I. Meeting called to order at 3:35 p.m. by Rachael Noble. Members present: Emily Jones, Kelly Chuckta, Rachael Noble, Jenna Greif (Representing Principal Allison Buell), Brittani Smith, Andrea Eaton, Christine Holstad, and Abbey Anthony.

II. Executive Reports

A. President:

1. Rachael moved to approve the corrected minutes from last PTA board meeting on December 8, 2016. Christine seconded the motion and all approved.

B. Treasurer:

1. Kelly presented the updated budget and Rachael moved to approve the budget “before the additional deposit amount” that will be made soon from checks and cash received recently. Emily seconded the motion and all approved.

2. Kelly has completed the PTA taxes and Andrea will complete the audit prior to the General Association Meeting.

C. Fundraising:

1. $2700.00 is fundraising amount needed to complete the year.

2. Brittani is working on coordinating a spring Swap Meet, probably to be held at the Taft Middle School parking lot. Will be open to families selling rummage sale items as well as local vendors selling their goods. Plan is to host this event May 13th or 20th, 2017.

3. Marquee message fundraiser discussed again. Messages would run a full school week (Monday-Friday). Jenna requests 2 weeks advance notice to program the messages. She also said we should include a disclaimer on the paperwork completed by the person buying the message in case of any system error. Multiple messages could rotate each day. Andrea motioned to wait on starting the Marquee project until a later date. Kelly seconded the motion and all were in favor.
4. Jenna brought up topic of upcoming “Tile Project” fundraiser that will be coordinated by Mrs. Buell, Jenna, and possibly ASB. Will take place around time of painting the school, landscaping updates, and addition of a retaining wall in the front of campus. Families could purchase a tile that would be decorated by them to take home, and/or could purchase a tile to be installed in the wall at school. Idea of children’s handprints discussed as decoration idea.

5. Discussed idea of Jog a Thon/Silent Auction/Movie Night fundraiser to be hosted at school by PTA sometime in the spring. Was successful fundraiser and fun event last year. Emily plans to head this event.

6. Pennies for Paintings fundraiser was successful and enjoyable for the students. Will plan to repeat it again this year.

7. Discussed Spaghetti Dinners/Multi Cultural Food nights as new fundraiser opportunities. To be hosted on Jones campus on a weekday evening (probably Wednesdays since that is minimum day). Charge will be $5.00 per plate, and will include a drink (bottled water, juice, soda). First Spaghetti dinner night will be on Wednesday 2/22/17, 6:00-8:00 pm. PTA board members have volunteered to supply pasta and sauce, meatballs, garlic bread, french bread, salad, drinks, dessert.

8. Discussed Box Tops fundraiser. Introduce incentives in each classroom to encourage increased participation?

9. Discussed Mixed Bags/Reusable Canvas Bags as possible future fundraiser.

D. New Business:

1. PTA membership numbers have not changed recently. May need another membership drive.

2. PTA board nominations will be sent out at end of February. The nominations sheets need to be out for 30 days per PTA guidelines.

3. Jenna introduced idea of building a “Lending Library” in front of school. She already has building plans and we will have materials provided and construction done by parent volunteers.

4. Literacy Week will take place February 27th-March 3rd. Mrs. Buell would like to purchase 5 sets of 12 matching books and wrap them
as a gift for each classroom. Jenna to get more information from Jennifer Williams, Jones Librarian, regarding amount of Scholastic book money available for book purchases. Principal Buell will be responsible for choosing the books. On Thursday March 2nd, Navy volunteers will read to the students in the morning. On Friday March 3rd, Mrs. Buell will host a “Coffee with the Principal” event and parents are encouraged to stay on campus and read to students in classrooms. Wednesday March 1st will be “Dress up as your favorite book character” day.

5. May 1st through May 5th will be Teacher Appreciation Week.

Meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Next PTA Board meeting will be on February 9, 2017 at 3:30 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Abbey Anthony ______________________________

Minutes approved by ______________________________