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**Abington Heights Middle School PTA Minutes**

November 13, 2017

**In attendance**

Aimee McGuinness Jennifer Bachan-Breiten Melinda Dickman

Natalie Studebaker Kami Orbin Lorie Schneider

Jen Selvenis Karen Hicks Sue Pucilowski

Mohit Patel Neil Patel

The meeting was called to order and parents were welcomed by Mindy Dickman at 7:05pm

**Recording Secretary’s Report – Aimee McGuinness**

 Meeting Minutes were presented. Lorie Schneider made a motion to approve the minutes, and Karen Hicks seconded that motion. Minutes were approved.

**President’s Report – Mindy Dickman**

We still need chairs for two committees:

 Play Committee – In the Spring

 Staff Appreciation – first week in May

If anyone is interested in stepping up to organize either of these, please let Mindy know.

**Corresponding Secretary Report – Jenn Bachan-Breiten**

 Campaigner is up and running. Everyone should have received two emails so far. If you haven’t heard from the PTA, please let Jenn know. We also continuously check Facebook and will respond to inquiries in a timely manner.

**Treasurers Report – Jen Selvenis**

The beginning balance was $14,248.79. Deposits totaled $36,589.95. Withdrawals totaled $19,288.06. Ending balance was $31,550.68.

**Principal’s Report – Mr. Wyandt**

Thank you for all the effort that went into the Marketplace to support Abington Angels. Also a very big thank you to the PTA and especially Lorie Schneider for the Veteran’s Day Program.

Audrey Woodyatt retired last week.

Laura McClane is retiring also at the end of December.

Kerry Clearwater is leaving at the end of the week because she accepted a new position.

We are welcoming Heather Dadey as a new secretary in the office.

We also welcome Mr. Floyd to fill the vacancy left by Mr. Beradelli.

Parent - Teacher Conferences will be Monday the 27th in the evening. Tuesday and Wednesday are 12:30 dismissals for the afternoon conferences. There are some teams that are experimenting with online sign-ups for conferences. This may be school wide in the future.

Friday, November 17th is the last day to hand in deposits for the 8th grade field trip.

Tomorrow the cast of Anything Goes will be coming to do a preview for the 8th grade students.

We closed out our month with the anti bullying activities and were very happy with the participation from all of the grades and teams. There also was a diversity program that was phenomenal.

**Committee Reports**

1. Apparel – Mindy Dickman/Lorie Schneider

We are really close to the bottom of the pile of apparel to having everything sorted, but nothing has been distributed yet.

1. Save Around – Mindy Dickman

We sold 364 books. We have 120 that have not been returned or purchased yet. We haven’t gotten the invoice yet because there were a good portion of books that were missing pages. If anyone has a book that is missing pages please let Mindy know and she can exchange it.

1. Kalahari – Jen Selvenis

There are still more tickets. Tell your friends!

1. Movie Night – Jenn Bachan-Breiten

It was a big success. The students seem to enjoy the snacks and the witches brew beverage along with the movie. We purchased a popcorn machine for this event which we will continue to use for future events. Our next movie night will be Friday, January 5th. Movie options will be available before winter break.

1. Book Fair – Natalie Studebaker

Our sales for this fall were $1,675.67. The reason the sales were a little lower was because it was moved to after school, which made it a little harder for students to attend. We have some scholastic bucks to use if we have a book fair in the spring.

1. Marketplace – Mindy Dickman

We had over 80 vendor spaces sold. Apparel was for sale along with concessions. It was a huge success and overall we profited $3028.59

1. Abington Angels – Ronda/Lori

The final count for the Thanksgiving baskets will be coming on Thursday, November 16th and we will then purchase the food for the baskets. Families will set up a time to shop in the store of gently used clothing items that were donated. We would like to open it up to the whole Abington family on Wednesday between 12 and 2:40. We are still accepting donations of gently used clothing and Comet Gear for the Abington Angels Attic.

1. Veteran’s Day – Lorie Schneider

It went really well and kids seemed engaged. We had close to 60 veterans this year.

I. Reflections – Sharon Campbell

All of the entries have been collected and Sharon is working on getting everything ready for judging.

1. Gala – Mindy/Natalie

Donations are being requested. Any help procuring donations would be great. The next Gala meeting will be Monday, November 27th at 7pm.

1. Tumbler Sales – Mindy/Becky

Forms were sent home last week. Pick up will be afterschool on the 19th until 4pm

1. Restaurant Nights – Mindy

Tully’s and Panera have already occurred and we will be getting the results soon. The next one is the 27th at UNO’s.

1. 8th Grade Fundraising – Mindy Dickman

Gertrude Hawk Candy Bars are being sold currently. We are working on getting the next one set up – gift cards - in time for Christmas. Any other fundraising ideas, please let Mindy know. Karen Hicks shared another fundraising opportunity of charm bracelets.

**New Business**

 None

**Adjournment** **– Mindy Dickman**

 Meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm

**Upcoming Meeting -** December 11 – 7pm