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**Abington Heights Middle School PTA Minutes**

November 8, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Erin Osterhout at 7:00.

**In attendance**

Erin Osterhout Sharon Campbell Mindy Dickman

Aimee McGuinness Jenn Bachan-Breiten Lorie Schneider

Natalie Studebaker Loreen Lynch Jacqui Brust

Mr. Wyandt

**Welcome/President’s Report – Erin Osterhout**

Erin called the meeting to order at 7:00. She shared her excitement that we have approved chairs for the movie night coming up on December 2nd, and stressed the importance of volunteering in order to be able to go ahead with all the programs we have planned. There will be a “Dine in at Home” pledge coming up on December 3rd headed up by Mrs. Graham. More information to follow.

**Treasurers Report – Mindy Dickman**

Our starting balance in our account was $4,050.03. The deposits totaled $28,243.60 and the expenses added up to $12,623.40. Our ending balance is $19,670.23. There are some outstanding expenses that will significantly decrease our ending balance once they go through.

**Secretary’s Report – Aimee McGuinness**

We are currently at a membership of just under 200. It was shared that we budgeted for 500, but the numbers were misread and the budget is for 200. So we are doing fine according to our budget, but we would love to have more participation in relation to the number of families represented.

**Principal’s Report**

Mr. Wyandt began his report with a brief introduction of previous experience at the high school level and the elementary level. He expressed his appreciation to everyone for the warm welcome he has received. Attending PTA meetings is important to him, but unfortunately he has a class every Tuesday evening for the duration of the year so please understand if he is absent. He thanked the PTA for being so focused on and supportive of the kids. 1st quarter has ended and report cards will be going home November 17th. This is the last week of after school activites for this session. He touched on the upcoming events including

November 10 – Veteran’s Day program

 November 11 – No School

 November 15 – Suicide Prvention Program for 8th graders

 November 18 – Fall Harvest Dance

 November 23 – 11:10 Dismissal

 November 24-29 – No School

 November 30 and December 1 – 12:20 Dismissal

In case of inclement weather, please use the Remind account or the district Twitter account.

**Committee Reports**

Reflections – Sharon Campbell

 The deadline was last Friday and they have 30 entries. She suggested planning ahead next year to encourage more to participate by giving the theme at the end of the year and asking art teachers to promote participation.

8th Grade Activities – Gina McCabe

 Gina was not present, but passed info along to Erin. There are 200 boxes out for Gertude Hawk. All money needs to be returned as soon as possible. 50 more will be ordered. Check Facebook page for more info about the Gertrude Hawk money return. After Thanksgiving they will begin the gift card fundraiser with gift cards for State Street Grill - $20 (with a return of $10), Nina’s - $20 (return of $7), and Abiocco - $25 (return of $5)

Book Fair – Natalie Studebaker

 This was the highest grossing book fair in years. Reading teachers received $75 for classroom purchases, Library teacher received $80, and all other teachers received $40.

Movie Night – Jenn Bachan-Breiten

 12/2 It will be Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone. They are requesting toilet paper tubes and functioning battery operated tea lights. There will be give-aways and prizes with themed Harry Potter food. Email Jenn with any suggestions.

Box Tops – Josephine Petry/Jacqui Brust

Keep the box tops coming in and remember to put homeroom name on the bag when you hand in box tops to be eligible for prizes.

Veterans Day – Lorie Schneider

11/10 Preparations are coming along. If you know a veteran take a moment to write their name on one of the stars. Lots of food has been donated, but volunteers needed to pick up and drop off food. Please see Lorie after the meeting if you can help.

Marketplace – Erin

11/20 This is a vendor event which all proceeds support the Abington Angels Program. We have 79 individual vendors but some have multiple spots so we have about 100 spots filled. Admission is free, but we are accepting donations of pantry items (remember breakfast and lunch items) and gently used clothing. We need lots of volunteers!

Apparel – Erin

The backordered apparel is finally in and should have gone home already. Thank you for your patience. We need some volunteers willing to sell more apparel at the Marketplace.

Gala – Loreen Lynch and Mindy Dickman

 1/21 This is our one major fundraiser to support the AHMS PTA. Letters will come out this week to introduce the Gala. It is dinner and refreshment for adults only. There will be raffle for the baskets which will be set on a value tier. Tickets are currently available for $35. The will also be sold at Marketplace and an order form will be sent out after Thanksgiving. The attendance goal is 325, which almost doubles the attendance from last year. Any sponsor suggestions can be sent to Loreen or Mindy.

**New Business**

None

**Adjournment** – Erin Osterhout

 Meeting was adjourned at 7:55

**Upcoming Meeting**

 December’s meeting will be a social meeting. More information to follow.