

Thomas Jefferson PTA Meeting Minutes

9/13/2010 at 6 pm

Pizza donated by Scott Creech. Dessert donated by Butter braids.

Attendance: Denise Templeman, Stephanie Critchfield, Jamie White, Jessie Rutter, Amy Rethmeier, Sarah Muhs, Cody Muhs, Claudia Bollhoefer, Jodi Portner, Emily Martin, Scott Creech, Nancy Van Wyk, Megan Holden, Ina Heidemann, Shelby Koons, Robyn Friedman, Michelle Stalzer, Deana Gast, Ryan Zink, Amber Zink, Kim King

Introduction of PTA officers

Robyn Friedman explained how a PTA meeting runs and Robert's Rules of Order.

Meeting was called to order by Robyn Friedman. Amber Zink read the PTA prayer. May minutes were brought up and motion to approve was made by Robyn Friedman and seconded by Michelle Stalzer.

Treasurer's Report: presented by Ryan Zink. Stephanie Critchfield made a motion to approve and was seconded by Deana Gast.

Principal's report: Lisa Sharp was absent, but sent a note with Robyn Friedman. She is happy with the way things are running at TJ. She mentioned that things are becoming much more organized in the lunchroom and classrooms. She also made mention that the drive through pick-up and drop-off lane was a big issue with parents and understands their frustration. They will continue to work on it and emphasized the importance that the right lane is the drop off lane the left is the drive through. Cooperation is needed to keep the unaccompanied kids safe. She thanked everyone for their cooperation!

There is a specific teacher need for laminating film for the new Math curriculum program. Each section takes 2 Rolls at \$27 per roll. Volunteers will be needed to laminate and cut the materials as well. She wondered if the PTA would be willing to help fund the laminating film along with provide volunteers to help cut materials.

Unfinished business: None

New business:

- Michelle Stalzer: Stated that we have 135 members at TJ. We feel that the large numbers were due to successful set up location and organization at registration.
- Robyn spoke about our membership outreach and made it clear that we need to grow our membership and let them know about all their volunteer opportunities.
 - Ideas to help with outreach: Word of mouth, tell a friend, also communication and distribution with monthly calendar, volunteer email, and website development with links of officers, volunteer opportunities.
- Kim King pointed out that we will be updating a website with our schedules, calendars, meeting minutes, etc that will be accessible to parents and teachers.

Committee Reports:

Joint meeting with WW and TJ officers

- **REFLECTIONS:** Deana Gast spoke about Reflections. Last year we had 7 children from Newton go on to the highest they could go. We currently do not have a chair.
- **Soup Labels and Box Tops:** Denise Templeman will chair for both schools.
 - We need to make flyers to alert people that we are collecting. Robyn suggested that we have them ready to go out with the next newsletter. Denise also needs information for login website access to the Box Top. She wants to create a competition and contests to generate interest.
 - Michelle suggested that we also utilize “My Coke Rewards”.
- **Book Fair:** Deanna Gast described Book Fair. Tammy Nook is the chair at TJ. We could still use lots of help. Dates of book fair are the same times as parent teacher conferences (end of Oct and in April.)
- **Membership:** Kim talked about incentives for joining PTA. (Discounts for showing your PTA card.) We currently do not have a chair.
- **School events:** Kim King explained what the school event committee would do. We currently do not have a chair..
- **Family events:** Kim King explained what the Family events committee would do. For example, family fun night and family centered events where we can incorporate family time with school. These do not have to be money makers...it's just to promote family time!
 - Robyn asked if there were any ideas, to please mention them to the PTA officers.
- **Concessions:** Rishell Meyers (City-wide PTA president) spoke about what City-Wide PTA is. She explained that their biggest fundraiser is concessions. City wide completely funds the RIFF book program. They give a \$500 grant to each school to use toward whatever they want. Rishell explained how we really need volunteers for concession stands as we are at an all time low trying to get volunteers. City-wide PTA will meet on the third Tuesday of every month at the Annex building. 21st of September is the first meeting at 6:30.
 - Also, those who volunteer will get into the game free, they will get \$10 to give to the teacher or classroom of their choice and shift leaders will get \$20!! They will also get a free food item and drink! If that isn't incentive enough, it really is a **LOT** Of fun! You get to meet lots of people and have fun!
- **Teacher Appreciation:** Michelle Stalzer explained what the Teacher Appreciation Committee would do. She also explained that we would like to have one day a month where we do something randomly for the teachers.
- **RIFF:** We need a coordinator and some volunteers to help organize RIFF. Rishell mentioned that Bethany Pulson, who runs RIFF for city-wide, would really like us to get going on it so we can turn in the information ASAP. We currently do not have a chair.
- **Fundraising Options:**
 - Butter braids, [Joe Corbis](#) Pizza, Red wheel, Schwans, Holiday Greenery, Cookbook, Gift Cards, Magazine Sales, Lunch Raffle, Sleeve/Socks, Art Stamps turned to postage stamps, Silent Auction, Shopping event.

- **Top fundraising ideas to implement for fall:**

- Butter braid: Robyn Friedman volunteered to be the head of the butter braid fundraiser and asked for 2-3 volunteers per school.
- Cookbook: Headed by Michelle Stalzer, Sarah Muhs, and Joe Klingensmith

Motion made to adjourn by Stephanie Critchfield Seconded by Ryan Zink.

- ☺ The next City-Wide PTA meeting will be September 21, 2010 at the NCSD Annex Building.
- ☺ The next Thomas Jefferson/Woodrow Wilson PTA meeting will be at THOMAS JEFFERSON on October 4th, 2010 at 6 pm.

- **Important information to bring up at next meeting:**

- Do the “sleeves” instead of t-shirts and sweatshirts. Discuss in October.
- We need to have a motion to approve the \$15 payment/babysitter at TJ.

Respectfully submitted by Amber Zink