

Jerome Harrison School

PTO Meeting Minutes

December 7, 2015

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- The meeting was called to order at 6:36pm.
- Thank you to Stacey Appell and the Beautification committee for the beautiful entrance way and decorations.
- Thank you to Night to Care Committee for a fabulous evening. There are only about 10 snowmen that are unaccounted for.
- At the beginning of the year, the student allotment was given to teachers at \$12 per student. After fundraisers have come back, the PTO is making a motion to raise the student allotment to \$16 per student (difference of \$1,475). The additional money comes from earnings this year. All present agree.
- There is a proposed increase in the Cultural Arts budget of an additional \$4,000 to bring the CA budget to \$8,000. All present agree.
- January 15th there will be a pasta dinner and movie night. The cost is \$5 for the dinner and the movie is free.
- March 21st will be the St. Baldrick's event. More information will follow at a later date.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Clothing line – There was miscommunication (through email) with the distributor. There is additional paperwork that Karen will fill out tomorrow morning. The clothing line will be in before the holiday break. Liz will be discussing the opportunity to switch to an online vendor in January.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

- Minutes approved from the November meeting
 1. Kathy Moorehead
 2. Sarah Siegel
- There were 12 parents in attendance as well as Mrs. Bozzuto, Mrs. Hammel, Mrs. Barry, and Ms. Parker.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- The November Treasurer's Report included deposits that totaled \$10,755.63. The total checks paid out were \$7,426.07. This brings the budget to \$36,231.22.
- Budget Approval:
 - Danielle Pannone
 - Andrea Fusco
- There are now 2 forms. One is for reimbursement and one is for deposits from events at JHS. They will be online as interactive PDF's on the school website.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- Lauren Barry and Beth Parker reported on the Principal's report.
- Night to Care – Thank you, from the entire staff, to everyone for a successful evening.
- Another thank you to the PTO for the funding of the bullying assembly and the breakfast.
- There is an author visit for first and second grade classes this week. Students build their passion for writing books by collaborating with local authors. Books ordered from the author typically go home the day of the event with the author.
- If there is anything needed for the holiday sale this week, please notify Dr. Welch.
- The Square 1 Art was a great fundraiser for the families and thank you to Mrs. Remetta for coordinating the students' artwork.
- December 23, 2015 will be a KIND assembly that builds a positive climate. If your child's class is performing or your child is Student of the Month, you will be notified. Donations to the food bank were shared during the last KIND assembly.
- Teachers continue to be engaged in professional development opportunities throughout the year that range in a variety of topics.
- There will be a brief forum about RTI immediately following the PTO meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Night to Care – Noise control during the chorus performance was much better this year. A few parents reported that they thought the timing of the evening was a little off. There was less food collected and less money collected at the food drive. The fire department will be donating money this year. The committee will also be supplementing gift cards to give each family from the PTO.
- Holiday Sale – Many volunteers are needed to help students make selections. Help is needed on Wednesday to unpack and set up the event.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

- The dates for the upcoming year are inputted into the calendar by the end of June. The event date for Night to Care will be changed for the upcoming year to the first Wednesday in December.
- The Father/ Daughter dance will be moved to a Friday in February. More information will follow.
- The Playground Committee sent out surveys to ask what teachers would like to see outside/ inside. Dr. Welch welcomes the idea of a sand box outside. The Playground Committee will investigate options for a sandbox.
- Danielle Pannone reported that Science Rocks is scheduled to come in February. Dr. Welch would like to have an assembly about healthy eating at some point in May.

ADJOURNMENT:

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.
1. Kathy Moorehead
 2. Danielle Pannone