

AHMS PTA, MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOTES, 4/13/21

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

ATTENDANCE: Julia Papellas, Jen Knott, Colleen Leonard, Colin Riviere, Jen Bachan-Breiten, Kate Davis.

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

SECRETARY REPORT: Colin Riviere

Meeting agenda emailed & presented for review.

March 2021 Meeting Minutes (emailed & presented) are accepted by Jen Knott, seconded by Jen Bachan-Breiten.

PRESIDENT'S REPORTS: Julia Papellas

Reflections Program State Results: Congratulations to all our AHMS Reflections participants!
Pennsylvania State Level Results—Middle School Level (grades 6–8) Abington Heights MS PTA, Region 16
MUSIC, 4TH PLACE
Hannah Siddiqui
"I Will Always Matter"
PHOTOGRAPHY, 5TH PLACE
Praneel Mallaiah
"Rising Above the Waves"

Odyssey of the Mind Regional Tournament Results: March 13th, 2021 NEPA Results—Problem 5, Division II: *Superhero Socks: A Cliffhanger Beginning*
FIRST PLACE: Abington Heights Middle School!
Team: Christopher Begley, Finn Goldberg, Zachary Magnotta, Molly Rooney, Julia Schuster, Jackson Wickenheiser
Coach: Cathy Wickenheiser
Next stop is the State Tournament in Williamsport, April 10th!

End of Year Celebration Funds:

The PTA has raised \$4,000 for Team Funds/end-of-year student body celebrations. Divided, that is \$1,000 per grade, or \$500 per team. Additionally, the PTA has raised \$700 for the 8th Grade Class Day. This is an event to be hosted by a Committee of 7th grade parents in celebration of 8th grade graduation from AHMS. Thank You All who have supported the PTA fundraisers throughout the year!

Flowers for Field Day: This Spring Flower Sale raised \$446.81 for *Field Day* celebrations this year. Divided, that is \$111.70 per grade. Thank You All who Participated. The flowers were beautiful!

8th Grade Funds:

Fall *MarketPlace* concession stand = \$237.73
TRH 8th Grade *Rib Rally* = \$417.19
Friendship bracelet sales = \$33.57
Hersheypark funds (earmarked) = \$258.00
Year-to-date total = \$946.49 (*Currently there are 278 8th Grade students.*)

End-of Year Gift for Everyone:

All 1090 Students will receive a logo'ed tie-dyed shirt, a tote and a water bottle as the end of year gift, valued in total at \$13,887.87. All 112 AHMS Teachers and staff will receive the tote and water bottle too!

AHMS-PTA Nominations: 2 parents are running; Barbara Mirsa for secretary and Alisha Kinney for treasurer. Voting will take place at the next meeting on May 11th.

TREASURER'S REPORTS: Jennifer Knott

Financial Summary:

Financial Reports:

Beginning Balance \$27,743.91

Ending Balance \$30,061.42

Deposits: \$3137.73

Withdrawals: \$820.22

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.

Estimated End-of-Year Balance:

Beginning Balance: \$25,262.33

Current Balance: \$31,672.19

Estimated Ending Balance \$8,306.25

2021-22 Proposed Budget:

Estimated Net Income: \$8990.00

Estimated Expenses: \$8990.00

2021-22 Budget Discussion: Jen Knott asked for fundraiser suggestions to help expand the proposed budget's income. Jen Bachan-Breiten recommended a Railriders event and agreed to spearhead the planning. Principal Leonard asked if we can revisit the budget as she is concerned that it doesn't include items that are normally funded such as BUG and Student of the Month programs. Jen Knott responded that she didn't include them only because she wasn't able to forecast enough money will be raised for them. She could only budget about \$9,000 to spend. That may increase with the new board and additional ideas for fundraisers. Jen Bachan-Breiten suggested setting up a Venmo account to make donations and payments easier.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Colleen Leonard

The Middle School will be all virtual tomorrow, April 14th due to contact tracing. Report Cards will be posted on Friday. The staff is currently planning the End-of-Year events, including an 8th Grade Class Day, most likely held during the last week of school. Also, discussed was holding 2 "Move-Up" days during the last week of May.

NEXT VIRTUAL MEETING: Tuesday, May 11th, 6:30pm.

Motion to adjourn was made by Julia Papellas at 6:58pm. Motion seconded by Jen Knott.