

AHMS PTA, General Meeting Notes, 9/16/19

Attendance: Julia Papellas, Jennifer Bachan-Breiten, Peggy Lyons, Melissa Riviere, Jennifer Knott, Jill VanGorder, Jan Klusza, Kathi Casper, Guy Moore, Paula Vibbard Moore, Sarah Rosenstein, Romaine Astolfi, Sherry Boykin, Kim Murnin, Danielle Melan, Gail Smeraldi, Susan Griffiths

Meeting called to order by Julia Papellas at 6:07pm

Board Introduction by President Julia Papellas

Acting Secretary Report: Melissa Riviere
May 2019 Meeting minutes submitted for approval. Romaine Astolfi made motion to accept the minutes. Motion seconded by Jill VanGorder. Motion Passed 19-0.
Calendar of Events presented for review.
Meeting Agenda presented for review.

Abington Heights Civic League Recognition: VP Jennifer Bachan-Breiten. Recognized Susan Griffiths, AHCL Treasurer, and Jan Klusza, AHCL Donations Awards Committee Chair, for the Civic League's \$1,000 donation to the AHMS PTA. Check presentation to the Board photographed by Peggy Lyons. Announced the upcoming Civic League's Fundraising Event, Wednesday, Nov 6, 6-9pm, at Constantino's, \$20.

Presidents Report: Julia Papellas
Presented **Committee Event Volunteers** sign-up sheets. Announced the **SaveAround NEPA Coupon Book Sale**—these will not be sent home this year; available online only. Motion made to retire the coupon book as a fundraiser option for the 2020-2021 year. Motion Passed by show of hands: 19-0.
Best Co. Survey's: October only, no limit on how many surveys you can take, no age restrictions, surveys are anonymous, wide spectrum of products/services to survey.

Treasurer's Report: Jennifer Knott
Beginning Balance, July 1, 2019: \$19,427.92; July & August Deposits: \$4,092.20; July & August Withdrawals: \$2,238.77; Beginning Balance, September 1, 2019: \$21,281.35

Principal's Report: Colleen Leonard
Thank You for your patience with many changes happening in our school. Began the *Positive Behavior Support Program*. Comet Fest was held to explain to students what expectations are for "Positive Behavior."

Question raised regarding changes on the *Parent Portal*. To see class postings and reports, parents now have to go through "Courses and Grades," rather than seeing all listed under the students name. Members are reporting a lack of teacher postings on the Portal. Happening on both white & blue teams. Principal with investigate.

VP Report: Jennifer Bachan-Breiten

Movie Night: Chair will post a Ballot for movie election in the cafeteria. Date will be in October, considering the 3rd Friday of the Month: October 18th. Movie night will occur a total of three nights during the school year.

RailRiders: June, 2019: 17 tickets sales for a \$100 profit. Will review the possibility of a non-June date for 2020. This was a "no cost to us" fundraiser, RailRiders provided the send-home flyers.

MarketPlace: Nov. 2nd, the 1st Saturday of November. Benefits Abington Angels. 34 spaces already booked. Scholastic Book Fair will be available ONLY at MarketPlace. 8th Grade Concession stand. Apparel sales. Call for volunteers to help and co-chair event, as well as Scholastic Book Fair volunteers for the day.

Social Media: Website: Registered members will receive emails regarding upcoming PTA meetings (one week prior to meeting) along with reminders for upcoming events. All upcoming events will be on Facebook. Call to Membership for Website suggestions/additions/revisions/comments. No response from the Membership.

Bingo Night: Night in November, Saturday or Sunday, at the Clarks Summit Firehouse. Date not set. Each game of chance wins a cash prize of \$100. Additional Grand prizes.

Apparel & Kalahari Ticket sales: Flyers will go home next week. Purchasing options will be posted on the website.

Eighth Grade Fieldtrip: Parents' meeting will be held for fieldtrip information and a flyer will go home to 8th grade families calling for input/volunteering/participation in fundraising.

New Business: Julia Papellas
Call to the membership made for **nominations for Secretary**. Will accept nominations at our next meeting.

Call for input on Meeting nights—
Show of hands: Monday nights 17-2; Show of hands: First Monday's work best 17-2; VP Can only make October 28th.
Meeting set for October 28th, 6:30.

Old Business: Julia Papellas
Water fountain, will be donated for the library with a water bottle filling option. Budget \$2,000. Principal confirms library location would be good.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Colleen Leonard and seconded by Romaine Astolfi at 6:51pm.