

AHMS PTA, MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOTES, 3/9/21

Google Meet: <https://meet.google.com/jev-nkxi-ght>

ATTENDANCE: Julia Papellas, Jen Knott, Colleen Leonard, Colin Riviere, Tiffany Dickson, Angela Stewart.

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

SECRETARY REPORT: Colin Riviere

Meeting agenda emailed & presented for review.

February 2021 Meeting Minutes (emailed & presented) are accepted by Jen Knott, seconded by Colleen Leonard.

PRESIDENT'S REPORTS: Julia Papellas

T-Shirt Contest Winner: There were a total of 27 fantastic entries and votes were gathered during the first week of March over Facebook and Instagram. Oliver Riviere's design received the most votes with 96 votes and will be featured on the end of the year t-shirt. Ethan Grives received the second most votes with 85.

T-Shirt Orders: The PTA intends to print 1,100 Blue Tie-Dye Shirts and give one to every AHMS student. All Student T-shirt orders were due by Feb 12th. Only ½ of AHMS parents ordered shirts for their children. We've managed to gather information for 284 additional students. The remaining 266 students will receive an Adult size Medium or Large.

PTA Board 2021-22: Interest in joining the board for next year is non-existent: only 2 people interested so far, this includes our current treasurer. We need more nominations before our next meeting on April 13th. If we have candidates, voting will take place one month later during the May 11th meeting.

Reflections Program Winners: Here are the results for the **Intermediate Level (grades 3-5)**

Photography

1st Place: Sara Cahn "*Connected*"

2nd Place: Sara Cahn "*Rooted in the Earth*"

Results for the Middle School Level (grades 6-8)

Photography

1st Place: Praneel Mallaiah "*Rising Above the Waves*"

Music Composition

1st Place: Hannah Siddiqui "*I Will Always Matter*"

2nd Place: Praneel Mallaiah "*Harmony of Inspiration*"

Literature

1st Place: Hannah Siddiqui "*A Family Matter*"

All our winners are moving onto State Judging!
Congratulations to the winners from Region 16!

Flowers for Field Day Fundraiser: The PTA is selling vouchers for spring flowers at Corky's Garden Path Greenhouse in Justus. Orders can be placed through the Club Store and picked up anytime at Corky's.

TREASURER'S REPORTS: Jennifer Knott

Financial Summary:

Financial Reports:

Beginning Balance \$27,541.16

Ending Balance \$27,743.91

Deposits: \$237.75

Withdrawals: \$35.00

Spring Comets Gear Sale: The shared spring *Comets Gear* sale was a success! 76 orders were placed for a total of 296 products. The PTA will receive \$1,525.50 as profit. March delivery of all goods will be made to school or will be available for pick up in Clarks Green.

Texas Roadhouse Comets Night Out: Total sales at the AHMS *Comets Night Out* on March 1st were \$414.13. The PTA will receive 10% of these sales or \$41.41 total from this fundraiser.

End-of-Year Celebrations Update:

Fall *MarketPlace* concession stand = \$237.73

TRH 8th Grade *Rib Rally* = \$417.19

Friendship bracelet sales = \$26.57

Hersheypark funds (earmarked) = \$258.00

Year-to-date total = \$939.49

(Currently there are 278 8th Grade students.)

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Colleen Leonard

Return to School: It was an exciting week with a return to the school of most students. Monday and Tuesday saw almost 800 students in the building! It was great to see the students socializing and reconnecting, especially after all the effort and work that was put in by the faculty to make sure the school was set up to maintain social distancing. In the cafeteria all students are 6 ft apart and in the classroom, 3 to 4 ft apart.

End-of-Year Planning: Principal Leonard met with the 8th Grade teachers to brainstorm the end-of-the-year events and come up with ideas. In fact, all grades have been asked to determine what they can pull off while maintaining pandemic protocols.

NEW BUSINESS: Julia Papellas

Extra Disposable Masks: The PTA has a lot of extra disposable masks that can be donated to the Athletic Department if needed. Principal Leonard confirmed that tryouts for track and softball are underway and that the PTA should get in contact with the Athletics Director Randy Harmon to see if they are needed.

Pennsylvania PTA Virtual Meet: Maureen Ciavarella from Pennsylvania PTA reached out to Julia to recognize the AHMSPTA as one of the state's highest achieving PTAs and to ask us to put together a short presentation for their next nation zoom meeting. The presentation should focus on what worked and what didn't work this past year and should be 7 to 10 minutes in duration. Colin Riviere volunteered to put the presentation together and represent our board

during the Zoom meeting on March 24th. Both Julia and Melissa are unavailable to attend.

NEXT VIRTUAL MEETING: Tuesday, April 13th, 6:30pm.

Motion to adjourn was made by Julia Papellas at 6:46pm.
Motion seconded by Jen Knott.