**AHMS PTA February 5th, 2019 General Meeting Minutes**

**Attendance:** Amy Asencio, Jennifer Bachan-Breiten, Michael Boylan, Sharon Campbell, Lori Kareha, Colleen Leonard, Guy Moore, Paula Moore, Julia Papellas, Tara Sottile, Natalie Studebaker, Wendy Wescott

Meeting brought to order by Natalie Studebaker at 6:35 pm.

**Secretary Report:** Jennifer Bachan

January meeting minutes submitted for approval. Tara Sottile made motion to accept the minutes. Motion seconded by Amy Asencio. Motion passed 9 – 0.

**Treasurer Report:** Julia Papellas

**Beginning Balance**: $27,748.45

**Current**: $27,827.14

**Income**: $13,324.58

**Expense**: $4,706.78

**Outstanding checks**: $4,417.43

**Total Net Income**:$8,616.60

There was one new individual member join in January.

**Principal Report**: Colleen Leonard

All orchestra concerts have been completed. There will be Parent/Teacher conferences starting February 18 – 20. There will be half days on the 19th and 20th. Black History month has started. We will be doing art projects, trivia and will organizing a speaker Glynis Johns of Black Scranton, an initiative to uncover the forgotten and untold story of African Americans in Scranton.

**Committee Reports:**

**Blue and White Gala:** Thank you for all who attended and a special thank you to those who helped that night. We had it was a fun night out. The event made $2,653.26 as of Tuesday, February 5th. Once we get a deposit from the website on February 15th the Gala will have made $ 3,558.26. We also have an outstanding donation of $100 from a vendor whose check was made out incorrectly. It had been made out to AHMS not AHMS PTA. The check has been returned and they plan on reissuing the check under the correct name bringing the total to $3,658.26.

**Movie Night:** (Jennifer Bachan-Breiten) The next Movie Night will be held on Friday, February 22 at 6:30pm. The doors will open at 6pm. We will be asking for donations for the concession stand. Jennifer Bachan-Breiten will be sending out a sign-up genius and email about later this week. Movie Night is NOT an allergy friendly event. Set-up will start at 5:15pm. This is a free event.

**Hershey Park**: Flyers will be going out soon. The funds will be spilt as follows 5 – 7th grade money will be going to the PTA general funds while the money raised by 8th graders will be going back to the 8th grade.

**Family Fun Night (FFN):** FFN will be held on Friday, March 22nd from 5:30 to 8pm. We have added COME DRESS AS YOUR FAVORITE HERO/HEROIN. Admission is FREE. There will be raffle baskets, Grand prizes, food and Book Fair for purchase. This year we will have bounce house, rock wall, selfie booth and giant games along with a live band this year. See attached flyer.

**BookFair:** This year’s Scholastic Bookfair will be held either the week before or the week after FFN. The PTA is waiting to hear back from Scholastic. We will give the final dates at the next meeting. We are looking for a person to chair this event.

**Hockey:** (Wendy Wescott) The game is on March 16th. All money needs to be mailed in by Monday, February 25th.

**BoxTops:** Julia Papellas has taken over as committee chair. Please have all boxtops in Friday, February 22nd so we can mail them in on Monday, February 25th for the March 1st deadline.

**Reflections**: (Sharon Campbell) These are the results of the PTA Reflections Art Contest at the AHMS Region 16 level. These are the results of the judging of the entries against other schools who are in the PTA Region 16. The top 5 entries are recognized. The top 3 entries advance to the State level of judging.

The following are the results for the intermediate level, which is 3rd – 5th grades.

Film Production Intermediate – 4th place : Austin J. Lyons IV for “Community of Service”

Music Composition Intermediate- 1st place: Jonah Cahn for “Heroes Triumph”

Photography Intermediate – 2nd place: Austin J. Lyons IV for “Remember”

Visual Arts 2D Intermediate – 1st place: Kate Peters for “My Dad, My Hero”

The following are the results for the Middle School Level, which is the 6th – 8th grades.

Dance Choreograph Middle School – 4th place: Emily G. Bartell for “I’ll go”

Film Production Middle School – 1st place: Rose Peters for “My brother is My hero” and 2nd place: Sierra Lavelle for “The Apollo Rescue”

Music Composition Middle School – 1st place: Praneel Mallaiah for “Life of a Hero”

Photography Middle School – 3rd place: Amelia Campbell for “Hero by the Leaves”

Visual Arts 2D Middle School – 1st place: Olivia R Jackson for “Neighborhood Hero”

The Regional 16 awards for the Carbondale Area hosting invitations will be going out to the students from Kathy Ramos, the Region 16 coordinator. Our awards will be held at the STEAM fair. The state result will come out on March 1st and the National results will be May 1st.

**New Business:**

Tech Crew has requested a set of new walkie talkies and headphones.The ones they use currently belong to an 8th grader. The Tech Crew is asking for $219.94. Karen Cahn made a motion to purchase the walkie talkies with headphones for the Tech Crew. The Motion was seconded by Tara Sottile. The Vote was Yes – 9 No – 0. Motion Passed.

**8th Washington DC Trip –** Mr Michael Boylan -Thanks again for all the extra help and financial support PTA is giving us for our 8th grade D.C. trip. The official information regarding the trip:

The total cost of the trip before any financial support is **$295.** The cost includes the following:

        >Hotel stay at the Doubletree

        >Martz bus transportation (3 buses)

        >A licensed D.C. tour guide for each bus that provides information and takes the student s around.

       >Night security guards at the hotel

       >5 student meals

       >Two D.C. Washington, D.C., t-shirts that the students design and will wear during the trip

       >Any early admission to attractions

Two payments of $100 each was already paid by students. Thus, $95 still remains.  Final payment is due mid to late March. The trip includes tours of the Capitol Building, White House, all the monuments & memorials, Arlington National Cemetery, and the Smithsonian Museums. The students will get two lunch vouchers in D.C., a sit down dinner at a D.C. restaurant, a breakfast buffet at the hotel, and a dinner voucher on the way home at the Shops at Gettysburg.

The Blue team will be going to Thursday, May 2nd back Friday, May 3rd.

The White team will be going Thursday, May 16th back Friday, May 17th.

The white team has 3 students in who will need help with payment for DC trip. Mr Boylan was unsure of the number of students from the Blue team who would need help with payment for the DC trip as of the PTA February meeting.

Mr Boylan would like help purchasing the t-shirts and a meal voucher. The t-shirts is $5.80 per shirt and Approximately $7 a meal voucher at Gettysburg.

Paula Moore made a motion to have the PTA pay for 2 t-shirts plus a meal voucher to Gettysburg for a total not to exceed $6,000.00 for the 8th grade Washington, DC trip. The motion was seconded by Colleen Leonard. The vote was unanimous. Yes – 11 No – 0.

**Nominating Committee**: A three person nominating committee consisting of Karen Cahn, Sue Pucilowski and Tara Sottile has been formed. If interested in running for office please submit a letter, email or contact a member of the committee before the next PTA meeting.

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Amy Asencio and seconded by Wendy Wescott at 7:10 pm.

Submitted by Jennifer A. Bachan-Breiten, AHMS PTA Secretary