thanks was expressed to Dr. Shaw for all of her support and for wearing another great costume that the children really enjoyed. Additionally, thanks to the teachers for their support and remembering to send in tickets and to all the parents who helped by counting minute tickets each day.

- C. Bingo Night Chair Wendy Clougherty was not able to be present. Financials and thanks presented earlier in the meeting.
- D. Reflections- Chair Megan Zadeky was not present but submitted the following report:
-We had 6 entries this year. 1 in the K-2 bracket and 5 in the 3-6 bracket.
-4 entries will be moving on to the council level. (1st 2nd and 3rd places.) Council judging is slated for November 20. Winners there will move on to states.
-Ideas to promote more entries next year – two week lunch club for example. Lunch N Learn for next year.
- E. Square One Art Fundraiser chairs Kristin Archbold and Marisa Hupe reported that paper orders are due tomorrow. Online ordering has been extended to November 23rd. Thank you to Mrs. Switzer for working with the children on their art pieces.
- F. Holiday Shoppe Chairs Stephanie Schulte-Albert and Marisa Hupe reported that papers will be coming home on Monday. Early sign-on bonus was received and the chairs selected a Pizza Party for the custodians as their reward from Scholastic. They have enough volunteers.
- G. Lunch Clubs- Chair Christine Neavin reported that she has the email blast out requesting coordinators. There will be a meeting after Thanksgiving to go over information about clubs.
January 8th- Session 1 (Tuesday and Thursday)
February 5th- Session 2
7 clubs right now- last year 14.
Sign-up forms will be sent home with children in early December.
- H. 5th grade farewell- Chairs Tamara Grant and Kara Quigley submitted the following report:
The committee is well on the way to meeting the fundraising goal. Thank you to Marisa Hupe for chairing the fall Spirit Wear sale which raised \$1,130.20.
Pretzel sales are going well. About 80-85 pretzels are sold each week.

The committee has received \$260 in donations.
Looking into scheduling a Chipotle Night fundraiser.
Kelly Gyurina is currently working to coordinate the Brookline food pantry project service project that will take place in January.

- I. Veterans Day- Chair Elizabeth Smith was not able to attend. Approximately 60 people including vets and their families attended the event. The event included a lovely breakfast and photo tributes to veterans related to our JES students..
- J. Cultural Arts- no report.

IV. Other Business

- A. JES PTA is now a recognized as a tax exempt organization through Amazon so we will not have to pay taxes on future orders.

V. Adjournment

Mrs. Archbold adjourned the meeting at 8:22PM, Next meeting is January 16th at 9:30AM.