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**Abington Heights Middle School PTA Minutes**

October 9, 2017

**In attendance**

Mindy Dickman Aimee McGuinness Natalie Studebaker

Jennifer Selvenis Jenn Bachan-Breiten Mark Wyandt

Pam Ryan Becky McHugh Josephine Petry

Karen Hicks Joy Zeiss Sue Pucilowski

Ronda Schiavone Jen Puksta Lorie Schneider

Terry Radle Olivia Bernardi Karen Hughes

The meeting was called to order by Mindy Dickman at 7:10

**Secretary’s Report – Aimee McGuinness**

 Aimee expressed appreciation for everyone who attends the meetings and volunteers. We really value everyone’s input and we want everyone to feel like they are a valuable part of the PTA. We took a couple minutes to introduce ourselves along with what grades our kids are in. The meeting minutes were presented. Ronda Schiavone made a motion to accept the minutes and Jenn Bachan-Breiten seconded the motion.

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

 We are receiving emails and responding as we receive them. Please email if you have any questions AHMSPTA@hotmail.com

**Treasurers Report – Jen Selvenis**

 Beginning balance was 12,034.93 and the ending balance was 14,248.79.

**Principal’s Report – Mr. Wyandt**

Mr. Wyandt welcomed everyone and thanked all the PTA for all the effort that is expended. There are several different emergency drills that the students have been practicing and they will continue to cycle through the different drills throughout the year. This month is Bullying Prevention month and all the students have various responsibilities and tasks in relation to this theme. Last week we had a suicide prevention message for the 7th and 8th grade students, which was excellent. Students were given some tools to help their friends that may be experiencing difficult times. 8th grade will be attending career field trips where they will visit a number of different businesses on November 14th and 16th. The new session of specials will begin on October 19th. Some changes for the calendar – November 22 (the day before Thanksgiving) has been changed from a half day to a full day. Also December 22 (the day before winter break) will now be a full day. There still are some issues with the parent portal. Saphire software is having a gliche that they are working on fixing. After school activities begin tomorrow. We have a diversity program for the 8th graders coming on October 20th. The aim in beginning with 8th grade is to encourage student leadership and have the 8th graders communicate and exemplify the message of respect for all people to the younger students. Pep rally is also on October 20th.

**President’s Report – Mindy Dickman**

1. Committees Chairs

8th Grade Fundraising – Mindy Dickman and Tara Crum

Abington Angels – Ronda Schiavone

Apparel – Mindy Dickman and Lorie Schneider

Book Fairs – Natalie Studebaker

Box Tops – Amy Asencio

Kairis Scholarship – Sarah Cremer

Marketplace – Mindy Dickman

Movie Nights – Jennifer Bachan-Breiten

Gala – Mindy Dickman and Natalie Studebaker

Reflections – Sharon Campbell

Save Around – Mindy Dickman

STEAM Fair – Laura Pease and Tara Sottile

Veterans’ Day – Lorie Schneider

1. Committees Needing Chairs

Class Day (7th grade) – Natalie Studebaker volunteered to chair

Family Fun Night – Olivia Bernardi volunteered to chair

Play – Refreshments/flower sales before and during the play at the school

Restaurant Nights – Goal - one restaurant night a month

Staff Appreciation – Big lunch and breakfast for the staff

Tumbler Sales – Becky McHugh volunteered to chair

If anyone is interested in filling any of the slots for committee chairs please contact Mindy Dickman at AHMSPTA@hotmail.com. We will make sure to give you the tools and information to help you be successful.

In order to sign up for Remind for PTA updates text @AHMSPT to the number 81010.

If you would like to sign up for Remind for 8th grade fundraising opportunities text @CC7B4E3 to the number 81010.

**Committee Reports**

 B. Save Around – Students can turn in their money and receive their books during lunch this week. All books and money need to be returned by Friday, October 13. Books have to be returned if they are not sold.

 C. Movie Nights – This Friday will be our first movie night. The movie will be the Nightmare Before Christmas. We are still looking for volunteers to help set-up, clean-up and provide baked goods. Everything will be sold for $1. This event is not an allergy safe event. There will be popcorn, chocolate covered pretzles, and donated baked goods along with a theme drink. The next movie night will be January. Jenn is looking for suggestions for movies that are rated PG or below for the students to vote on.

 D. 8th Grade Fundraising – Info was sent home today. Please ask your student to see the papers.

 E. Marketplace is set up for November 4th. We have 30-40 vendors. Please pass on the info to anyone you think may be interested in participating as a vendor. All proceeds go toward Abington Angels to help with Holiday shopping and meals.

F. Book Fair – This will change and take place after school because the district would prefer not to have students be involved in purchasing things at a scheduled time during school to avoid the pressure of buying. It will take place October 30th afterschool from 2:30-5:30, November 2nd 4:30-8pm, and November 4th during the Maketplace event.

 G. Reflections – There is a bin in the lobby to collect entries. Entries are due Monday, November 6.

 H. Gala – set for January 20th. The Gala is our biggest fundraiser of the year – it is an adult evening with dinner and open bar along with basket raffles and 50/50. It will be at Montdale Country Club. We can use volunteers to organize, secure basket donations and help with set-up and during the event.

 I. Veterans Day – This will take place on November 9th. The kids will begin working on projects for this special day. There will be displays and assemblies throughout the day. We encourage the children to invite any veterans they know to come and be honored and enjoy some food together. There is a speaker that will talk to the kids about what it is like serving in the military. We need volunteers to help with food donations. A sign up sheet went around for volunteers. Please contact Lorie Schneider at skipnlorie@hotmail.com if you can help.

 J. Kalahari – Tickets are being sold, but there are still some left. Please pass the word around to sell off the rest of the tickets. Contact Jen Selvenis at Jendom26@hotmail.com.

**New Business**

 None

**Adjournment** **– Mindy Dickman**

 Meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm

**Upcoming Meeting**

 November 13 – 7pm