

## AHMS PTA, GENERAL MEETING NOTES, 01/08/20

**ATTENDANCE:** Julia Papellas, Jennifer Knott, Melissa Riviere, Kathi Casper, Romaine Astolfi, Manjilal Phadke, Jennifer Herold, Karen Cahn, Colleen Leonard

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

**SECRETARY REPORT:** Melissa Riviere  
November 2019 Meeting Minutes submitted for approval. Romaine Astolfi made motion to accept the minutes. Motion seconded by Principal Leonard. Upcoming Calendar presented for review. Meeting agenda presented for review.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Julia Papellas

**Gertrude Hawk report:** Gertrude Hawk in the negative. 172 boxes ordered to raise PTA funds, 172 boxes sold. The PTA is \$56.44 in the negative. We are waiting for a few students to pay back money borrowed to purchase the boxes.

**Abington Angels:** Over the Winter Breaks, the PTA provided Holiday meals & stocked pantries for 13 families. With a \$60 budget per child, the PTA bought Holiday gifts for those family's 31 children. Volunteers did the shopping, wrapping, boxing, and moved all gifts & food to the conference room for pickup. Remaining funds are \$1000.00 and will go toward students in need for the end of year field trips and school supplies.

**Winter Soirée:** We need your help! Ticket sales are extremely low. If sales are not up to 75 by Jan 15<sup>th</sup>, the event will be cancelled. 1 person has bought Grand Prize tickets. Yet another flyer went out today, along with a *Remind* notice.

**Nominating Committee:** We need 3 parents volunteers to form a nominating committee. The committee will be charged with finding people interested in next year's PTA Board positions—President, VP, Treasurer, Secretary. Nominations will be made at the 4/1/20 meeting.

**Friday Movie Night:** This Friday night, January 10, is Movie Night. Showing "Spider-Man, Into the Spider-Verse" (PG). Doors at 6, movie at 6:30. Free event. Posters hung in cafeteria. *Remind* sent.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Jennifer Knott  
Beginning Balance 12/1/19: \$37,309.85  
Ending Balance 12/31/19: \$27,619.43  
**2019-2020 Year to Date Profits—**

**Gertrude Hawk:** \$124.91

**Kalahari:** \$413.99

**Cash! Bingo (8<sup>th</sup> Gr) :** \$5,674.55

**Texas Roadhouse:** \$830.40

**Apparel:** \$1,106.07

**Winter Soirée:** 1,011.69

**8<sup>th</sup> Gr DC Trip Donation:** \$83.00

**Esript:** \$1,267.08

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:** Colleen Leonard  
Thanks for the hard work on the *Cash! Bingo*. Spelling Bee yesterday, 6<sup>th</sup> grader moving on.

**8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CHAIR:** (*Gail Smeraldi, absent*) Julia Papellas  
\$6,498.31 in 8<sup>th</sup> grade reserve from *Cash! Bingo* & Concessions.

**D.C. Fieldtrip:** White Team: April 23 & 24. Blue Team: May 7 & 8. Still no news on the amount of support needed from the PTA for the 2 trips. *\*The total expense of the 2019 trip was \$6,263.71; 8<sup>th</sup> grade raised: \$2,028.74; PTA paid: \$4,234.97.*  
Gail Smeraldi will purchase the shirts, designed by 8<sup>th</sup> graders.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Concessions:** Remaining Concession funds from the 8<sup>th</sup> grade reserve will be split amongst the 8<sup>th</sup> grade concession stand volunteers, and will go toward their individual Fieldtrip expense.

The PTA is considering adding an 8<sup>th</sup> Grade concession stand during the evening of the *Lion King* performances, April 3 & 4.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Post Office Box.** Motion presented to open a P.O. Box for the AHMS PTA. PTA bills and Abington Angels materials would be sent to the P.O. Box to alleviate excess AHMS Office interaction. All in favor, 9/0. Motion passed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**BookFair:** Our November *BookFair* earned \$629.23 for books. PTA Board voted to fund an additional \$528.13 to the library. The AHMS Library now has \$1,000+ worth of new, student requested, new release, books on it's shelves!

Another *BookFair* is possible during the *Family Fun Night*. However, without a volunteer stepping up to Chair the *BookFair*, it will not happen.

**Family Fun Night:** Call for coaches to help orchestrate an Olympic themed night. Karen Cahn suggested Sumo suits, Velcro wall, or foosball with the blow-ups as an alternative. The PTA will investigate rental companies who might offer these things.

Still need a date for the event. Principal Leonard will have a more definitive answer on Monday, January 13, as to the FFN date.

**Apparel:** 8 to 10 Holiday Apparel Order deliveries were missed due to AHMS Office meddling. PTA Apparel Chair, Jennifer Knott, requested, repeatedly, to be informed when the order was delivered to the office (large box marked "PTA"). When the order arrived, rather than informing the PTA Chair, the AHMS Office (non-PTA members) took it upon themselves to open the box, split up the order, and distribute the apparel to all classrooms. As a result, incorrect orders were sent to incorrect students. These bad actions reflect very poorly on the PTA. "Why would anyone open a box marked PTA and take it upon themselves to distribute it?" In agreement, Principal Leonard requests the names of the parents missing apparel and says she'll contact them and explain.

**Texas Roadhouse:** Received email re: top selling classroom (Ambrose) will receive a visit from the TRH Armadillo & food. Jenifer Knott will ask about substituting the food portion of the "win" with some alternative. Principal will look at the calendar for a date for the armadillo.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm.

**Motion to adjourn** the *\*motion* was made by Julia Papellas and seconded by Romaine Astolfi at 6:59pm.

*\*Addendum to the Meeting Notes.*