JEPTA: Johnstown Elementary PTA

March 11, 2026
Warren Street Library, 6:00 PM

Attendance:
Amanda Bunker, Jamie Sedal-Ammann, Ashley Valik, Katie Warner, Nancy Lisicki, Kristin Michaels, Cory Cotter, Samantha G., Natasha Allen

Zoom Attendees:
Ashley Savage, Nicole Panton, Jackie Miller, Karyn Watson

Call to Order:
President @ 6:04 PM

Pledge of Allegiance
Commitment: Staying Positive
Following the mantra of making commitments within our school districts, JEPTA would like to begin each meeting with making commitments for our meetings. Staying positive will be our commitment for this meeting.

Secretary Report

The February 2026 notes have been posted on the website and the March notes will be posted following this meeting
Motions: Cory Cotter
Motion Carried

Treasurer's Report
Question from Natasha Allen: Do we lose money on Scholastic Book Fairs?
We do not lose, but we do not profit actual money. Schools benefit from gaining Scholastic Points and from students buying the gift of books.
Motion: Samantha and Amanda Bunker
Motion Carried

Principal's Reports

Volunteers needed for Spring photos at Pleasant Ave. on March 25th.
Welcome to Kristin Michaels, who will become Pleasant Ave Principal on July 1st.

Fundraising/Events Update

BINGO
Went great. Jenn wants to do it again! She was a fantastic volunteer.
This event went really well. Let's simplify the Bingo cards and possibly use something other than Cheerios as placeholders. Possibly hold two Bingo events next year.

Gertrude Hawk
Took in a lot of orders, profit TBD
(March 23rd is the tentative date to get items delivered, and the invoice will tell us the exact profit amount.)

STAR Banking with the Credit Union
Will be donating $160 to JEPTA for making a partnership with us as an appreciation. They would like to present a check to us as they are very pleased with the new 16 accounts that have been opened. April 2nd is the next banking day, and they would like to present it at that time.

Upcoming:

High Rollers - March 26
Julia B. has been helping to plan this event. 4:30-6:30 drop-in event. A flyer has been made and will go out. This is not a money-maker for JEPTA; typically, we just help offset the cost. Right now, it is $9 per skater and $5 per spectator.
Some ideas to help with cost:

- Charge $10 flat rate per skater and cover the cost of chaperones.
- Make a basket with some JEPTA apparel to have at the door.
- Volunteers to help?

PA Art Show, Book Fair, Family Fun Night - April 28, 4:30-6:30
WS Art Show, Book Fair, Family Fun Night - May 13, 4:30-6:30
Similar plans in both buildings. Snack served and a bookmark craft. The BOGO book fair will also be set up. Volunteers are making cookies for these events, and icing hopefully will be donated.

Fundraiser:
Class Auto Wash - Month of April (code coming soon)
Free Fundraiser and zero work. They would like to hit 50 washes. Please tell the code BEFORE they take your credit card, or they cannot use it.

Warren Dance?
Discuss adding a dance to the calendar for grades 2-4 only. Specific to just those students, giving them fun yet independence.
Jamie would like to propose having a dance for Warren Street Students only. Pleasant Ave has the Someone Special Dance. Adding a Glow Dance for 2nd, 3rd, and 4th-grade students? Light and decorations are already purchased and in storage. Could we purchase new lights to use for the Pleasant Ave dance parties and Warren Street dances? It would be a good investment to make, and we have gift cards (Amazon and Walmart) to make these purchases. An idea to divide the Warren Gym in half and have dancing on one side and a restful, more relaxing other side. Another idea from Cory: Having it on a weeknight, just one hour, inviting one parent, a low price, and making an RSVP.

EOY:

Teacher Appreciation Week
(We are changing to STAFF Appreciation Week and still honoring Teachers on Teacher Appreciation Day.) Everything is unified in all three buildings, in terms of dressing up and events. Principals may decide to do additional appreciation activities in their building. We are working with local businesses to try and donate some sweet treats to this event.
Monday, May 4 - Friday, May 8

JEPTA will provide “All That and a Bag of Chips” lunch for lunch Tuesday, 9
Jamie will paint a banner
Details to come from Jacky/Jamie

JEPTA will provide a sweet treat that week: Friday, May 8

Other Appreciation?
Check in with Jacky
Crossing guard gift? Maybe some Johnstown outdoor gear.
Anyone else we are missing for appreciation?

Comments, Questions

- Thank you note received from the Public Library for making the wagon basket.

All 7th graders will get a yearbook from JEPTA this year. This year, everyone's yearbook will be $15, and as of right now, that is the cap and will go no higher. Every year the prices have increased dramatically. We do not set the price, and we are not able to negotiate the price. Perhaps we speak with the yearbook committees about shopping around or doing something different.

There will be a JEPTA summer camp conference for officers to attend. This money is in the budget, and other officers are encouraged to attend. It is local, and there is no need for lodging.

A survey was sent to parents asking for detailed information on where JEPTA could make improvements and how to make it easier to attend meetings.

Future Meeting Dates

April 15 - 3:00 PM, Pleasant Avenue Art Room

Adjournment @ 7:05 PM

Respectfully Submitted by: Katie Warner