



**PTA GENERAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 13, 2018**

Attendees: Amy Occhialino, Libby Listowich, Christine Vial, Marge Heffernan, Carla Wootton, Mason Marsh, Sarah Bills, Ted Occhialino, Sarah Bills, Ashley Wilson, Anna Ramano, Crystal Glanz-Kreutz, George Caceres, Nazish Fatima, Wendy Palafox, Emily King, Robin Rolfe, Jeremy Simer, Jen Edmonds, and Laura Streib.

Agenda:

- 1) Call to order at 6:35pm
- 2) Approval of minutes from the October meeting - Ted Occhialino moved to approve / general consensus to approve.
- 3) Financial report:
Income withdrawals: \$1,806.60
Earnings: \$1,215.09
Previous Balance: \$4,433.12
Ending Balance: \$3,841.61
Playground fund at \$28,832.86
Sealing and striping at \$5,030.00.
Rice museum field trip paid for Wolfe-Perez.
Earned \$380.50 at movie night.
Spirit wear.
Craft fair money coming in.
With restaurant night we should be in the green - week long fund raiser / \$209 in sales - went to \$420 with their doubling from 48 North (stop by and thank Kevin):
§ Will get pizzas from there for teacher conferences next week - Kevin will become a member of the PTA.
§ Monthly donor program potential donor.
- 4) Membership campaign update:
You do not have to be a member to attend meeting!
Membership drive ends November 15th - participants will be entered into a drawing.
84 in October.
At 113 in November.
Sarah will put a post on the St. John's Facebook page.
- 5) Harvest festival report:
Went really well.
Everyone seemed to have a good time / very positive feedback.
Some good tweaks will happen for 2019.
Committee for 2019.
362 people - with staff, at ~ 400 people.
Will be beginning of October.

- 6) Dia de Los Muertos report:
312 attendees.
Good parent volunteers.
Good food.
Two events tied well together.
Will happen in 2019.
Green Team will grow the marigolds for 2019.
- 7) Winter Craft Fair:
December 15th - 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM.
Volunteers needed.
Bake sale information:
§ Not allowed - jam/jelly, fruit butters, nut butters, pickles, fermented foods, meat jerky, and salsa.
§ Vegan foods / gluten free sell out very quickly.
§ Libby has the forms / contact information.
§ Rules will be translated into Spanish.
Need 15 - 20 people to help.
If you want a booth, forms are available.
15 confirmed and paid vendors / 8 more interested.
Booth fees are \$40 - \$60.
- 8) Movie night:
November 30th - 6:00 PM.
Doors open at 5:30 PM.
Incredibles 2 in Spanish, with English sub-titles.
Volunteers needed.
- 9) Green team work party:
November 17th - 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM.
Last work party of the calendar year.
Will spread mulch.
Winterizing the green house / beds.
- 10) PTA clothing center day:
November 26th.
Monday after Thanksgiving break.
Resource for all PPS students / no eligibility requirement.
James John Elementary Day.
9:30 AM - 1:30 PM open for shoppers.
Volunteers carpool after drop-off and wrap-up at 1:00 to be back for school dismissal.
Let Marge know if you are interested / there are already 5-6 volunteers.
Second one will be March 7th in the spring.
Could promote the clothing center more / it is underutilized.
You must bring a clothing center form stating that your child is enrolled at the school in order to procure clothing.
Bras, underwear, socks, jeans, jackets are new / can we do a mailing in the backpacks? Marge will check to see if there is a limited number to tell if there is a number of students that can be sent per school.
Will have a summary for this in January.
- 11) Playground update:
Wood chips are the next step / has to go through a specific provider.

Installers are ready.

To prep the site, break up the existing chips, install new equipment, spread out old chips, lay down fabric, and then install new chips.

Chip blowing truck costs more than the dump truck.

100 yards will be blown in with PPS donation.

40 yards will be blown in by the PTA - \$1,400.

Will need to do clean-up afterwards and clean off the new equipment.

Done by the end of November.

Hoping to dedicate in the beginning of December.

Will be a final work party (bank, parents, and teachers).

Tetherball pole will remain.

Monkey bars and car will be moved and re-arranged.

ADA ramp will be installed.

12) Website launch:

www.jamesjohnpta.org

Community resources will be part of the web site.

Live now.

Will be able to make monthly donations.

Corporate matching for charitable donations.

Links to auction page / movie night page.

Will link to the PPS James John site.

Will translate into Spanish / Jeremy will help with this.

13) Book Fair:

Volunteer needs captured by Christine.

December 3rd – 6th.

One with Scholastic and one with a local book seller during the school year.

Scholastic is very easy.

Work hard to identify kids that do not have books in their home.

Use money for author visits during the year.

14) Conferences:

Pizza will be brought to the teachers (either lunch or dinner).

Want to do sides / please volunteer to bring a side dish.

Monday will be the donation day for lunch or dinner.

15) Optimist Club opportunity

Volunteer opportunity for 2 hour shifts for \$20 / all money goes to the James John PTA:

Bike parking area is from the Optimist Club.

Shifts are 10-12, 12-2, and 2-4 daily Monday – Friday the three weeks after Thanksgiving before school goes out.

16) Adjournment - 7:33pm