

AHMS PTA, MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOTES, 5/11/21

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

ATTENDANCE: Julia Papellas, Jen Knott, Melissa Riviere, Colleen Leonard, Colin Riviere, Jen Bachan-Breiten, Alicia Kinney, Barbara Mirza, Karis Naeher, Karen Cahn.

Meeting called to order by Julia Papellas at 6:35pm.

SECRETARY REPORT: Colin Riviere

Meeting agenda emailed & presented for review.

April 2021 Meeting Minutes (emailed & presented) are accepted by Julia Papellas, seconded by Jen Knott.

PRESIDENT'S REPORTS: Julia Papellas

Odyssey of the Mind 2021 Pennsylvania State Results:

Problem 5, Division II: *Superhero Socks: A Cliffhanger*
Beginning FOURTH PLACE: Abington Heights Middle School
7th Grade Team!

Team: Christopher Begley, Finn Goldberg, Zachary Magnotta,
Molly Rooney, Julia Schuster, Jackson Wickenheiser
Coach: Cathy Wickenheiser

All five AHMS Teams will participate in the Virtual World
Finals!

STEAM Fair: The PTA has raised \$250 for this year's Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math Fair. No date has been set for the event, and Principal Leonard pointed out that it is unrealistic to plan the event for this year with less than 4 weeks remaining in the school year. Those weeks are already loaded with events as well. It was agreed that March or April is the best time to hold next year's fair.

End of Year Celebration Funds:

Overview: 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. Class Day and Field Day are Blue and White teams combined, grouped by homeroom. It was asked whether these funds could be used for Field Day. Principal Leonard indicated that the 8th Grade wants to use their funds for a Field Day and lunch at Hillside Park. Regarding the plans for 7th and 5th grades, Principal Leonard suggested a Civil War speaker for the 7th grade as done in years past.

Field Day Funds: The Corky's spring flower sale raised \$446.81 for Field Day celebrations. Divided that is \$111.70 per grade. Principal Leonard reported the dates for the field days are:

June 1st = 5th Grade

June 2nd = 6th Grade

June 3rd = 8th Grade

June 4th = 7th Grade

8th Grade Class Day: The PTA has raised \$700 for the 8th Grade Class Day. The event will be hosted by a Committee of 7th grade parents, to recognize our 8th graders transitioning to AH High School! Principal Leonard reported that this event will be held at the Pit. It was suggested that we provide cookies for every child handed out as they leave the stadium.

AHMS Parent-Teacher Membership: The AHMS PTA was chartered in 2005 as a volunteer-based non-profit, intent on connecting the AHMS teachers and families, and together elevating every AHMS student's experience at the middle school by connecting the entire AHMS community.

2019-2020 AHMS PTA Membership

131 Members: **113** Parent Members & **18** Teacher Members

2020-2021 AHMS PTA Membership

173 Members: **165** Parent Members & **8** Teacher Members

Parent involvement has increased while Teacher involvement has decreased, and it seems to be creating a disconnect with Teachers getting the correct information. This also may stem from The PTA not being able to directly communicate with teachers via email. Principal Leonard clarified this as not being the case and that the PTA may reach out to teachers as needed.

End-of-Year Gifts: The tote bags, shirts and water bottles have been delivered to Jen Knott and are ready to be distributed, how best to get them to students? It was decided that they will be divided into homerooms and the PTA will place one at each child's desk after school on Thursday, May 20th so they are in place for the students when they come to school on Friday.

Staff Appreciation:

For the current academic year the teachers received a luncheon at the start of the year and will receive a water bottle this month. Luncheon=\$337 and Gifts=\$222.88 for a total of \$538. For the Teacher's last day on June 14th it was suggested maybe a brunch for them utilizing next years budget. It was decided that the current funds of \$250 would be used for coffee and bagels for staff during the last day.

TREASURER'S REPORTS: Jennifer Knott

Financial Reports:

Beginning Balance \$30,061.42

Ending Balance \$31,160.05

Deposits: \$1098.63

Withdrawals: \$0

Estimated End-of-Year Balance:

Beginning Balance: \$25,262.33

Current Balance: \$31,160.05

Estimated Ending Balance \$9154.88

2020-21 Budget:

Net Income: \$11,561.25

Expenses: \$27,056.96

2021-22 Proposed Budget:

Estimate Net Income: \$8,915.00

Estimated Expenses: \$8,915.00

Venmo Account Update: Jen Knott looked into setting up an account for the AHMSPTA but found that they do not allow peer-to-peer accounts for non-profit groups, so this will not be an option for us.

2021 AHMSPTA ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION

Treasurer: Alicia Kinney was voted in for Treasurer

Secretary: Barbara Choudhary was voted in for Secretary

President/VP: No President or VP nominations received.

In the event that an entire board cannot be filled, the PTA could continue as an inactive board for the year with ceremonial officers (not active), thus maintaining their status until a new board is found. In this event, Melissa Riviere offered her nomination as a ceremonial VP only to continue the board in an inactive state until new officers are found. Following, Alisha Kinney volunteered to run for President, and Jen Knott volunteered to run for Treasurer. They were both voted in, with Melissa maintaining an inactive role as VP until a new one is found.

2021-2022 Board: President/Alicia Kinney, VP/ Melissa Riviere (temporary), Barbara Choudhary/Secretary, and Jen Knott/Treasurer. Congratulations and thank you!

2021-2022 Budget. It was discussed that the proposed Budget is tentative due to the uncertainty with the new board and a lack of planned fundraisers. This proposed budget was approved, with Jenn Bachan-Breiten abstaining from voting.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Colleen Leonard

It is an incredibly busy time of the year, but please remind all parents to fill out the survey for next year's return to school plan. It is very important to get a complete response from parents so the school administration can develop an appropriate plan for next year.

NEXT VIRTUAL MEETING: TBD.

Motion to adjourn was made by Julia Papellas at 7:33pm. Motion seconded by Jen Knott.