

AJH PTO Meeting Minutes

March 3, 2023

9:15 am

Meeting called to order at 9:20 am by President, Darcie Parsons

NEXT MEETING DATE: Friday, March 31st at 9:15am (this is April's meeting due to Spring Break)

Principal:

- Recess pad area update
 - The recess area will be by the soccer field fence by Amherst Junior High. There will be quotes for the 60'x90' pad, which will be fenced in and benches will be placed facing the soccer field. This is a great option, with more space and makes the field more ADA accessible. There will hopefully be four hoops as well.
 - 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.
- 6th Grade Field Trip to the Cleveland Zoo
 - This is still going forward. The PTO will still 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.
- The magazine sales were not as successful this year as last year, partially due to misinformation on social media. Next year, the school will promote the sales more.

President: Darcie Parsons (ajhpto1@gmail.com)

- Vote to waive the reading of minutes
 - Motion to waive the reading of the February 2023 minutes was made by Claudia Lissette Pagán. Motion was seconded by Sherry Glass Strohsack. Vote: all ayes, no nays. **Motion passed.**
- Please note the date of the next meeting is moved due to Spring Break.
- Grant update: Mrs. Johnson's grant was approved last month, and she asked that the PTO purchase the items and deliver them on 3-10-23.
- Voting for AJH PTO board members for the 2023/2024 school year will be held at the May PTO meeting. Positions are President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary.
- For the remainder of the 2022/2023 PTO meetings are open to paid members of Nord PTO to attend. Interested parents and guardians who have paid their dues are eligible to be nominated for one of the board positions for 2023/2024 school year.

Vice President: Amanda Beres

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: \$21,422.71
- Quickbooks balance: \$21,291.81
- Outstanding balance: \$130.90 (Personal Stitch)
- Available balance: \$19,748.81 (not including Sunshine finds since that is not PTO money)
- Venmo transfer of \$240.65 (has not hit the bank yet)- amounts reflected on budget
 - \$68.67 for Amazon Smiles and \$171.98 for Apparel Sales
- A lottery drum from Amazon was purchased for \$127.78 for the calendar sale. If there are free returns, the PTO will return the drum since the calendar sale is scrapped.
- QuickBooks subscription was renewed for \$340.80 for another year, and the PTO may look into another option.
- Deadline dates- the last date to submit for the 2022/2023 school year for reimbursements is May 5th and grants is May 5th.

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

- The last date to order is April 30th. Adult and youth tank tops and shorts will be added.

Dance: Chair: Sherry Glass Strohsack **Co-Chair:** Amanda Beres

- Students voted that the theme will be Hollywood. Over 500 students voted and 3 randomly selected winners were given envelopes with a gift card and two free dance tickets.
- Dance is scheduled for Friday, April 21st with all grades combined into one dance.
- 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.
- Tickets will be sold the week of the dance on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday during lunch, and Friday sales will be at the dance only. Students who pre-purchase tickets will be given a Hollywood star to write their name, and the stars will be put up at the dance.
- The DJ is locked in.
- Concession items will be purchased by Darcie Parsons and Dawn Clappas.
- There will be food to purchase in the cafeteria, a DJ and dancing in the gym, and games in classrooms. There will need to be 2-3 chaperones per game room and chaperones in the cafeteria and gym.

End of School Reward: Chair: Elizabeth Fought & Dawn Clappas **Co-Chair:** Teri Burich

- This is scheduled for May 22, 2023, during M.E./lunch periods.
- Karen from Sugar Buzz will come to AJH for the end-of-school reward with ice cream and cotton candy.

Fundraisers:

- **Dine to Donate- Chair:** Teri Burich
 - Brew Kettle offered to have a Dine to Donate on a Wednesday or Thursday night in April. The PTO decided on Wednesday April 19th.
- **End of School Year Countdown Calendar Chair:** Teri Burich **Co-Chair:** Darcie Parsons and Heather Pearch
Canceled

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

- March: Room Service with snack and drink choices for staff
- April: Staff snack baskets with thank you notes
- May: Teacher Appreciation Week May 8-12: work out a lunch with Mr. Gibson and possibly other shows of gratitude.

Meeting adjourned at: 10:29 am by President, Darcie Parsons

Attendees: Mr. Andrew Gibson, Darcie Parsons, Amanda Beres, Dawn Clappas, Sherry Glass Strohsack, Claudia Lissette Pagán, Heather Pearch, and Elizabeth Fought