

**Amherst Junior High PTO
Meeting Minutes
Friday, April 5, 2019 @ 9am**

Meeting called to order at **9:19 am** by **Vice President, Dawn Clappas, President Alexis Szudarek**
absent: (szudarekalexis@gmail.com)

- Thank you for coming to this month's meeting.
- PTO will provide a snack and drink to all students during the 8th grade slideshow on May 23, 252 students.
- 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 (laurenprice511@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:**

Thank you for coming to this month's meeting.

There are several electives that have been added for the upcoming 2019-20 school year, including Design I, a pre engineering course, Space Exploration, which will be tied to writing standards, Music and Pop Culture, Coding, Wellness and Healthy Living, Broadcasting, a scaled down version of Steele News Live, and Leadership.

Next year all students will have a Mental Enrichment period either right before or after their lunch period. They will be going outside, weather permitting, for a break, there will be equipment such as balls, jump ropes, etc. During bad weather they will go to the gym instead. It will last approximately 23 minutes.

All students will have an Academic Review period at the end of the day.

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

- **Secretary, Lauren Price:** (laurenprice511@gmail.com)
Please sign attendance sheet.
March minutes, **Sarah Yoder** motions to waive the reading of last month's minutes, **Dawn Clappas** seconds motion, motion approved by those in attendance.
- **Apparel Sale, Sarah Crosby:** (srhcrosby@gmail.com)
- **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)
- **Dances:**
DJ song choice could have been better at the dance. Need to speak with DJ about this if we are to use him again in the future. Also need to put cones up as a barrier to his equipment so students don't run into it or knock anything over.
- **Hospitality, Elaine Heyd & Tonya Puhalla:** (elaineseews1967@gmail.com)
(tjpuhalla@gmail.com)
- **Membership, Sarah Yoder:** (sarahyoder81@gmail.com)
Membership totals so far, 53 families, and 41 staff.
- **Walk a Thon, Dawn Clappas & Alexis Szudarek:** (dclappas@gmail.com)
(szudarekalexis@gmail.com)
- **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.

MISC Business

- Meeting adjourned 10:14 am
- Next PTO Meeting will be held May 3, 2019, at 9am, in the CLC at AJ.