

# Jefferson Parents and Teachers (JPAT) General Meeting

Tuesday, November 8, 2005 – 6:30 p.m.

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

## Call to Order

President Debbie Zeller called the meeting to order at 6:34pm. All officers were present.

## Approval of Minutes

Cat Newsheller moved to accept the October 11, 2005 minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

## Principal's Report

Denise Gorthy announced the Multi-Cultural night on December 8<sup>th</sup> would be preceded by an assembly at 1:15pm in which there would be a Native American dance performance. This is at no cost to Jefferson.

Denise said the new bike rack has been excavated and bricks have been laid. Further work needs to be done and Jimmy Faulkner is organizing the completion.

Denise passed out a proposed District 2006-2007 calendar. She asked for parents to provide feedback regarding the Winter break which is proposed to begin December 25 and end January 7<sup>th</sup>. If parents would like to propose a different schedule please contact Denise.

## President's Report

Debbie Zeller announced this meeting would be the last meeting she presides as there is no JPAT meeting in December and her rein ends. She ceremoniously passed the JPAT gavel to Jeff Brandt who will take over the presidency on January 1st.

## Financial Report

Sheryl Stuart reviewed the current financial standing of JPAT. She reported that fiscal year to date \$2,000 has been received in cash from the direct donation drive. She reported that the Book Fair was quite successful as it netted over \$2,000. This money is not cash but rather credits for the library to purchase classroom book sets or books for the Library from Scholastic.

## Committee Reports

Scrip – no report

Direct Donation Drive – Pete Loschl announced that \$8,920 has been raised through 48 donors so far. It was noted that Jefferson has approximately 271 families. Pete noted that HP has discontinued the money match which will directly hit the donation drive. He did say that HP has increased their product match to 4 to 1. HP provides a list of eligible products in which if purchased an additional 3 would be given to the school of choice. Denise Gorthy noted that printers and a projector is most needed. Pete indicated he would be putting out newsletter articles to urge more families to donate to the drive.

Dine Out – Next dine out night is on November 14<sup>th</sup> from 5 – 9:30 pm at Evergreen.

Sock Hop - Luis Medina said he would be doing the DJ duties and that he had an idea of kids presenting music prior to it being played. Sheryl Stuart noted that the funds normally associated with a DJ are \$200 and that that should be allocated for next year. Discussion on the need for parents to chaperone children as it has become an issue at this and other events of children not having appropriate supervision. Denise Gorthy emphasized this

need for parents to be at the Sock Hop. It was noted that some hula hoops from the PE program were damaged last year at the event and these should be replaced. Membership asked that this years Sock Hop be better organized with better refreshments and delineated locations for dancing and refreshments and people to sit. Erin Sneller noted that Hoover was able to get free Pepsi for root beer floats through the Pepsi Bottling Company and this should be researched. Kristen Erickson moved that an additional \$200 be allocated to the Sock Hop to cover the hula hoops and expected expenses needed for the event. The motion was seconded. Discussion ensued and one parent voiced concern that the event needs to be flexible for the Life Skills students. This concern was concurred by the membership. The motion passed unanimously. The membership asked the committee to meet and bring to the next meeting a report of exactly how the Sock Hop will done this year. The committee currently consists of Luis Medina, possibly Jimmy Faulkner and Cat Newscheller.

## **New Business**

JPAT Newsletter deadline is Friday November 11<sup>th</sup>.

Software for Auction – Karin Misfelt discussed the need for auction software given the hundreds of hours that goes into the Silent Auction and the human errors that occur. The software (Maestro Soft) costs \$600, over a 50% reduction as Adams Elementary is also going to go in on the purchase their own license. It was noted that this would be a one time cost. Karin discussed the Auction will not be tied to the Carnival but be off site and have drinks and food, similar to the Adams and Ashbrook auctions. The idea is to draw from the larger community. Her goal for the auction is \$10,000. Sheryl Stuart moved to approve \$600 to pay for the software. The motion was seconded and voted unanimously.

Contingency Fund – Debbie Zeller discussed the idea of increasing the JPAT contingency fund so that if situations arise during the Summer or at other times JPAT could assist. The current contingency fund is \$1,500. Cat Newscheller moved to raise the contingency fund to \$4,000 in the budget. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Garage Sale – Debbie Zeller discussed the idea of a Garage Sale at Jefferson. Discussion on past garage sales, timing of any future sales and methodology ensued. Debbie asked that anyone interested in organizing a garage sale to contact the board.

OSU Wildlife Symposium – Pete announced that several Jefferson students and teachers would be participating in an OSU Graduate Student sponsored Wildlife and Fisheries symposium tomorrow. The students and teachers would be presenting their work on Dixon Creek. An idea was raised if JPAT could sponsor the symposium but after discussion no motion was made.

## **Unfinished Business**

There was no unfinished business.

## **Adjournment**

Debbie adjourned the meeting at 7:45 pm

**Next Meeting Date – Tuesday January 10th, 2006 6:30pm in the Jefferson Library**