**Abington Heights Middle School PTA Minutes**

September 9, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Erin Osterhout at 7:15

**In attendance**

Erin Osterhout Sharon Campbell Mindy Dickman

Aimee McGuinness Jenn Bachan-Breiten Julie Brister

Jennifer Dodge Anne Cummins Grace Farrell

Bill Farrell Sherry Boykin Robin Proskovec

Julie Morris Cheryl Colan Lisa Merket

Pamela Scandale Shannon Gentile Dawn Garrick

Erica Norris Sara Staller Nadia Rodyushkin

Kristen Fedor Lorie Schneider Jen Puksta

Julie Manwarren Natalie Studebaker Lindsay Kulenich

Lori Kareha Tara Crum Stephanie Ann Parfrey

Stacy Rowlands Loreen Lynch Cindy Holmes

Josephine Petry Cheryl O’Hora Kathi Casper

Marla Lee Tracey Duffy

**President’s Report – Erin Osterhout**

Erin encouraged more participation on committees so that we don’t have to cancel events due to lack of volunteers. She presented an explanation of the new bylaws that need to be voted upon.

Motion to accept bylaws - Julie Brister 2nd to accept bylaws – Anne Cummins

Bylaws approved.

**Treasurers Report – Mindy Dickman**

Mindy presented the 2016-17 budget for review and approval. The PTA books were audited this summer and everything was accurate and passed the audit.

Motion to accept budget – Loreen Lynch 2nd to accept budget – Pam Scandale

**Principal’s Report – Dr. Elia**

Dr. Elia announced a great start to the new year and encouraged parents to be involved as much as they can. Check in with the parent portal to keep up to date on your student. Curriculum nights and student photos coming soon.

**Assistant Principal’s Report – Mr. McGarry**

Today students participated in an evacuation drill, which well very well.

School is making a concerted effort to create a smoother process outside for student drop-off and pick-up. Check website for upcoming activities and how to sign up. New website coming soon. Mr. McGarry gave explanation for reason for dress code and asks for any questions to be directed to him. Lastly he encouraged good communication with teachers and attendance at curriculum night to grasp the bigger picture of your child’s education.

**Committee Reports**

Reflections – Sharon Campbell

6 categories of entry, please encourage participation, forms due 11/1

GAO Save Around – Erin Osterhout

Books to be sent out Thursday with 5 drop off days during lunch – volunteers needed

Book Fair – Natalie Studebaker

11/1-11/4 – volunteers needed to help, time grid will be given after sign-up

Movie Night – Erin

10/20 - Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone – We want to make this one big with costumes and items specific to Harry Potter

Box Tops – Josephine Petry

Plan to increase participation with classroom contests with fun giveaways

Flea Market – Erin

10/2 – open up to 8th graders wanting to raise money for class trip – PTA will waive fee for 8th graders

Marketplace – Erin

11/20 – Lots of interest so far, vendors only – if interested get name in as soon as possible

Apparel – Erin

This will be an ongoing fundraiser until Christmas, then starting in the New Year we will introduce some new items – suggestions welcome

**Upcoming Meeting**

10/18