

Jefferson Parents and Teachers (JPAT)

General Meeting

Tuesday March 13, 2007 – 6:30 p.m.

A copy of these minutes may be obtained from JPAT website at <http://www.CorvallisPTA.org/jefferson>

Call to Order: President Cat Newsheller called the meeting to order at 6:31pm. Board members present were Cat Newsheller, Susan Hetherington and Peter Gelser.

Approval of Minutes: Laurie Chaplen moved to accept the February 13th, 2007 minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded and approved.

Principal's Report: Principal Gorthy was not present at the meeting, due to a scheduling conflict.

President's Report: Cat Newsheller opened discussions for the PTA funds overage of \$3,500. Discussion opened with the fact that it is now getting late in the current school year to secure many desired positions such as a music or science person. The question at the heart of the discussion came down to whether or not the funds *needed* to be used this year, so that the outgoing 5th graders would benefit or to carry over the funds for next year, and would that be misleading to donors who gave money for this year. It was agreed that the science program at Jefferson has been repeatedly overlooked to continually fund art and music. After much discussion, Jodell Boyle made an amended motion to carry over the \$3,500 with an emphasis that it be used for science, but to wait until May for final budget considerations. The motion was seconded and approved.

Financial Report: Peter Gelser presented the JPAT Budget report to date (*see attached*). Scrip sales are back on target for the year. The Spring Carnival netted a profit of \$700. The committee members are looking for ways to further cut costs to students so that next year they are closer to the break even point.

Committee Reports: *Spring Book Fair:* Sheila Mulligan reported via e-mail that the Spring Book Fair will be held in the gym during parent-teacher conferences April 11-13. This fair is BOGO (Buy One Get One Free), basically a clearance sale from Scholastic. The BOGO fair does not earn the school a voucher for free merchandise from Scholastic, but does encourage parents to buy a book for their child's classroom. Many Jefferson families have specifically requested this discount book fair. Sheila will be needing volunteers to help set up, to cashier, and to pack up the books at the close of the fair.

Silent Auction: Karen Misfeldt reported that planning is going well, and the committee is currently working to collect items for auction. Monday, April 2 is the deadline for items to appear in the auction catalog. The Silent Auction, themed *Spring for Jefferson*, will be held on Friday, April 27th at 6:30pm at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, with baby-sitting available at Jefferson through STARS. The committee will be needing volunteers to help setup prior to, and cleanup after, the event. There will be a silent auction, a live auction, and a raffle for big prizes. The April JPAT Newsletter will contain more auction details.

Unfinished Business: Lisa Tostberg reported via e-mail that she hopes to have the Jog-A-Thon figures tallied within the next few days, and to get the moneys to Peter Gelser for deposit.

New Business: Laurie Chaplen nominated Patrice Jones to fill in the JPAT Vice President vacancy. Patrice Jones was present and sworn in at the meeting as the new Vice President for the remainder of the 2006-2007 school year.

Laurie is also working on the nominating committee for the 2007-2008 JPAT Board. She is talking to the current chairs to see if they are interested in continuing their positions for another year. Pete Loschl is still looking for a Direct Donation Drive chair, and had perhaps found a co-chair. Cat Newsheller stressed the need for a notebook for each committee to pass on to their successors.

There was a question regarding the school's budget for replacing and upgrading library books. This would perhaps become a topic for discussion with Denise Gorthy at a subsequent meeting.

Upcoming Events: Chrissy Lucas, Wildlife Stewards chair, has scheduled several Dixon Creek Work Party dates. She asked volunteers to bring gloves, shovels and a bucket on April 7, April 21, and May 19. A recent theft to the supply shed means that some items will need to be replaced. She is also looking to replace the current shed with either a used one, or through a donation of supplies through Home Depot. The size needed is 8'x12' or 10'x 12'. She is also looking to apply to for two grants to help further the program.

Adjournment: Cat Newsheller adjourned the meeting at 7:14pm.

Next Meeting Date – Tuesday, April 10th, 6:30pm in the Jefferson Library