AJH PTO Meeting

Wednesday, November 15, 2017

Meeting called to order at 9:10am by President, Alexis Szudarek

President’s report, Alexis Szudarek:

* Thank you notes received
* Genesis House collection will continue through the end of November. All schools participating.
* All meeting agenda items needed by Alexis by Mondays before scheduled meetings.

Principal’s report, Andrew Gibson:

* Volleyball game fundraiser originally scheduled for the Wednesday before Thanksgiving needs to be cancelled due to schedule challenges of 3 hours of lunches and limited space. Discussion produced the idea of possibly offering this fundraiser later in the year after school dismisses. Topic has been tabled for a later date.
* Staff was grateful for the conference dinner.
* Request for PTO to contribute $1000 towards graphics for front door/windows of building. Total cost $3000. Motion for PTO to contribute $1000 towards the school graphics project made by Sarah Yoder. 2nd motion made by Elaine Heyd. Motion passed with majority vote.

VP report, Nicole Matthews (absent): no report

Secretary’s report, Noelle Woodworth: Minutes from October meeting have been posted. Request to waive the reading the minutes. Sarah Yoder made motion to waive reading of minutes. 2nd motion made by Lauren Price. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

* Apparel, Alexis Szudarek & Diane Younts (absent): Apparel sale has ended. AJH PTO will receive portion of the profit after totals become available from the other PTO groups. Will need volunteers on November 29, 6-8:30pm at Steele lobby to help sort orders. Order pickups will take place 12/5, 12/6 & 12/8, 6-8pm at high school.
* Book Fair, Selena Candelario: The annual Book Fair fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday, December 2nd at Barnes & Noble at Crocker Park, open to close. This date coincides with Teacher Appreciation Day which offers educators an additional discount. AJH earns a percentage of all sales that are rung under our book fair ID including sales from Starbucks Café who also sells cheesecakes from Cheesecake Factory. Cheesecakes can be ordered ahead of time and picked up day of book fair for school to get credit. Profits are tiered based on volume of sales both in store and online. The Art teacher will choose artwork to be displayed all over the store that day. Band will be performing. Raffle worth $100 (1 $50 gift card to Barnes & Noble and 1 $50 gift card to Cheesecake Factory) to boost book fair profits. We will offer complimentary gift wrapping at the store for additional fundraising (tips). Volunteers needed to gift wrap, sell raffle tickets and hand out flyers at our table. Sign-ups will be offered online. .50$ cafeteria coupon will be offered to all students that stop by table along with a chance to win door prizes that will be drawn by Mr. Gibson on Monday, December 4th. Customers can also order online with B&N and apply our book fair code for credit towards fundraiser.
* Box Tops, Christy Fain, absent: 1st turn in date yielded $74.20.
* Dances, Selena Candelario: Dance will be held on November 17 from 7-9pm. Tickets are $5 each and are being sold at lunch this Thursday & Friday as well as at door. “Under the Sea” theme. Profits will be split 60/40 with PTO and STUCO.
* Dine to Donate: no more Dine to Donate fundraisers planned for this year
* Community Support, Sarah Yoder: 651lbs total food donated by AJH to 2nd Harvest from the food drive. Christmas Drive for stocking stuffers will take place for Neighborhood Alliance from 11/30-12/7.
* Hospitality, Elaine Heyd: Conference dinner went well. Elaine handled the prepping and serving and STUCO assisted with providing desserts and received wonderful feedback from staff.
* Coca Cola Give Program: Enter codes from packages under Powers PTO, but profits will be split among all 3 PTOs. Will put a box in office for codes to be dropped as alternative to going online.
* 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.
* Giant Eagles Apples for Students program: Please register your Giant Eagle Advantage card to benefit Amherst Powers PTO, which will be split among all 3 PTO groups.
* Walk-a-thon, Sarah Yoder: May 11th 8am-10am, rain date May 17th. Working on securing prizes for top fundraising students including Target, Chipotle & iTunes gift cards. Looking at other incentive ideas including staff pie in the face opportunities, homework passes and hat day. Parent volunteers will be needed to chaperone walks.

New business:

* Sarah Yoder offered suggestion that an audit be conducted as recommended in our by-laws to protect the President & Treasurer who are co-signors on the bank account. She will try to arrange with her husband who is a CPA and could do it at no cost.
* Alexis Szudarek presented social media guidelines as requested by Steve Sayers and supported by Andrew Gibson.
* Alexis Szudarek presented and reviewed by-law amendments. These amendments are needed to align with the new school setup to include 6th grade. By laws can be made available upon request. Voting on amendments to take place at next meeting.
* Felicia Farlow has resigned (via email to Mr. Gibson and Mr. Sayers) as AJHPTO Treasurer. Sarah Yoder will take over as new Treasurer effective immediately.
* Next PTO meeting will be held December 20th at 9am. Meetings will be held the 3rd Wednesday of every month.