**Abington Heights Middle School PTA September 18, 2018 General Meeting Minutes**

Meeting brought to order by Natalie Studebaker at 6:34 pm EST

**Attendance:**

Jennifer Bachan-Breiten, Julia Papellas, Wendy Wescott, Natalie Studebaker, Guy Moore, Paula Vibbard Moore, Anne Marie Flora, Jennifer Dodge, Kimberly Paske, Tori Yankow, Gail Smeraldi, Tracey Duffy, Julie Milligan, Jill Roth, Melissa Riviere, Corey Frankowski, Becky McHugh, Ronda Schiavone, Colleen Leonard, Julia Brister, Courtney Fogley, Mary and David Hartshorn, Liz Walters, Jerry Donahue, Sharon Campbell, Pam Ryan, Angela Steward, Sarah Stewart, Sarah Sespico, Josephine Philips, April Watt, Kim Murnin, Mr McGarry

**Welcome/President Report** – Natalie Studebaker

A: Motion to accept the Agenda – Paula Moore 2nd Sharon Campbell Motion: passed

B: Motion to accept the Audit Report (attached) – Gail Smeraldi 2nd Tracey Duffy Motion: passed

C: Motion to accept the Budget – Rhonda Schiavone 2nd Sharon Campbell Motion: passed

D: Motion to accept the May minutes – Natalie read the minutes – motion to accept made by Becky McHugh 2nd Angela Stewart

E**: Introduction of officers**:

Vice President – Wendy Wescott

Treasurer- Julia Papellas

Secretary- Jennifer Bachan-Breiten

**Board Reports**:

A: **Secretary Report –** Jennifer Bachan-Breiten

There is an email which will be sent out called the AHMS PTA Update. It is short informational blurbs about what is going on and upcoming events. Please check your SPAM folders for the last two email. There is an issue with Yahoo accounts being bounced. This means they are not being delivered. We are aware. If we can not remedy the problem I will be contacting, you directly.

The PTA has a website which was started in April. AHMSPTA.CH2V.COM We are happy to report we can now accept credit card payments on the website. This is done under the club store tab. Please be aware that on your credit card statement it will appear as CH2V/MY-PTA 512 -4395410 TX not AHMS PTA. If you deny the charge, we will incur a $25 charge.

B: **Treasurer Report** - Julia Papellas

Starting Balance: $19,516.11 Current Balance: $23,032.37 Income $8195.36 Expense: $7840.35

Current membership as of this morning: 134

C: **Vice President** – Wendy Wescott

Clearances are mandatory if a member wants to help with a PTA function during school hours. The packets are available on our website and in the front office. There is a fee for the FBI clearance. The clearances are good for 5 years. If you are going to help during school hours, please give your name and contact information to Natalie 24 hours before the event so she may give the office the proper notice. The volunteer packet and other links can be found on our website AHMSPTA.CH2V.COM

**Principal's Report**- Colleen Leonard

Thank you for coming and I look forward to working with PTA.

**Vice Principal Report** – Mr Pat McGarry

Thank you for coming. Fifth curriculum night is Thursday. We redid our anti-bullying program this year. Our 8th graders are mentoring the 5th graders, 7th graders are doing morning announcement, 6th graders are making posters. The Be Kind Be Brave Be Great slogan from posters. We want our students to be upstanders to “Be Great”. We have flyers (see attached) and there is a new way to report bullying which we came up with by asking the kids which is through text. (570-291-7632) This is going to my computer and cell phone. It is for both parents and children to use.

**Committee Reports**:

**Reflections** – Sharon Campbell

The theme is Hero’s Around Me. Reflections is an Art contest. The deadline is Monday, November 5th. It is an individual competition, no group projects nor any parent help allowed. The awards are held during the STEAM fair in the spring. We would like a Co-chair for this committee since Sharon will be moving on to the high school next year.

**Movie Night** – Jennifer Bachan-Breiten

Our first movie night is Friday, October 12. It is our first event. We will be having snacks such as popcorn and other goodies. It is NOT allergy friendly so please be prepared. The movie at the end of the night is raffled off. All movies are G or PG. We are looking for suggestions. Thoughts are Wonder. I will be sending out an email at the end of the week. We would like to poll the kids with the permission of the principal.

**Fundraisers:**

A: SaveAround- starts on Friday, September 28. Cost $25

B: 8th Grade – chocolate sale will start soon

C: Apparel sale – started Sept. 18th – First online store. <Http://shop.shopnunzis.com/ahmscomets>

D: Kalahari- started Sept.18th can buy on the website using credit card. Ticket price is $45.

**New Business**

What is the BUG Award? Mr McGarry answered it is for the most improved boy and girl on each team for the second and third marking period.

Gail Smeraldi made a motion to amend the budget by removing Volunteer Appreciation from the Budget. Motion 2nd by Paula Moore Discussion was held. Motion: Tabled until the October Meeting.

Please send suggestions about what to use the money from the volunteer appreciation budget to [ahmspta@hotmail.com](mailto:ahmspta@hotmail.com) or our Facebook page.

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Sarah Stewart 2nd Anne Marie Flora at 7:29pm EST.

Next General PTA is Tuesday, October 2 @ 6:30pm.