

# AJH PTO Meeting Minutes

February 3, 2023

9:15 am

Meeting called to order at 9:25 am by President, Darcie Parsons

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** Friday, March 3rd at 9:15am

## Principal:

- 6th Grade Field Trip to the Cleveland
  - Mr. Gibson said that the field trip looks to be May 12th and there will be a Zoo scavenger hunt as well. It originally was to happen near Earth Day, however there was a conflict with testing.
  - Tickets are \$6.50. The PTO will cover \$1.50 per ticket using the Field Trip fund, so families will only need to pay \$5 per ticket.
  - There will be a lottery drawing as well for a limited number of students to go at no cost using the Principal's Fund.
  - Chaperones will be free.
  - Students will either pack or get a sack lunch from the Cafeteria.
  - People can also donate to the Zoo trip.
- Recess pad area update
  - Mr. Gibson met with the residents of Shadow Creek HOA which borders the proposed site to the playground. The school is also considering a site inside the soccer field fence to the north of the building.
  - Bids will go out next month.
  - There is a cheaper quote on pricing for the basketball hoops from Playground World. If the recess area is not moving forward, then we will look at purchasing hoops to put in another location.
  - A location will be determined for the best place for picnic tables for staff to use during their lunch time. The PTO will pay for the picnic tables, with one possibly purchased soon.

## President: Darcie Parsons ([ajhpto1@gmail.com](mailto:ajhpto1@gmail.com))

- Vote to waive the reading of minutes
  - Motion to waive the reading of the January 2023 minutes was made by Claudia Lissette Pagán. Motion was seconded by Teri Burich. Vote: all ayes, no nays.
  - **Motion passed.**
- Grant request:
  - Mrs. Johnson submitted a grant request for \$1000 for all students participating in Best Buddies and all students with disabilities at AJH for grades 6-8th. This money would allow the school to host events like ice cream socials, karaoke, movie nights, and more. She wanted to host the first event on Valentine's Day with a themed ice cream social, then continue to have monthly events. The PTO discussed approving \$300 for the month of February to allow for planning, and then Mrs. Johnson can submit more grant requests for

each individual event. Also discussed was the option of adding a line in the PTO budget next year.

Motion to approve a grant of \$300 for Mrs. Johnson for the Best Buddies February ice cream social was made by Heather Pearch. Motion was seconded by Teri Burich. Vote: all ayes, no nays.

**Motion passed.**

- MEs sent a wish list of games, footballs, kickballs and electric whistles needed for indoor/outdoor recess and items were purchased using the recess line in the PTO budget. Volleyballs, jump ropes and frisbees were also requested for purchase.

**Vice President:** Amanda Beres

- Dance theme options were suggested by Student Council and were narrowed down during the PTO meeting to four options that students can vote on:
  1. Hollywood
  2. Carnival
  3. Glow in the Dark
  4. Tropical

**Secretary:** Elizabeth Fought

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

**Treasurer:** Dawn Clappas

- Bank Balance: \$20,993.50
- Quickbooks balance: \$20,863.52
- Outstanding: -\$124.98, for check #1280 to Darcie Parsons for reimbursement for recess games and items
- \$49.86 is in the process of being transferred to our bank account via Venmo for Box Tops from Powers PTO.
- The PTO will be receiving \$171.98 via Venmo from Powers PTO for our share of the quarterly Apparel Sale profits.
- Dawn mentioned that she can not continue next year as the Treasurer due to not having a current AJH student at the school. If anyone is willing or knows of someone that would like to take on the AJH PTO Treasurer role next year, please let us know.

**Committee Chairs & Co-Chairs**

- \* Must be a paid member and with a current student attending AJH
- \* Chair members that cannot attend a meeting should send an update to the PTO email address, and the President will share on your behalf.

**Apparel Sale: CHAIR:** Amanda Beres

- Reminder that the fundraiser will be open all school year and more items will be added.
- \$171.98 profits will be deposited for the second portion of sale

**Dance: CHAIR:** Sherry Glass Strohsack

- Dance is scheduled for Friday, April 21st with all grades combined into one dance. There is a track conflict so Mr. Gibson is looking at possibly needing to move the date back to Thursday, April 20th. The final date will be determined at our next meeting.
- 100% profit goes to the Student Council and Sherry will work with them in the planning. She will also work with Darcie and Dawn to ensure the dance follows the budget.
- Students will vote on the 4 themes during their lunch time in February..

**Fundraisers:**

- **Chick-fil-A Spirit Night**
  - The Spirit Night on January 12th brought in \$200. Another will be planned for next school year.
- **End of School Year Countdown Calendar Chair:** Teri Burich **Co-Chair:** Darcie Parsons and Heather Pearch
  - Sell a May calendar with daily winners during the month of May.
  - Some donations have been made, like a Ziggy's gift card, but more are needed, so a letter was drafted to use to ask for donation requests. Business advertising and donations will increase the fundraising potential.
  - Teri is reaching out to Jen Vrooman to post on social media asking parents/guardians for donations.
  - Printing options were discussed.
  - Each day, there will be prizes worth over \$100, with the drawings Live Streamed.
  - The calendars will be sold during the month of April, and all money made will be used for PTO general funds.
  - A ticket drum is needed to draw the daily winners and can be used for other events.

Motion to approve using the discretionary fund to purchase a ticket drum was made by Claudia Lissette Pagán. Motion was seconded by Heather Pearch. Vote: all ayes, no nays.

**Motion passed.**

**Membership: CHAIR:** Jen Vrooman **Co-CHAIR:** Dawn Clappas

Families: 40                      Staff: 38

- The PTO will ask all the three grade levels as well as Mr. Gibson to include information in their newsletter

**Social Media: CHAIR:** Jen Vrooman **Co-CHAIR:** Darnie Parsons

- If you need anything posted for Social Media, please let Jen know.
- Will share important information with each grade staff member that sends out newsletters

**Staff Hospitality: Chair::** Elizabeth Fought & Dawn Clappas

- February: Lunch on Thursday, February 16th with pizza and salad from Romeos, as an option, for Conference Day so all staff can enjoy
- March: Door Hangers with snack and drink choices for staff to order room service

**Any other business:**

- Teri Burich suggested bringing in an expert for Financial Literacy to discuss talking with kids about budgets, saving, and wise money habits.

**Meeting adjourned at: 10:43 am by President, Darcie Parsons**

**Attendees:** Mr. Andrew Gibson, Dr. Amanda Messer (on Zoom), Darcie Parsons, Amanda Beres, Dawn Clappas, Sherry Glass, Teri Burich, Claudia Lissette Pagán, Heather Pearch, and Elizabeth Fought