AJH PTO Meeting

Wednesday, October 18, 2017 @ 9am

Meeting called to order at 9am by President, Alexis Szudarek.

Hats for Hurricane- PTO assisted Paula Brooks with collecting the monies collected at all schools, deposited and wrote one check to the church.

Treasurer’s Report, Alexis Szudarek reporting for Felicia Farlow (absent):

* + Expenses and income for previous month.
* Principal, Mr. Gibson – E+R=O . Event plus response equals outcome. BED- Blame, explain, defend. &169.20 for 1100 wristbands. Mr Gibson will order wristbands, PTO will refund out of Principals fund.
* Secretary Noelle Woodworth (absent): Motion to accept Septembers minutes by Sarah Yoder, Lauren Price seconded.

Committee Reports:

* Apparel, Alexis Szudarek & Diane Younts (absent): All 4 school PTO groups working together to sponsor apparel sale. Brochure is being attached to weekly grade level newsletters, and publicized on social media. AJH did include 4 items, a Zen Hoodie, a Lanyard, A short sleeve black tshirt and a long sleeve black tshirt.
* Book Fair, Selena Candelario (absent): Raffle ticket sales started at October conferences. Book Fair is 12/2/17 Selena sent email to PTO members including a signup sheet for volunteers. Still need several volunteers to assist with gift wrapping at Barnes & Noble.
* Box Tops (Christy Fain, absent): We are still collecting box tops which provide the school .10$ per box top. They can be dropped off in the office; deadline for 1st turn-in will be at the end of October and will be announced in newsletter. Christy will be handling counting and submitting.
* Dances, Selena Candelario (absent): First dance is 11/17/17 tickets will be sold Thursday 11/16/17 and Friday 11/17/17 during lunch. Email was sent to PTO members to provide baked goods/volunteers to assist with concession sales during the dance. Still need more volunteers especially with providing baked goods.
* Dine to Donate: Due to competing with all other booster groups/ sports/ groups PTO will not be doing dine to donates this year.
* Hospitality: PTO will provide dinner for the staff for the November conferences on 11/9/17.
* Coca Cola Give Program, all schools PTO have decided to join together for this program so parents do not have to choose between schools. All codes should be entered under Powers PTO, when checks are given to Powers they will divide equally for all PTO’s and send checks. We are suggesting parents enter the codes but if they can not we will accept them at school and enter them. Codes are found under bottle caps and inside cardboard boxes. Each code is worth .05 -.38$ for the school.
* Giant Eagle- register your giant eagle card under NORD PTO, Nord will divide equally for all 4 schools and give checks.
* Amazon Smile offers a percentage back to the PTO if the shopper chooses AJHPTO as their charity/organization to receive the profits. Smile.amazon.com and choose to support Amherst Junior High PTO.
* Membership, Sarah Yoder: Membership is currently down. Membership so far $642.71. Andy will remind teachers to join PTO. After Holiday sale is over Sarah will create an online drive to try and boost membership.
* Planning to run a donation drive to benefit 2nd Harvest Food Bank in November 1-9th Sarah will have Second harvest collect. PTO is working with Student Council on this drive.
* Mini-Fundraisers, Lauren Price: Volleyball game is 11/21/17 at 2pm. Tickets will be $1 sold during lunch Monday & Tuesday. Lunch is 10:13-12:45.
* Social Media Noelle Woodworth (absent) please follow us on Facebook and Twitter. Anything that needs posted please forward to Noelle.
* Yearbook: Mrs. DiFranco will be handling yearbook duties this year. Please send any pictures directly to Mrs DiFranco

New business:

Alexis reports that PTO will be paying for busing for the entire 6th grade to attend Mary Poppins. Sarah motioned Lauren seconded to pay for bussing.

Will add a walk a thon for AJH for fundraising purposes. Sarah Yoder has had great success with these at Harris and Nord. Will be held in May 2018.

Please have any information submitted to Alexis by Monday before PTO meeting.

In attendance: Alexis Szudarek, Andy Gibson, Sarah Yoder, Lauren Price, Janelle Polonkay

Meeting adjourned 10:30am

* Next PTO meeting will be held November 15 at 9am. Meetings will be held the 3rd Wednesday of every month.