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

**Attendance:**  Jennifer Bachan-Breiten, Karen Cahn, Kathi Casper, Lori Kareha, Jen Knott, Pat McGarry, Guy Moore, Paula Moore, Julia Papellas, Kimberly Pasko, Natalie Studebaker

Meeting brought to order by Natalie Studebaker at 6:31 pm.

**Secretary Report:** Jennifer Bachan-Breiten

February meeting minutes submitted for approval with a spelling change the word join to joined. Lori Kareha made the motion to accept the minutes with correction. The motion was seconded by Paula Moore.

**Treasurer Report:** Julia Papellas

**Beginning Balance:**  $31,995.63

**Current Balance:** $ 30,741.31

**Income:**  $16,508.35

**Expense:** $5,306.14

**Outstanding Checks:** $815.69

**Net Income:** $ 11,202.21

-Donations to Abington Angels total $555.01 including $8.94 left over. All remaining funds unused needs to be earmarked for Abington Angels next year.

-Donations to Special Education $31.98. Remaining funds need to be earmarked for next year per specification from donors.

-Tech Crew new line item approved by the General Membership was paid.

**Assistant Principal Report:** Mr. Pat McGarry

Starting this week AHMS will be celebrating good attendance. Every two weeks or 10 days all students with perfect attendance will be put into various drawings from now until the end of the school year to win various prizes such as gift certificates to local pizzeria and restaurants, movies passes and as part of the grand prize passes to Hershey Park in the works. They are not definite. This is a pilot for the Positive Behavior program being implemented next year. Each drawing will be held in the teams so there will be 8 winners every two weeks. AHMS enjoys about a 94 to 95% daily attendance rate.

Upcoming – This Thursday, March 7th is the half way point thru the 3rd quarter.

On Friday, March 8th, the 8th grade will be taking their panoramic photo. The photos can be purchased online.

On Friday, March 15th the 7th/8th grade dance will be held.

Anti-Bullying Program - The next section will start next week. It is on Empathy. This will be run through the Specials. The **Anti-Bullying hotline text 570-291-7632.** This goes the computer then to Mr. McGarry’s Phone. It anonymous. There is a new app which is being rolled out by the District Attorney’s office. It is a national platform. All calls and text go to a call center like a 911 center. It is tied to the school districts. If it is life threatening such as a suicide it will go to the police while a bullying would go to the Principal or Asst Principal. The app is called **Safe to Say.**

**Committee Reports:**

**Box Tops:** Julia Papellas – There was recent submission made. The expected income for Box tops $384.80 with the April check. The year to date total is $550.61.

**Movie Night:** Jennifer Bachan-Breiten – Our last movie night was Friday; February 22 and the movie was **Incredibles 2**. We had 12 students plus their parents. It was also the same night as CSE Movie night. We had several students come to us and tell us they were unaware movie night was that evening because it had not been on the morning announcements the week prior on the day of. There were posters made and it was on the website and the portal, so parents were aware yet not the students. We will hopefully remedy this. The next movie would be **A Wrinkle in Time**. After a brief discussion from the floor and with Mr. McGarry Friday, April 12th will be submitted to Mrs. Leonard for approval.

**Hershey Park:** Natalie Studebaker – The last day to submit for Hershey Park Tickets is this Friday, March 8th. Tickets can be bought on our website, AHMSPTA.ch2v.com, or the flyer which was sent home. For this fundraiser, each ticket sold by 5th – 7th grade students will raise $10 per ticket sold for the AHMS PTA. For 8th grade students, a credit of $10 per ticket sold will be applied to the student’s final payment for the Washington, DC trip. Our ticket price $43.00 per ticket compared to $68.80.

**Family Fun Night (FFN):** Natalie Studebaker – FFN flyer went home with students asking for donations. Each team has a basket assigned. See attached Flyer for more information. We are still looking for a committee chair. Looking to put the baskets together the Tuesday before March 19th. It will be added to the sign-up genius. FFN is Friday, March 22.

**Bookfair:** Natalie Studebaker – BOGO event held on FFN. We are looking for a chairperson for this event.

**Nomination Committee:** Karen Cahn – President: Julia Papellas; Vice President: Jennifer Bachan-Breiten; Secretary – Paula Moore. We have two nominees for Treasurer Jen Knott and Guy Moore. In this case, we will have a ballot for this position. We can still have nominations of the floor if someone still wants to run.

**Flower Fundraiser:** This a new possible fundraiser which would be with Corky’s. This order would need to be in before April 1. This could conflict with scheduled fundraisers.

**Kalahari Fundraiser:** Each ticket is $50 and will go on sale on Friday, March 15 and run through Friday, March 29th. You can buy tickets from the flyers and on our website ahmspta.ch2v.com

**Spring Apparel:**  O’Hara Screen Printing will be doing the spring event. It will start March 15th and end March 29th.

**RailRiders :**  They are a triple A farm team for the NY Yankees. After talking to the RailRiders representative, Michael Harvey, we are looking at Saturday, June 1st. It will come home in May. This could be a great Father’s Day gift. The day we chose is the Red Baron Reunion Night and they will be giving away a Chase Utley bobble heads that night. We must decide between getting bleacher tickets or field reserve tickets. Bleacher tickets would be sold for $12 and Field ticket $15. (After discussion, membership decided on field tickets). 20 – 199 tickets sold: $5 profit from each ticket sold plus our name in lights at the game. 201 – 300 tickets sold: $6 profit, group name in lights, a table to promote the organization and NY Yankee ticket voucher for 4. 300 tickets and more: we would receive all of the above plus a shout out on their social media page.

**Penguins:** submitted by Wendy Wescott read by Natalie Studebaker- The game is Saturday, March 16th at 7 pm. The new deadline for ticket sales is Monday, March 11th. We have sold 29 tickets at last check.

**New Business:**

The board would like to officially add the position of Corresponding Secretary. We have had the position before but an error in procedure never added the position to our By-laws. This the first step in the process. Next meeting, the board will aske the general membership to vote on the new position. Some of the duties of the new position would be social media ie. FaceBook, Remind and Emailing the Updates.

A new line item was asked to be added to the budget by the board. It would be for the Nurses office. Last year, they asked the PTA to purchase a water fountain because theirs’ broke in the middle of the school year. This year they would like a 3-drawer file cabinet. We would like to add them we do not need to come to the membership in the future and it would already be budgeted in. This would be an emergency fund. We are looking for a $500-line item.

**Old Business:**

The question was raised when the money set aside for the anti-bullying program would be used since it appeared none had been spent so far. The board informed the membership no receipts had been submitted by the administration. It was stated and confirmed by Mr. McGarry that most the funds would not be asked for until the end of the year after all our fundraising had been accomplished for the year and the administration knew what they needed us to purchase and would not be covered by the school district.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Kim Pasko and seconded by Guy Moore. Meeting ended at 7:47.

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