

Amherst Junior High PTO
Friday, October 5 , 2018 @ 9am

Meeting called to order at 9:03 am by **President, Alexis Szudarek:** (szudarekalexis@gmail.com)

-Thank you for coming to this month's meeting.

- MLS drama director received a grant to bring in a mime to do workshops and performances with students at all four schools. MLS Theatre Boosters are covering his lodging, breakfast, and snacks, they are asking if Powers, Nord, and AJH PTO's could contribute gift certificates or cash to help

cover

the cost of meals while in town. He will be traveling here 5 different times from Michigan and staying at least two days each time. Suggested amount \$100 each.

- **Linda Fitz** motion to approve giving mime \$100 to help cover cost of his meals while in town,

Amanda

Bowen seconds motion, motion approved by those in attendance.

- All documents coming from the PTO need to be reviewed and approved by Andrew Gibson. Please give Andrew enough time to approve documents before copies need to be made. Also, please make sure Sandy Aufdenkampe gets a copy as it was sent home (if applicable) in case parents have questions. Typically we just post a PDF on the website and place copies on the credenza.

- Please check the school website on a regular basis as updates/changes as well as all pertinent info will be on it; remind everyone you talk to.

- Please have any agenda information to Lauren Price (laurenfries511@gmail.com) no later than a week before PTO meeting, if possible.

- We have an AJH PTO Facebook page (AJH PTO) as well as a Twitter account (@ajhpto)

- Monthly meetings for 2018/2019 school year will be held the first Friday of each month at 9 am at AJH.

- **Treasurer's Report, Sarah Yoder:** (sarahyoder81@gmail.com)

Expenses for the month: SEE REPORT

Income for the month: SEE REPORT

Financial forms are in the PTO folder in office, need to complete one to be reimbursed by PTO, please also attach receipt .

- **Principal, Mr. Gibson:**

Mr. Gibson was not able to attend, Rhonda Neuhoff attended meeting.

Walk a Thon is October 10th, 6th grade will walk to town hall, 7th and 8th grade will walk to

Beaver

Creek Park. Both locations will have water stations. Officer Layfield to help students crossing at intersections.

Harlem Wizards assembly October 9th. 1:00 pm for 8th grade and 6th grade in specials, science, and social studies. 1:30 for 7th grade and 6th grade in math and language arts.

- **Vice President, Dawn Clappas:** (dclappas@gmail.com)

Amherst Discount Drug Mart has customer appreciation cookout every year, this year will benefit all Amherst Schools PTO'S, 100% of proceeds, October 6th 11am-2pm, Drug Mart parking lot.

- **Secretary, Lauren Price: (laurenprice511@gmail.com)**
Please sign attendance sheet.
September minutes, **Tonya Puhalla** motions to waive the reading of last month's minutes,

Amanda

Bowen seconds motion, motion approved by those in attendance.

- **Apparel Sale, Sarah Crosby: (srhcrosby@gmail.com)**
District wide PTO apparel sale is split evenly between all three PTO's.
- **Book Fair:** Not doing this year
- **Box Tops, Nicole Matthews: (nmatthews01@gmail.com)**
Send in your Box Tops as you collect them
- **Community Support, General :**
Link your Giant Eagle card to Nord Middle School. Link Amazon account to Amazon Smile through Powers Elementary, Coke Rewards, send in bottle caps, or you can enter them yourself on cokes website, under Powers Elementary. All money earned split evenly between Powers, Nord, and AJH PTO.
- **Community Support, Dine to Donate:** Not doing this year
- **Community Support, Donation Drives, Lauren Price:(laurenprice511@gmail.com)**
Second Harvest Thanksgiving food drive will be November 5-12. Collecting canned goods, dry goods, no glass bottles/containers, super 6 foods, peanut butter, canned tuna and chicken, vegetables, cereal, etc. Neighborhood Alliance stocking stuffer drive will be November 26-December 3. Collect small toys or useful items for stockings: toothbrush and toothpaste, stickers, small toys, action figures, gum, candy, etc. for childrens stockings. Deliver to NA by Dec 6th.
- **Dances, Amanda Bowen: (blessed73179@gmail.com)**
First dance is November 16 from 2:45-4:45. All three grades together, directly after school. Looking for DJ. Tickets will be on sale during lunch, Thursday and Friday, the week of the dance. Tickets will also be available at the door.
- **Hospitality, Elaine Heyd & Tonya Puhalla: (elaineseews1967@gmail.com) (tjpuhalla@gmail.com)**
82 staff members.
November or February conferences, will provide meal for teachers and staff.
Will provide meal in May also for Teacher appreciation day.
- **Membership, Sarah Yoder: (sarahyoder81@gmail.com)**
Membership totals so far, 53 families, and 41 staff.
- **Mini-Fundraisers:** No longer doing these due to building logistics

- **Walk a Thon, Dawn Clappas & Alexis Szudarek: (dclappas@gmail.com) (szudarekalexis@gmail.com)** Scheduled for October 10th with rain date of October 16th. Top boy and girl fundraiser in school will each receive 2 tickets to Amherst Cinema, top fundraising 1st period class to receive popsicle party, for every \$10 raised over \$25 students will have name put in drawing for \$5 gc to assorted locations, If we reach \$10,000 goal Mr. Gibson and 5 other staff will get a pie in the face.
- **Social Media: Nicole Matthews: (nmatthews01@gmail.com)**
If you need anything added for your committees please let Nicole know and she will get it on Facebook and Twitter.
- Meeting adjourned 10:01 am
- Next PTO Meeting will be held November 2, 2018, at 9 am, in the CLC at AJH.