

AHMS PTA, GENERAL MEETING NOTES, 03/11/20

ATTENDANCE: Julia Papellas, Melissa Riviere, Jennifer Bachan-Breiten, Colleen Leonard, Gail Smeraldi, Julie Venesky, Sue Pucilowski, Katherine Geer

Meeting called to order by Julia Papellas at 6:30pm.

Motion called by the VP to adjust the meeting order. Motion accepted by the Board. Motion seconded by Colleen Leonard.

SECRETARY REPORT: Melissa Riviere
February 2020 Meeting Minutes submitted for approval.
Upcoming Calendar presented for review. Meeting agenda presented for review. Gail Smeraldi made motion to accept the minutes. Motion seconded by Principal Leonard.

8TH GRADE CHAIR: Gail Smeraldi

Washington, D.C. Fieldtrip: T-shirts: 241 students and 16 faculty total \$2,517.50 with *Brucelli Advertising Company* in Dunmore. 257 meal vouchers at \$7 each total \$1,799 to *Vista Travel*. Both expenses are 8th Grade Committee funded. Teacher staff support will receive t-shirts & meal vouchers, parent volunteers will not.

Family Fun Night Concessions: The 8th Grade Concession Stand is all set for Friday's event.

TREASURER'S REPORT: (*Jennifer Knott, absent*)

Jennifer Bachan-Breiten reporting
Beginning Balance 2/1/20: \$32,700.88
Ending Balance 2/29/20: \$35,516.56
Deposits: \$3,180.32
Withdrawals: \$364.64

2019-2020 Year to Date Profits—

Apparel: \$1,665.71
Winter Soirée: \$6,431.22
Hersheypark: \$977.50
Amazon Smile: \$129.88
Verizon (Class of 2022): \$750.00
Esript (Gerrity's): \$1,624.71

Apparel: Our Spring Apparel sale is up and running. The end date is March 16th and all orders should be in before Spring Break.

Hersheypark: This was a fantastic sale! 114 tickets were sold with a profit of \$564.72 for the PTA.

Texas Roadhouse Dine-In Night: \$111.82 was the PTA's profit from the \$1,118.21 of AHMS sales made March 10th (10%).

Thank you to all who participated in these fundraisers!

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Julia Papellas

Kalahari Tickets: Tickets are on sale through April 3rd and will deliver before Spring Break.

Family Fun Night: We have no Volunteers for the evening event. I have reached out to Dan at AHHS via email asking for possible student volunteers; have reached out to all members who previously signed-up to help with this event; have emailed the PTA Membership requesting support & volunteers. Currently we have 3 volunteers of the 16 (minimum) needed to run the event.

The area's spring & summer sports teams have been invited to represent at *Family Fun Night*, including: Jr. Comets Football &

Cheer, the Lacrosse team, the Flag Football league (no reply from Little League Baseball or the Abington Gators).

Board Elections: Elections will be held during our next meeting. Today is the last day to receive nominations. The Nominating Committee consists of 1 volunteer (should be 3), Karen Cahn, and she is absent from this evening. No nominations have been submitted. There are three self-nominations—Julia Papellas for President, Jennifer Bachan-Breiten for VP, and Jennifer Knott for Treasure—with no opposing nominations. Board positions are a 1-year commitment. I have reached out to all four elementary school PTAs soliciting possible nominations. Ideally, we would have all four of the area's elementary schools represented on the AHMS PTA Board of Directors. Write-ins can be made on the evening of the election. The election will occur at the 4/1/20 meeting, 6:30pm.

STEAM Fair: The date for the 2020 STEAM Fair has been set for Wednesday, May 13th, 6-7:30pm, in the gymnasium. The **Reflections Ceremony** will happen at the time in the cafeteria.

The Lion King: The bi-annual play, the *Lion King*, is scheduled to perform April 3rd & 4th. The PTA is paying for the performer's t-shirts, but the performance crew handles the design and ordering.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Colleen Leonard

A thorough cleaning of the school and coronavirus preparedness is underway. Educators are preparing students for the upcoming PSSAs.

Coronavirus: The Abington Heights SD is monitoring closely information provided by the CDC, the Pennsylvania Department of Education and the Pennsylvania Department of Health. We have been and will remain in contact with agencies to guide and inform the decisions we make.

We are looking at our online capabilities and Portal options, particularly for 5 & 6 grades. Looking at reinforcement of skills already learned in the classroom. The curriculum normally turns to skill performance during the PSSA time.

Family Fun Night: the Inflatables are a contagion concern. Hand washing and hygiene as well.

Water Fountain: Heather will provide receipts for the cost of the water fountain and the installation of it to the PTA.

VP'S REPORT: Jennifer Bachan-Breiten

8th Grade Concessions: Any 8th grader who will help at the *Family Fun Night* Concession Stand will get credit. 8th Graders have 2 more opportunities to earn personal funds—*Family Fun Night* and the *Lion King* performances, April 3 & 4.

The next 8th Grade meeting will be April 1 at 6pm. 7th grade parents are welcome to attend.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Wednesday, April 1, 6:30pm.

Motion to adjourn the motion was made by Julia Papellas at 6:55pm. Motion seconded by Colleen Leonard.