

PENDING APPROVAL

**Jason Lee PTA 12.5.10
General Membership Meeting
Jason Lee Elementary Library
Called to order 7:10pm
September 8, 2009**

Attendees: Allison Ball, Rachel Buck, Kim Cheney, Wendy Christensen, Ally J.J. Dearing, Paul Holgate, Darci Howald, Alison Nelson, Kathy Page, Becky Pospical, Diana Ramirez, NaDell Ransom, Kerrilynn Robinson, LaMont Schofield, Michelle Watt
A quorum was present. Meeting notice given by email, web site, and newsletter.

Secretary's Report: June 2009 General Membership Meeting Minutes were approved as presented. Thank you notes read.

Treasurer's Report: June, July, and August 2009 Financial Reports were presented and filed for financial review.

Membership Report: To date, we have 41 members of Jason Lee Elementary PTA, mostly teachers and staff so far. Plans to publicize PTA membership by giving a candy bar to each member signed up. **Motion** made to put \$50 into membership fund coming from line item 7D Pawprint and into line item 3C Membership. Motion was seconded and carried.

New Business: LaMont Schofield wrote a proposal to Lockheed Martin two years ago about acquiring 2 laptop computers from their "I.T. for the Community" program and presented them to us at the meeting for the use of Jason Lee PTA records.

President's Report: PTA shed was placed on school grounds as planned with a lock and with a plan to move carnival equipment into shed. PTA cans are in each classroom to collect PTA forms and funds. Flyer holder was placed on wall near PTA closet in hallway to hold forms and calendars. Bought Microsoft Office Program as planned for Pawprint newsletter. Approval given to buy a box of PTA's lilac paper to save money and to have on hand for our copies. Kerrilynn Robinson is recognized as one of four Training Capacity Building Initiative (TCBI) trainers in the state of Washington by the National PTA. Legislative Assembly has overview of two-year goals for Washington State PTA. Paul Holgate will be attending Legislative Assembly for Jason Lee PTA. We need two more board members to attend meetings in order to comply with our standing rules. Ally J.J. Dearing agreed to be a board member. Still in need of chairpersons for school pictures, carnival, silent auction, teacher appreciation, volunteer coordinator, Escrip, and 5th grade Camp Wooten fundraiser.

Principal's Report: Smooth beginning to start of school. New staff or new positions within Jason Lee are Jamie Garrett as Lead Secretary, Bonnie Severtson as Attendance Secretary, Sue Richardson as Administrative Assistant, Amanda Ashley in new Life Skills class, Lisa Gorman as Preschool Teacher, and Cindy Bampton as a Paraeducator for Preschool. Flu is spreading quickly in our area already, so they are using hand sanitizer more as a preventative caution. Money is tight in all of Richland School District, but we have a great staff. Jason Lee Open House is coming up next week. Fun Friday coupons are being handed out for those recognized for displaying the C.A.R.E.S. traits. This implements the P.B.I.S. program Kathy Page is working on. Laundry baskets assigned to each classroom has helped with lost items remaining on the playground. Richland Police Department drop-ins are helping to make good relationships and community connections. Sculpture in front of school will have better safeguards in place soon.

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New Business continued: Year-End Financial Review was presented by Kim Cheney, Paul Holgate, and NaDell Ransom with the result that our PTA has been doing business in accordance to the rules in the Money Matters handbook. Review was completed on August 8, 2009. Copies were given to Paul Holgate and Kerrilynn Robinson. **Motion** made to continue last year's PTA motto of "Jason Lee is the place to be for students, staff, and family" and to keep playground shade as a PTA focus for the 2009-2010 school year. Motion seconded and carried. PTA will have tables set up at the Open House with information on volunteering, reflections, making buttons, Jason Lee membership, and T-shirts. We all need to fill out RSD volunteer forms to help at the school.

Proposals: 1. Rachel Buck, second grade parent, would like to teach German and French at Jason Lee in the morning before school, but she would not be able to do this as a volunteer. She proposed that we collect the funds from the students who are interested, pay her an hourly wage, and keep the difference. She would be able to teach 5-12 children meeting 1-2 times per week. We do not know how many children would be interested in this program. After discussing this, a **motion** was made to table the proposal until further results from a survey. It was suggested that she could set up a table at the Open House (separate from PTA) to do a survey and see what the response is before further discussion. She was given permission by Kathy Page to do so.

2. Val Lee, Para Educator, would like to start a sewing club and has written a proposal for \$150 to buy materials. The group will meet after school. Sewing Machines and volunteers will be arranged by Val Lee. This program will be available for ten students at a time from fourth grade, third grade, and then fifth grade in consecutive four-week sessions. The **motion** was made to allocate up to \$150 of funds from line item 11A 2009-2010 Grants and Proposals for this proposal. The motion was seconded and carried. PTA will reimburse her for materials bought up to \$150.

3. Because of budget restrictions, Jason Lee does not have the funds to provide refreshments for the Open House. The estimated cost of buying refreshments is \$1000. McDonalds will provide free juice though. After some discussion, a **motion** was made to forgo refreshments for Jason Lee Open House. It was seconded and then amended to provide the cups necessary for the juice provided by McDonalds up to \$50. This motion was carried as amended. Also, Ally J.J. Dearing volunteered to make calls to see if we could get donations from businesses for the refreshments.

Committee Reports: Jog-a-thon Fundraiser needs volunteers. "Race to Witch Mountain" was approved for Movie Night on September 25. Realife Photography is the new company Jason Lee is using for School Pictures this year.

Next meeting will be October 6, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Jason Lee Library.

Submissions to Pawprint due by the 15th of each month.

Upcoming Events for September 2009:

- 10- 5th Grade Camp Wooten Kick-Off Assembly
- 11- Fun Friday
- 11- Patriotic Spirit Day
- 17- Jason Lee Open House
- 22- Individual School Pictures
- 25- Movie Night
- 29- All School Fundraiser Jog-a-thon Kick-off Assembly
- 29- Skate Night

Meeting adjourned: 9:16 p.m.

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Presented by NaDell Ransom, JLPTA Secretary