

TJMS PTA MEMBER MEETING MINUTES

Date: Tuesday, February 15, 2022
Location: Virtual Meeting (Zoom)
Meeting Type: Regular TJMS PTA Member Meeting
Quorum: Met (minimum 10 members required; 28 people in attendance, including 13 members)

President: Amy Stalzer
Secretary: Jasmine Hayes

Call to Order: PTA President Amy Stalzer opened the meeting at 7:00pm (meeting was recorded) and reviewed the meeting agenda.

Approval of Minutes – January 18th Meeting

The January meeting minutes were shared in advance via email and are posted online. No corrections were offered. The minutes stand approved as written.

Officer Reports

Reports were given by Amy Stalzer, President, and Natanya Blackwell, Treasurer.

President:

- *Call for Nominating Committee* – Per the TJMS PTA Bylaws, Amy S issued a call for volunteers for the Nominating Committee, which will identify and present officer nominations for the 2022/2023 school year at the April 2022 member meeting in advance of officer elections at the May meeting. **The officer openings for 2022/2023 will be Vice President, Treasurer and Recording Secretary.** Parents interested in self nominating for any positions are invited to contact president@tjmspta.org.
- *Call for WhatsApp Volunteer* – The PTA also seeks a bilingual (English/Spanish) volunteer to help manage the Spanish-language WhatsApp “Padres Latinos de TJ” group. To volunteer, contact TJMS Bilingual Family Liaison Irma De Leon at irma.deleonveliz@apsva.us.

Treasurer: There were no questions about the treasurer’s report.

Standing Committee Reports

Reports were given by Arlene Goyette, Communications Chair, and Patricia Garcia, Fundraising Chair.

Communications:

- *Call for Communications Volunteers* – Help is needed to support PTA email communications, social media posts (Facebook, Twitter and WhatsApp), and website updates. To volunteer or ask questions, email arlene.goyette@gmail.com.

Special Committee Reports

Amy Stalzer presented on behalf of Cynthia Gadhia, Reflections Committee Chair.

New Business

None

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Closing Reminders and Key Dates

Slides from today's presentation will be posted online. Parents interested in volunteering for upcoming events can visit the PTA website: <https://jefferson.apsva.us/pta/volunteering/#volunteers>

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:36pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jasmine Hayes
TJMS PTA Secretary (2021-2022)
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Addendum to the Minutes: Additional Notes and Reminders for Parents

All TJMS parents are invited to participate in the following upcoming events and planning meetings. Parents can use the links below to sign up.

2nd Quarter Student Honor Roll Celebration to be held Wednesday, Feb. 23, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

The event will celebrate students who made the 2nd Quarter A and A/B honor roll. Students will be given a pass and be called down to the cafeteria by grade for a short celebration with school administrators and parents. They will receive a snack and have a chance to win a gift card from the PTA. Sign up in advance to cheer on our Jefferson students for their outstanding achievement and contribute sweet/salty snacks to this event:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c48a8ae2ba6ffc16-2ndquarter>

International Night to be held the evening of Friday, April 29

Call for Parents to Attend First Planning Meeting on Wednesday, March 2, 7 p.m. via Zoom

The PTA invites parents to contribute to the success of TJ's International Night, which is being held for the first time since 2019. This is a celebration of cultures through music, dance, costumes and food. Traditionally held in the gym, this event will be held outdoors this year for COVID safety, in the area where the fall Harvest Festival was held. Students will be invited to sign up to perform via an online form in Canvas starting the week of Feb. 22.

Parents who can help with event logistics, food truck coordination, on-site staffing and other planning should sign up to attend planning meetings. The first meeting for parent volunteers will be held Wednesday, March 2, 7 p.m. via Zoom.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c48a8ae2ba6ffc16-tjms2>

8th Grade Promotion Ceremony and Reception to be held the morning of Wednesday, June 15

Call for Parents to Attend First Planning Meeting on Wednesday, March 9, 7 p.m. via Zoom

The PTA invites parents of all grades to plan and host a celebratory reception immediately following the 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony, which will be held at 9 a.m. on Wed, June 15 in the gym. The ceremony

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and reception events will be held in-person for the first time since 2019 and we need help from parents to make it special.

Please sign up to attend planning meetings. The first meeting for parent volunteers will be held on Wednesday, March 9, 7 p.m. via Zoom.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c48a8ae2ba6ffc16-8thgrade>

TJMS PTA No Fuss Fundraiser Is Happening Mid-February to Mid-March!

This is our big donation push of the year to fund our budget. The PTA Yellow Jacket Fund donation supports:

- Student events and programs
- Teacher grants
- Teacher/staff appreciation
- Community support initiatives (e.g. grocery cards)
- Jefferson Garden

If you've already donated to the PTA this year – thank you!

If you haven't donated, please consider a donation as a way to support school activities that benefit our students, teachers and community. You don't need to be a member to make a donation, so feel free to share with fellow parents and neighbors in our TJ community.

Learn more and make a donation: <https://jefferson.apsva.us/pta/donations/>

Parent Volunteer Opportunities at the School

Parents can help provide backup for staff in case there is ever a staff shortage to help avoid the cancellation of outdoor lunch for students. Sign up as parent volunteer for Outdoor Lunch duty (the "on call" list), and the staff may call you same-day if they ever need parent help:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c48a8ae2ba6ffc16-volunteers>

The following additional volunteer opportunities are offered by the school (PTA is not involved). Please contact school staff below to learn more or volunteer.

- To volunteer for Career Speaker Series, with presentations to take place near the end of March, contact TJ's Amelia Black, Amelia.Black@Apsva.us
- To volunteer for after-school Math Tutor on Wednesdays, 1:30-2:30 p.m., contact TJ's Kip Malinosky, kip.malinosky@apsva.us
- To volunteer for 8th Grade Community Project Mentor (help a student who needs a community to explore for their service learning project), contact – TJ's Kip Malinosky, kip.malinosky@apsva.us