

**Thomas Jefferson PTA Meeting**  
**December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

**Attendance:** Joe Klingensmith, Barb Hackworth, Donna Cook, Nancy Van Wyk, Diane Babcock, Michelle Stalzer, Stephanie Critchfield, Sarah Muhs, Kim King, Melissa Hintz, Lisa Sharp, Carrie Garrett, Jamie White, Lucinda Sinclair, Denise Templeman, Valerie Barry, Jen Norvell, Emily Martin, Jennifer Mehmen, Deana Gast, , Robyn Friedman, Ryan Zink, Amber Zink

Robyn Friedman called the meeting to order and Amber Zink read the PTA prayer.

**Motion to approve minutes by Amber Zink:** Joe Klingensmith, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kim King

**Motion to approve treasurer's report by Ryan Zink:** Deana Gast, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kim King

**Principal's report:** Lisa Sharp--Getting ready for our winter concerts!! On the 21<sup>st</sup> the staff would like to treat the kids to a movie at the high school. In conjunction they would like to do a food drive. Mr. McDermott was contacted about doing something for the troops as an option. The TJ faculty has decided to take on the carnival and will start making plans now!! They also decided they would like to save soup labels for a die-cut machine. Karen King registered TJ for Coke rewards. School Mall fundraiser—if you like to shop online [www.schoolmall.com](http://www.schoolmall.com) Choose your school...when you shop online they donate 5%-7% of their profit (Target, Oriental Trading, Barnes and Noble, Kohl's, etc).

**Committee Reports:**

**Reflections:** Carrie....November incentive—no entries from Thomas Jefferson. Sent out a flyer, a notice in the newspaper, and in the announcements. New incentive: photography or video submitted by December 17<sup>th</sup> will be entered to win Movie tickets. The theme is “Together We Can.” Maybe we can send home examples of what the kids can do. All entries are due January 7<sup>th</sup>. <http://www.ptareflections.org/>

**Labels/Box tops:** Both schools should be getting checks in December for Box Tops. TJs will be over \$1000. (Other label ideas--**Project A+:** **Tyson Labels:** 24 cents a piece. Land O Lakes OJ and Milk Caps...5 cents a piece.)

**Book Fair:** Tami has a big box of books for the TJ kids—would we like to wrap them? Santa will be here on December 17<sup>th</sup> (make up day the 20<sup>th</sup>) to distribute books to the kids.

**Membership:** We had 10 additional teacher members join just last month.

**School Events:**

**Cook Book Update:** They are in print and will ship at the end of this week! They WILL be here before Christmas break!! 18 students' artwork was chosen for the cookbook--9 from each school and someone from every grade level. Distribution ideas: Table at the holiday concert and at Hy-Vee or other local businesses. A specific night to pick them up? Pick them up in the office?? Reserved 755 copies and only 300 are pre-sold. Purchase 1 for \$12 or multiples for \$10.

**Butterbraid:** Made around \$3500. 91 sellers. About 20% of our kids participated.

**Concessions:** Still need a chair. Spring will be here soon! Track and Soccer concessions will be needed. Only the home side is open.

**Teacher Appreciation:** Stephanie Critchfield will handle December. She also offered to be the chair for this committee!! Thanks Stephanie!! ☺

**Family Events:**

**RIF:** November/December distributions went well. City-Wide PTA will be ending the RIF program after this year. It is costing \$9000 a year to do it--3 schools in 2010 didn't qualify and PTA had to supplement more money and the price of books was not much of a discount. Lots of different ideas on how to do a

like-event such as a trading closet, donations, etc. Please attend City-Wide to share your ideas. Preschool is not included in RIF.

**Old Business:**

Would anyone like to help wrap the books? Perhaps the teachers can help...meet in the library. We would love to have wrapping paper donated as well.

**Playground Committee:** Mrs. Babcock talked with Mrs. Sharp about what they want to do. The equipment we had picked out will no longer work. We need to meet with maintenance and figure out what room is available. Would love to put equipment down on the field. As of right now there are too many kids to put more things out on the playground. She is open to ideas and would like to set up a committee after Christmas. If anyone would like to join, please let Mrs. Babcock know.

**Fundraising Ideas:** Cedar Valley Fundraising, Brainshow.com, Fun-a-Thon (Read? Walk? Math? Walkathon? Jump rope? Dime a minute, etc), Winter Spring Fundraiser or Family event, Red Wheel Fundraising, Schwans PERHAPS during carnival. Joe Corbis in January or February rather than April or May. 40-50% profit. Estimated retail is \$30,000, He will provide all the food if we do a family event. People could sample it that night.

Specifically what are we raising funds for?

FYI Field Trip Budget: It costs \$10/hour for bus drivers and mileage on top of it 75 cents/mile.

\*\*Come to the January meeting prepared to discuss Winter/Spring fundraiser ideas and how to best spend any money earned from fundraising.

**New business**

Need volunteers to work at the city-wide book fair February 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> at DMACC. Please contact Wendi Cupples or Joe Klingensmith @ [joenbevk@mchsi.com](mailto:joenbevk@mchsi.com) . We need 2 volunteers a day.

Teachers would love donations of indoor recess games!

**Motion to adjourn:** Stephanie Critchfield, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jen Norvell.

**Next PTA meeting: January 10<sup>th</sup> 2011, 6 pm at WW**

**Next City-Wide meeting: January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011, 6:30pm at the Annex building. EVERYONE is invited and we'd love to see you there!!**

Respectfully submitted by Amber Zink