

*Jefferson Elementary School PTA  
December 9, 2020 Meeting Minutes*

\* NOTE – this meeting was held virtually via Zoom

**Attendees:**

*Jenny Elder, President*

*Katie Jones, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President*

*Brett Bielewicz, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President & School Principal*

*Amanda Rost, Treasurer*

*Anne Clarke, Recording Secretary*

*Nicole Lust, Corresponding Secretary*

*Jill Kushnir, Historian*

*Elizabeth Smith*

*Gina Florez*

*Karen Wolling*

*Jean Thomas*

**I. Call to Order**

*President Jenny Elder called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm and welcomed all members in attendance.*

**II. Executive Committee Reports**

**A. President's report – Jenny Elder**

*Mrs. Elder began by offering her thanks to the following individuals:*

*Thanks to Melissa Maher & Kristin Archbold to reinventing and pulling off this year's Read-A-thon. Also thank you for the support of Mr. B and Mrs. Auslander in making the Read-A-thon possible.*

*Thank you to Katie Jones for the work she did on the Square 1 art fundraiser*

*Thanks to all the families that have participated in the fundraisers this year*

**B. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President's report – Katie Jones**

*Mrs. Jones stated that she had nothing new to report at this time.*

C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President's report – Brett Bielewicz

Mr. Bielewicz stated that he had nothing new to report at this time. Mr. Bielewicz gave an update of where we currently are. He appreciated the support given for the read a thon. He was impressed in seeing the energy with the children which has not been there for a long time. He stated that we may be the only school that does a Read-A-Thon that is not for profit and just for the love of reading. It engages the entire school community in different ways. The kids are back into the academic swing of things but it's the fun things that mean so much for the kids. He further stated that he appreciates the flexibility of the PTA in working with the teachers and staff.

D. Treasurer's report – Amanda Rost

Mrs. Rost reported the following:

Mrs. Rost presented the November 2020 PTA finance report [click here](#) to view the report. We currently have a \$3480 total decline in income.

E. Recording Secretary's report – Anne Clarke

Mrs. Clarke submitted the following report:

Mrs. Clarke noted that since there was not a November PTA meeting, there obviously were no minutes for November. She further stated that the minutes from the October 2020 PTA meeting have been distributed to all via the PTA's email of December 8, 2020. She asked for a motion to approve those minutes. Mrs. Katie Jones motioned to approve the minutes and Mrs. Karen Wolling seconded the motion. The motion passed.

F. Corresponding Secretary's report – Nicole Lust

Mrs. Lust submitted the following report:

The next newsletter will go out on Monday December 14, 2020.

G. Historian's report – Jill Kushnir

Mrs. Kushnir stated that she had nothing new to report at this time.

### **III. Standing Committee Reports**

#### **A. Membership – Elizabeth Smith**

*Mrs. Smith reported the following:*

*At the time of the last meeting, the PTA had a total of 75 members (63 family memberships and 12 faculty members). The number of people who have joined the PTA since the last meeting has increased by 27 (13 family memberships and 14 faculty members). The current membership stands at 102 members. Of that, 76 are family members and 26 are faculty members. Mrs. Smith further reported that she sent Mrs. Wolling a list of the 26 faculty members who had joined the PTA.*

#### **B. Read-a-thon – Kristin Archbold and Melissa Maher**

*Melissa Maher & Kristin Archbold emailed their report to Mrs. Elder who presented the report. They offered their thanks to Mr. Bielewicz & Mrs. Auslander for their enthusiasm and support of their efforts. They also wanted to thank every faculty member who hosted a “book before bed” which was a highlight of the Read-a-thon. The students read 108,000 minutes which was 8,000 more minutes than last year. The individual winners were:*

*3<sup>rd</sup> place = 3<sup>rd</sup> Hana Fathony*

*2<sup>nd</sup> place = 5<sup>th</sup> Catherine Thomas*

*1<sup>st</sup> place = 3<sup>rd</sup> Nova Trivelli*

#### **C. Square 1 Art Fundraiser – Katie Jones**

*Mrs. Jones reported that sales totaled \$2469. This was not as much as she had hoped. There were 157 pieces of art uploaded. There was good participation across the grade levels. She reported that she was waiting to find out how much money JES made on the fund raiser and hoped to have those numbers soon.*

#### **D. Fifth Grade Farewell – Marisa Hupe**

*Mrs. Hupe was unavailable for the meeting. Ms. Elder stated that the T-shirts were delivered for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade farewell and thanked Mrs. Hupe for her continued efforts.*

#### **E. Shopper Rewards – Jenny Elder**

*Mrs. Elder reported the following: We have 19 people registered with our AmazonSmile account. We will keep putting the information in the*

*newsletter and hopefully get 50 people registered by the end of the school year.*

**VI. Adjournment**

*Mrs. Elder offered a final word of thanks to everyone in attendance and adjourned the meeting at 7:55 pm.*

***The next PTA meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, January 13, 2021 (We are hoping to be able to get back to the regular schedule of holding the meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month).***