

AJH PTO Meeting Minutes

April 1, 2022

9:00 am

Meeting called to order at: 9:09am by President, Darcie Parsons

President: Darcie Parsons (ajhpto1@gmail.com)

- Membership and Dues
 - Membership is needed to vote and hold a chair position

- Dances - May 12th is 6th grade from 2:30-4:30pm; May 13th is 7th/8th grade from 2:30-4:30pm
 - Sherry said that the DJ may be \$300 a day and the photo booth may be \$200 a day, a budget of \$2500 was discussed.
 - Decorations, banners, prizes and gifts, and food will need to be purchased. There are latex allergies so latex balloons are not allowed.
 - The dance will be held in the Gym- NO food or drinks allowed in the Gym
 - All food and drinks will be in the Cafeteria.
 - Having the dance immediately after school allows students to stay without having to return, allows for school staff to stay after work, and students go home during daylight.
 - Tickets will be sold during lunch Wednesday May 11th, Thursday May 12th and Friday May 13th, from 10:15am to 12:45am.
 - School dress code is in effect.
 - Ticket sales help offset costs, The dances are considered a Social, not a Fundraiser. Proceeds in the past were split with Student Counsel. This year, the PTO discussed giving all proceeds from dances to the Student Council.
 - Sherry will make the tickets for the dance, and the PTO will provide the paper. Mrs. Neuhoff has raffle tickets, if needed.
 - Votes:
 - Heather Pearch made a motion to set a dance budget of \$2500. Sherry Glass Strohsack seconded the motion. Vote all ayes, no nays. **Motion passed.**

 - Heather Pearch made a motion to give all proceeds to the AJH Student Council Sherry Glass Strohsack seconded the motion. Vote all ayes, no nays. **Motion passed.**

- Grants - Mrs. Mary Scott Williams
 - A grant request of \$400 was submitted for the Agents of Change to get Kindness Cookies, cookies with positive messages and quotes, to pass out to students.
 - Heather Hattan made a motion to approve the \$400 grant request, Sherry Glass Strohsack seconded the motion. Vote all ayes, no nays. **Motion passed.**

- AJH PTO positions for next year (2022/2023) -
 - PTO board and chair positions are open for next year and nominations will begin. Darcie, Dawn and Elizabeth can stay on
 - Voting will take place at the May PTO meeting.

- This is AJH's year for the Bus Garage Appreciation lunch in May (2023 - Nord, 2024 - Powers)
 - Dawn and Eizabeth will plan.

- The Bus Garage may be looking into a possible PBIS reward system- more details to follow.

Principal: Andrew Gibson (andrew_gibson@amherstk12.org)

- Mrs. Neuhoff gave the Principal's update.
- Testing will take place in April. The PTO has provided wintergreen mints and will provide more.
- PBIS rewards will be starting soon. There is still the full amount of money in the PBIS Fund and also in the Principal's Fund to be used.
- Academic Awards will be on May 18th for 6th grade, May 19th for 7th grade, and May 20th for 8th grade. These are for students only and a wrapped treat and small water bottle will be provided by the PTO.

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

- Kalahari summer dates are still being looked at, along with a rate and room deal option.

Secretary: Elizabeth Fought (ohhappyday789@gmail.com)

- Please sign attendance sheet
- Heather Pearch made a motion to waive the reading of last month's minutes, Sherry Glass Strohsack seconded the motion. Vote all ayes, no nays. **Motion passed.**

Treasurer: Dawn Clappas (ajhptotreasurer@gmail.com)

- Remember that we are tax exempt; if you need to get any donations or supplies for your committee, please email Dawn for a copy of the form needed.
- Bank Balance: \$22,684.44
- Quickbooks: \$22,684.44
- Outstanding: \$0

Committee Chairs:

Apparel Sale (Spring): Heather Hatten (heathermhatten@gmail.com)

- District wide sales, though not all PTOs may be involved.
- Heather is working Personal Stitch, with sales possibly April 18th-29th.
- Options previously discussed of person pick up, sending items home with students with permission, and \$5 delivery within school district

Community Support, General:

- Link Amazon Smile through Powers Elementary; Coke rewards- you can enter them yourself on Coke's website, under Powers Elementary. All money earned is split evenly between Powers, Nord, and AJH PTO's.

Community Support:

- **Donation Drives: Teri Burich** (teri@danbinford.com)
No updates, so Darcie will follow up.
- **Cram the Cruiser: Heather Hattan** (heathermhatten@gmail.com)
This is not a PTO sponsored event- this is put on by the Police Department, with school supplies being distributed locally. More details to follow, with a tentative plan for early August

Dance: Sherry Glass Strohsack (sherryglassLAW@gmail.com)

- Ticket sales will go to the Student Council.
- The dates are Thursday, May 12th from 2:30-4:30pm for 6th grade, and Friday, May 13th from 2:30-4:30pm for 7th and 8th grade. Having a dance immediately after school increases attendance and allows staff more flexibility in supporting the dances.
- Ticket sales will be cash only, with 20 tickets being set aside for counselors to give to students at their discretion.
- Concessions have been sold in the past, with pizza, chips and drinks.

End of School Reward: Elizabeth Fought (ohhappyday789@gmail.com) and **Dawn Clappas** (dclappas@gmail.com)

- Elizabeth and Dawn met with Karen from Sugar Buzz to plan
 - Monday, May 23rd during ME
 - One scoop cups- Karen recommended a dairy free Lemon ice, sherbert, a vanilla, cookies and cream or chocolate chip cookie dough, and possibly chocolate (50 scoops in 3 gallon tub)
 - Cotton candy will be the candy option
 - She will provide gloves, ice cream cups, spoons, napkins, and will do at cost, charging only for ice cream/candy, 3 employees, and moving the equipment,
 - Possibly have orders before students come out- will work with Karren on her recommendations

Fundraisers:

- Done for the 2021/2022 school year
- There will be an update to come on the Monsters fundraiser.

Membership: Dawn Clappas (dclappas@gmail.com)

Families: 49 Staff: 53

- For next year, the PTO will send paper flyers at the beginning of the year and mid-year.
- Possibly look at competitions within each grade, with a pizza party as a prize.
- Heather Hattan suggested having a table at Walking on Wednesdays, with paper forms and a QR code option so parents can sign up on the spot.
- Post membership information on the Class pages and Class FB groups.

Newsletter to paid PTO members: Elizabeth Fought (ohhappyday789@gmail.com)

- A newsletter is emailed monthly to paid members to inform of upcoming events and news.

Social Media: Jen Vrooman (jenvrooman@gmail.com)

- If you need anything posted for Social Media, please let Jen know.

Staff Hospitality: Elizabeth Fought (ohhappyday789@gmail.com) & **Dawn Clappas** (dclappas@gmail.com)

- April: Easter candy bags, post-it notes, pens, and other school supplies
- Administrative Professionals' Day- April 27th
- Principals Day- May 1st
- May: Staff Appreciation Week is May 2 - 6th- follow up with Mr. Gibson on what he would like

Student Clothing Drive: Heather Pearch (pearch896@gmail.com), **Sherry Glass Strohsack** (sherryglassLAW@gmail.com) and **Jen Vrooman** (jenvrooman@gmail.com)

- The Clothing Drive will take place April 4th- 14th
- Students who will use these clothes have to leave something of value in the office, then return the clothes at the end of the day to get their item back. Clothing is then washed to be used again.
- Any other items needed after the drive can be purchased with PTO funds.

Student Gifts: Dawn Clappas (dclappas@gmail.com) & Elizabeth Fought (ohhappyday789@gmail.com)

- More pick-me-up goodie bags were dropped off in the office
- April- the PTO purchased and dropped off four large bags of wintergreen mints for testing, with more to be purchased for the two weeks of testing.

Sunshine Fund: Mrs. Aufdenkampe

Other Business:

OUR LAST 2021/2022 AJH PTO meeting will be May 6, 2022, at 9:00am

Meeting adjourned: 11:12am by President, Darcie Parsons

Attendees: Rhonda Neuhoff, Mary Scott Williams, Heather Pearch, Darcie Parsons, Amanda Messer, Sherry Glass Strohsack, Dawn Clappas, Heather Hattan, Elizabeth Fought, Allie Sacharski (Zoom), Lisa Beckler (Zoom), and Amy Janosik (Zoom)