

AJH PTO Meeting Minutes

September 2, 2022

9:00 am

Meeting called to order at 9:07 am by President, Darcie Parsons

NEXT MEETING DATE: Friday, October 7th at 9:00am

Principal: Andrew Gibson (andrew_gibson@amherstk12.org)

- Thank you to the PTO for the welcome back bagels and coffee from Panera.
- It is great to have kids back in the building and the school year is off to a great start!

President: Darcie Parsons (ajhpto1@gmail.com)

- Membership and Dues
 - Membership is needed to vote and to hold a chair position.
 - Dues are \$5 per family and the membership form is on the PTO page on the school website.
- Chair and Co-Chair positions open (listed below)
- Recess
 - 9 Square game quote
 - The company from which Nord purchased the 9 Square set up sells the connecting pieces for \$250 plus shipping, for each set. Nord has already had to replace pieces.
 - Castle Sports sells 9 Square with towing straps instead of PVC pipes on top, with storage straps which allows it to be easily carried. Three are \$1647, plus \$100 shipping as well as tax, with a \$50 discount, for a total of \$1822. One would be about \$550 before shipping and tax.
 - The PTO decided to move forward with purchasing one 9 Square set from Castle Sports as a test to see how it holds up.
 - Other Recess/M.E. Items to purchase:
 - Ladder toss games- not needed
 - More sports balls for M.E. - will check on current supply
 - New Recess area update:
 - This area is still pending. The plan for the recess area is for M.E. to take place in the back of the building to allow for better security and so students have a dedicated space to include installed basketball hoops. The space will be about 60' x110' and fenced on three sides. The school upgraded the camera systems to include the back of the building, where the pending area will be. The school had applied for a grant, however only one school in another district received the funds. Once new grants are available, another grant will be reapplied for.
- Kalahari update
 - Kalahari will become a social event for the district, with tickets being sold at cost. In the past, Kalahari was a fundraiser, however PTO bylaws limit fundraising. As of now, Nord will handle the sales.
- Vote to approve 2022/2023 budget:
 - Motion to waive going over budget by line items was made by Teri Burich.
 - Motion was seconded by Heather Pearch. Vote: all ayes, no nays
 - Motion passed.**

- Vote to waive the reading of minutes:
Motion to waive the reading of May '22 minutes was made by Teri Burich.
Motion was seconded by Heather Pearch. Vote: all ayes, no nays
Motion passed.

Vice President: Amanda Beres (arc91681@aol.com)

Secretary: Elizabeth Fought (ohhappyday789@gmail.com)

- Please sign attendance sheet
- A newsletter will be emailed monthly to paid members to inform of upcoming events and news.

Treasurer: Dawn Clappas (ajhptotreasurer@gmail.com)

- Bank Balance: \$14,365.14
- Quickbooks: \$14,365.14
- Outstanding: \$0

Committee Chairs & Co-Chairs

* Must be a paid member and with a current student attending AJH

* Chair members that can not attend a meeting, send update to ajhpto1@gmail.com - President will share on your behalf

Apparel Sale: Chair: Amanda Beres (arc91681@aol.com)

- District wide sale with all 3 PTO's
- The sale is online with Big Frog, and will continue all year long, with families having the option for items to ship to their house or pick up from the school. There will be a break in sales from 9/11-9/23, to allow Big Frog to handle the first influx of orders. Sales will reopen September 24th.
- Amanda will inquire about a last date for items to be delivered before Christmas, for any items purchased as holiday gifts.

Donation Drives: Chair: Teri Burich (teri@danbinford.com) **Co-Chair:**

- Second Harvest food drive in the fall
- Possible dates of October 17th to November 11th
- Large paper thermometer to track how many pounds of food has been donated

Dance: Chair: Sherry Glass Strohsack (sherryglassLAW@gmail.com) **Co-Chair:**

- Tentative dates February 9 and 10th
- Budget amount and theme will be determined closer to dance

End of School Reward: Chair: Elizabeth Fought & Dawn Clappas **Co-Chair:** Teri Burich (teri@danbinford.com)

- Since this will be in May, the end of school reward will be discussed later.

Fundraisers:

- **Walk-a-thon:** **Chair:** Amanda Beres (arc91681@aol.com) **Co-Chair:**
Date: October 11th (rain date Oct 13th)
Possibly provide freeze pops
- **Wizards:** Darcie Parsons will be part of planning
Date: October 27, 2022
Profit will be split between all 3 PTO's
Tickets are set to go on sale on September 14th at 8am

Membership: **Chair:** Jen Vrooman (jenvrooman@gmail.com)

Families: 12 Staff: 11

Social Media: **Chair:** Jen Vrooman (jenvrooman@gmail.com) **Co-Chair:** Darcie Parsons

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

Staff Hospitality: **Chair:** Elizabeth Fought & Dawn Clappas **Co-Chair:** Jenni Collins
(jenni.lee.marie@gmail.com)

- August- Panera was ordered by Mr. Gibson
- September- baskets of snacks with thank you messages
- October- staff conference meal

Student Clothing Drive: **Chair & Co-Chairs:** Heather Pearch, Sherry Glass Strohsack, Jen Vrooman

- Tabled for now

Student Gifts: **Chair:** Elizabeth Fought & Dawn Clappas **Co-Chair:** Jenni Collins
(jenni.lee.marie@gmail.com)

- Back to School Bags with candy, mechanical pencil and the PTO QR code were made and dropped off and sent home on Friday, September 2nd.
- Student bags will be made again in December or January.

Sunshine Fund: **Chair:** Mrs. Aufdenkampe

Meeting adjourned at 10:23 am by President, Darcie Parsons

Attendees: Mr. Gibson, Darcie Parsons, Amanda Beres, Dawn Clappas, Teri Burich, Jen Vrooman, Heather Pearch, Jenni Collins, Sherry Glass Strohsack, Lisa Beckler (Zoom), and Elizabeth Fought