

Amherst Junior High PTO
Meeting Minutes
Friday, September 6, 2019 @ 9am

Meeting called to order at **9:05 am** by **President, Dawn Clappas: (dclappas@gmail.com)**

- Thank you for coming to this month's meeting. I am Dawn Clappas, President of the AJH PTO. Dawn Dewey is our new Treasurer, and Lauren Price is our Secretary. Our VP, Tonya Puhalla, moved out of the school district over the summer and has resigned as VP. We need to nominate and vote in Heather Hatten

as VP. **Jen Denn** motions to nominate **Heather Hatten** for Vice President, **Lauren Price** seconds the motion, motion approved by all in attendance.

- Open Committees: We still have the following open committees: Dances, Hospitality, and Fundraisers (Walk a thon) * Dana Satmary and Cheryl Miller volunteered to Co-chair the dances.

- We need to determine dates for dances, walk a thon, and donation drives (Who and what week we collect) * Walk a thon will be October 10th, rain date October 15th, Fall dance will be November 1, Spring

dance will be April 3. Collection dates for Second Harvest Food Bank will be November 4th-12th. Need to

check on drop off date for Neighborhood Alliance Stocking Stuffer Collection.

- Hospitality: October 10th will be date for conference meal for staff (2:45-8:45), May 7th will be date of meal

for staff appreciation week. 80 staff

- Are we still doing "Caught Being Good" and "Character Education"? * Principal fund being used for this.

- Are we still doing LCADA for the student outreach program? *Being replaced by diversity speakers.

- What other projects would the school/parents like to see the PTO support this year? *Maker Space/Idea Foundry

- Mr. Gibson - If you could help spread the word to the staff that we have grant money available to them. We can either email a link to the form, or get it posted to our website. There will be paper forms in the folder in our PTO mailbox as well.

-We would like to send out email updates from our meetings to PTO members.

- November AJH PTO meeting will be in the evening, November 4th at 6pm.

- January AJH PTO meeting will be January 10th at 9am due to winter break.

-All documents coming from the PTO need to be reviewed and approved by Andrew Gibson. Please give Andrew enough time to approve documents before copies need to be made. Also, please make sure Sandy Aufdenkampe gets a copy as it was sent home (if applicable) in case parents have questions. Typically we just post a PDF on the website and place copies on the credenza.

-Please check the school website on a regular basis as updates/changes as well as all pertinent info will be on it; remind everyone you talk to.

-Please have any agenda information to Lauren Price (laurenprice511@gmail.com) no later than a week before PTO meeting, if possible.

-We have an AJH PTO Facebook page (AJH PTO) as well as a Twitter account (@ajhpto)

- Monthly meetings for 2019/2020 school year will be held the first Friday of each month at 9 am at AJH. (With the exception of November and January.)

- **Treasurer's Report, Dawn Dewey:** (ajhptotreasurer@gmail.com)

Expenses for the month: SEE REPORT

Income for the month: SEE REPORT

Financial forms are in the PTO folder in the office, need to complete one to be reimbursed by PTO, please also attach receipt .

-Caught Being Good, and Character Education being removed from our budget, Principal Fund will be used for this.

- LACADA being replaced by Diversity Speakers.

Jen Denn motions to approve the 2019-2020 AJH PTO budget, **Cheryl Miller** seconds the motion, motion approved by all in attendance.

- **Principal, Mr. Gibson:** (andrew_gibson@amherstk12.org)

- Thank you for coming to the meeting, we appreciate all of your support!

- Previous 26 minute study halls that were in conjunction with the students lunch period have been replaced with ME time. This is a non academic period for the students to allow time for a break to play outside, read for pleasure, play board games, spend time with friends, etc, The school needs basketballs, jump ropes, footballs, board games, etc. for the students during this ME time. Estimated need for funds for these items is between \$600-\$800.

- **Jen Denn** motions to provide \$600-\$800 for the purchase of these items by the PTO, **Heather Hatten** seconds the motion, motion approved by all in attendance.

- There is still a need for items in the Makers Space, specifically a laser cutter, among other items. Also need items for the Idea Foundry.

- LACADA is being replaced for the 19/20 school year with speakers coming in to talk with the students about different experiences the students may not have had previous exposure to in order to teach about diversity, different ideas, etc. 4-5 speakers to come in over the year.

- **Vice President, Heather Hatten:** (heathermhatten@gmail.com)

- **Secretary, Lauren Price:** (laurenprice511@gmail.com)

Please sign attendance sheet.

May minutes, **Andrew Gibson** motions to waive the reading of last month's minutes, **Cheryl Miller** seconds motion, motion approved by all in attendance.

- **Apparel Sale, Heather Hatten:** (heathermhatten@gmail.com)

- **Box Tops, Nicole Matthews:** (nmatthews01@gmail.com)

Send in your Box Tops as you collect them.

There is now a box tops app you can download to give box tops points to the school.

- **Community Support, General :**
Link your Giant Eagle card to Nord Middle School. Link Amazon account to Amazon Smile through Powers Elementary, Coke Rewards, send in bottle caps, or you can enter them yourself on cokes website, under Powers Elementary. All money earned split evenly between Powers, Nord, and AJH PTO.
- **Community Support, Donation Drives, Lauren Price: (laurenprice511@gmail.com)**
Second Harvest Food Bank - Collection dates will be November 4th-12th
Neighborhood Alliance - Need to contact Roxanne Krauth to check on drop off dates for 2019 Christmas for Caring Program.
- **Dances, Dana Satmary, Cheryl Miller: (danaz@live.com), (cherylmiller@roadrunner.com)**
Fall dance for 6th-8th grades will be November 1st, 2:30-4:30, at AJH.
Spring dance for 6th-8th grades will be April 3rd, 2:30-4:30, at AJH.
Mary Scott Williams requests that the profits of the dance be split 50/50 between the PTO and Student Council. This is the Student Council's main fundraiser for the year.
Lauren Price motions to approve 50/50 split of profits between PTO and Student Council for the school dances, **Cheryl Miller** seconds motion, motion approved by all in attendance.
- **Hospitality**
Conference dinner will be provided for staff October 10th by PTO.
Staff appreciation week lunch will be provided May 7th by PTO.
- **Membership, Dawn Clappas: (dclappas@gmail.com)**

Membership totals so far, 38 families, and 43 staff.
- **Walk a Thon**
Walk a Thon will be held October 10th, with a rain date of October 15th
Will encourage students to bring their own water bottles.
- **Social Media: Nicole Matthews: (nmatthews01@gmail.com)**
- If you need anything added for your committees please let Nicole know and she will get it on Facebook and Twitter.

MISC Business

- Meeting adjourned **10:49 am**
- Next AJH PTO meeting will be Friday, October 6, at 9am