

## **JEPTA Minutes**

**1/6/2021 @ 6:00**

Virtual/Zoom

Attendees: Cory Cotter, Jessica Stock, Melissa Cornell, Meghan Heroth, Jamie Tallon, Krista Peterson, Karyn Watson, Maggie Arguelles, Jennifer Spritzer, Kristin Meashaw, Karlene Peck, Kirsten Hall, Sarah Spritzer, Bob Kraemer, Erin Gavin

Call To Order @ 6:00

Pledge Of Allegiance

- [Treasurer's Report](#): Jamie Tallon
  - 143 paid members, our membership is up to date
  - Fundraisers:
    - Profits Update:
      - Wreath: we made more than anticipated
      - Apparel: the most we have ever profited, and more than anticipated
    - Changed the name of our “fall event” to “fall and winter” event, which was our Literacy Event; we spent a little more on the hot cocoa, but we brought in more than anticipated in our fundraisers
    - Motion to Accept: Melissa/ Cory
- Secretary's Report: Meghan Heroth
  - Minutes from November have not been posted, Meghan did a quick overview; will be posted in conjunction with January's minutes
  - Review of expectations and protocols for incoming Secretary Jessica Stock
  - Motion to Accept: Kristen/ Karlene
- Fundraising Chair: Kirsten Hall/ Updates
  - C&H just ended
    - Met our projected profits
    - Flags: did well with profits, but still need to coordinate with Mr. Forsey about getting money
  - Art Fundraiser: if PTA wants to proceed, Cory and Bob will send it to classroom teachers to facilitate collection of artwork
    - Typically done every other year - students make some sort of artwork, which are then reproduced onto merchandise for parents to purchase with their child's artwork (ex: mugs, key chains, notepads, garden flags, etc.)
  - Upcoming:
    - Coupon Book
    - McDonald's Nights - as of now they are not hosting fundraiser nights

- Notes for Future Apparel Sales: need to scale back either a) the number of items we offer or b) the number of color options
- Appreciation Chair: Kristin Meashaw
  - Nothing new to report
  - Upcoming:
    - Raffle Baskets for Library & Founder's Day
      - Library still intends to do their basket fundraiser this year; but hold off for now...it will probably be happening later than usual, with online ticketing
- Principal reports: Cory Cotter & Robert Kraemer
  - Thank everyone for all of the work that went into the Christmas Literacy night; a lot of positive feedback
  - Excited to have students back in-person this week;
  - Continuing with social and emotional learning/ instruction on a daily basis to support students during these anxious times; committees are constantly working on lesson plans and support; shifting focus slightly this month to Character Strengths
  - Morning Program
  - Literacy Night: January 12 (Tuesday): began in November with two surprise guest readers; recently opened it up to Warren Street based off of parent feedback, that their whole family enjoyed it
  - No School on Monday January 18
  - Remote Pick-Up Wednesday
  - BOE Meeting on Thursday January 21 @ 6:00 pm
  - STEAM Night: Thursday January 28 @ 6:00 pm
    - Will be virtual this year, and materials will be sent home with students the week of 1/25; stay tuned for Zoom link
  - Catholic Charities Programming (Virtual)
    - PA: Second Step & Yellow Dino
    - Warren: Finishing-up with 3rd
    - Beginning Junior Achievement
  - Looking at some enrichment activities for all of our grade-levels and possible mentoring program
  - January 25-29: Kindness Challenge at PA (more information to come)
- Discussion Topics

(1) Founders Day Update:

- One Committee with Representatives from each PTA level to handle Founder's Day each year: more streamlined to make the process easier/ smoother and choose winner of City-Wide & Mischael Boyer
- What is it? A night where PTA gets together and acknowledges/ celebrates volunteers who go above and beyond for the students and families of their respective schools

- Discussion about still nominating and honor a class of 2021 recipients, with the idea of either
  - a) Honoring them virtually
  - b) Honoring them virtually with the hopes of doing an “in-person” even in August/September for the 2020 and 2021 classes
- Volunteers to be on Committee: Kristin, Melissa, Karlene, Jamie, Maggie

(2) Virtual Opportunities/Events

- JEPTA Night: Valentines/Presidents Theme? Kahoot? Again in the spring?
  - Karlene would be willing to organize the Kahoot
  - Early February
  - Prizes: Kristin would be willing to help out; prizes given out to top winner in each grade
    - Budget: \$100
    - Motion to change “Fall/Winter Events” to “Virtual Events” and increase budget line from \$250 to \$500: Melissa/ Kristin

(3) BookFair

- Need to finalize: it is a good idea, but it would need to be improved upon from the spring, if it was still virtual
- Can we do it in person? Yes, but we might need to use staff members to help run it, instead of outside volunteers
  - Cory will look into if we can get volunteers pre-approved to assist if it was in person

Motion to adjourn @ 6:47: Kristin/ Jamie

**Happy 2021!**  
**Next Meeting February 3, 6:00 P.M.**  
**Via Zoom**