

AHMS PTA, General Meeting Notes, 11/19/19

Attendance: Julia Papellas, Melissa Riviere, Jennifer Bachan-Breiten, Jennifer Knott, Gail Smeraldi, Candace McColligan, Kim Murnin, Lisa Hancock, Sue Pucilowski, Jenn Herold, Kathi Casper, Marla Lee, Sherry Boykin, Colleen Leonard

Meeting called to order by Julia Papellas at 6:32pm

Secretary Report: Melissa Riviere

October 2019 Meeting minutes submitted for approval. Kathi Casper made motion to accept the minutes. Motion seconded by Candace McColligan. Motion Passed 14-0. Upcoming Calendar presented for review. Meeting agenda presented for review.

President's Report: Julia Papellas

Best Co. Survey report: 178 surveys posted= \$356 profit.

Winter Soirée: Will be held at *Nosh* in Dickson City, 1/25, 6–9pm. There are 9 volunteers for the committee. More volunteers encouraged. Currently soliciting donations.

Gertrude Hawk report: Last order date will be Thursday 12/12, with final delivery on Monday 12/16.

Book Fair: Friday 11/1 in-school preview 10-1pm, 3 volunteers signed up, 1 showed up. Sales on Saturday at *MarketPlace*, 9:30-3:30, 12 volunteers signed up, 3 showed up. PTA purchased \$230.39 in books to meet the 40% return bracket. We earned **\$911.74 of books for the AHMS Library, delivery on 11/22/19.** Requesting photos. Librarian provided a request list of books and it was filled. Mrs. Walters (librarian) was invited to the Scholastic's BOGO Warehouse Sale. **A Call for a new Chair for a Spring BookFair.** Without a Chair, BookFair will not happen.

Treasurer's Report: Jennifer Knott

Principal Leonard requests specific balance of the PTA's bank account. Treasurer clarifies: \$26,399.22.

Beginning Balance 10/1/19: \$23,190.71

MarketPlace: +\$2,655, -\$351.65, Profit: \$2,303.35

Membership: +\$1,293.87, -\$635.96, Profit: \$657.91

Kalahari: +\$4,800, -\$4,037.01, Profit: \$762.99

Texas Roadhouse: +\$195, Profit: \$23.40

Gertrude Hawk (8th Gr) : +\$5,900, -\$4,995.14, Profit: \$904.86

Esript: Income: \$867.52 YTD

Winter Soirée: +\$1,150, -\$347.70, Profit: \$802.30

Cash! Bingo (8th Gr) : +\$1,000, -\$547, Profit: \$453

PTA: Profit: \$10.33 YTD

PTA Donations: Profit: \$1,086 YTD

MP Concession (8th Gr) : +\$1,111, -\$311.24, Profit: \$799.26

Movie Night : +\$99, -\$36.45, Profit: \$62.55

Beginning Balance 11/1/19: \$26,399.22

Principal's Report: Colleen Leonard

Great Veterans Day reception. Thank you for the **new water fountain.** Report Cards out last Friday. Successful *Dalton Food Drive* in progress. New TV Studio is up and running. Wed, 11/27 11:10am dismissal. 12/4 & 12/5 12:20 dismissal. Conference appointments are filled, contact the office with requests & concerns. 12/2 & 12/4 the 5th Gr will be going to the Agriculture Lab for history of making chocolate. Toy Drive may happen.

VP Report: Jennifer Bachan-Breiten

MarketPlace: Well attended. All vendors showed up + 1.

76 vendors in total. Issue with lack of wifi. Expounded on issue. 8th Gr Concessions Stand: Wonderful and were considered very helpful. Expounded on comments made of 8th grade volunteers. Free coffee given to vendors during set-up. Vendors very grateful for coffee. Volunteers: 24 8th graders, 6 underclassmen, 1 elementary student, 28 parents.

Abington Angels: Sorting of clothing donations will start tomorrow, 2:30–4:30. Call for volunteers to help sort. Meet at blocks. Providing for 11 families at this time. Ms. Walter's Girl Scouts will sort lost & found. Winter Break dinners, Holiday presents, wrapping (call for help). 12/6 wish lists will be in, need volunteers to shop and wrap. Civic Leagues will wrap. Wrapping party. Wednesday 12/18 night at 6pm suggested. 12/18 approved by Principal Leonard. *Reminds* and emails have been sent out. *Abington Angels* program explained at length.

Movie Night: License expires on 2/14. Movie Night suggested for Friday, 1/10. Date approved by Principal Leonard. "Spider-man, into the Spider-verse" will be the movie. Doors at 6pm. Movie at 6:30. Free Event for all. Mrs. Noscera will arrange for an AV Tech to show the movie.

8th Grade Chair: Gail Smeraldi

CASH Bingo!: Sunday, 11/24. 90+ people coming, 120 seats available. 8th graders will help. Verizon will donate \$1,000 (via Jennifer Bachan-Breiten); donation will pay out the 10 games at \$100 prize each.

8th Grade Fundraisers: Need to rethink the current fundraising efforts to be better split between the 300 parents/families of the 8th grade. The same 15-20 people shoulder all the work and provide all the donations for every 8th Gr fundraiser—with benefits split evenly through entire grade. Brainstorm session needed for raising the necessary funds for Field Trip support by entire grade & their families.

Jennifer Bachan-Breiten Interjection: States 7th Gr parents' end of the year meeting should be scheduled to look at what is ahead in the following school year. Voiced forming a Committee. 8th Gr Washington DC trip explained, again, money/payments explained. Add'l cost for shirts & meal.

Veterans Day Brunch: Compliments to the speaker. Great program. Thanks to Principal. Success with obtaining food donations. The Brunch & Lunch combination: timing of lunch proved difficult to have delivered on time. Future: Host "Brunch" only. Requests budget be increased from \$50 to \$100. More funds needed to fill in holes around donations.

2020 Meetings: Julia Papellas

Next meeting in January 2020.

Tuesdays approved by entire Board of Directors.

Principal Leonard will not meet on Tuesdays, and feels she must be at attendance.

Tentative: 2nd Mondays are good for every month except February. Principal Leonard approved. More Board discussion needed to work with all members' conflicting schedules.

No date set.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Julia Papellas and seconded by Gail Smeraldi at 7:28pm.