

Amherst Junior High PTO
Friday, September 7, 2018 @ 9am

Meeting called to order at 9:04 am by **President, Alexis Szudarek:** (szudarekalexis@gmail.com)

- Thank you for coming to this month's meeting.
- Thank you to those that have volunteered to chair a committee or just help in general, your help is greatly appreciated!
- Thank you to the helpers for the Open House: Dawn Clappas
- Plan to put up vinyl positivity messages in hallways of AJH.
- 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)

Balance as of end of 17/18 school year: \$30,938.05

Estimated income 18/19 school year: \$11,225.00

Estimated expenses 18/19 school year: \$25,285.00

Estimated balance May 2019: \$16,878.05

Amanda Bowen motion to approve 18/19 budget, Kelly Solyom seconds motion, motion approved by those in attendance.

Assembly fund now Outreach fund \$3000.

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, we appreciate everything the PTO does.
- Thank you for donation to CLC.
- Good news call of the week, going to purchase wristbands for all students to encourage positive behavior, with #goodnewscalloftheweek on them from the principal fund, 1000 bands/\$170.
- Moving towards restorative discipline, suspensions are not effective to prevent repeat offenses, add day of in school suspension to talk through what happened and why, with Principal, Vice Principal, Counselor, Teachers, shown to significantly reduce repeat offenses.
- The LCADA Way, Comprehensive School Prevention and Positivity Program, Social/Emotional needs of students, tailor to your schools needs, replacing Anti Virus program previously used, Elaine Heyd motion to approve to use

assembly funds (\$3000) for LCADA, Kelly Solyom seconds motion, motion approved by those in attendance.

- Looking to expand CLC with Maker Space/Idea Foundry, would like to include things such as woodcutting, embroidery machine, 3D printer, etc. Working on wishlist.
 - Would PTO be interested in donating funds for new space?
 - Possible grants from Nordson & LCCC or others.
 - Would like to start Spring 19, full roll out Fall 19.
 - Looking into possible Robotics teacher to offer more electives using space.
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- **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)
April minutes, Amanda Bowen motion to not read minutes, Tonya Puhalla seconds motion, motion approved by those in attendance.
 - **Apparel Sale, Sarah Crosby:** (srhcrosby@gmail.com)
Apparel sale is over, \$2026 so far.
 - **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) Need Thanksgiving Drive dates for Second Harvest food drive, Need Christmas Drive dates for Neighborhood Alliance stocking stuffer drive.
 - **Dances, Amanda Bowen:** (blessed73179@gmail.com)
First dance is November 16 from 2:45-4:45. All three grades together, directly after school. Need to confirm with Student Council advisors that the profit sharing we used last year is still good. 60%PTO, 40%SC? PTO chaperoning this year. Decorating? Theme?
 - **Hospitality, Elaine Heyd & Tonya Puhalla:** (elaineseews1967@gmail.com) (tjpuhalla@gmail.com) Which conferences PTO will be supplying dinner for staff, OCT/NOV/FEB? Staff appreciation dinner in May.

- **Membership, Sarah Yoder: (sarahyoder81@gmail.com)**
Membership totals so far, 43 families, 37 staff. Mr. Gibson to send out phone message to all students families to encourage them to join PTO. Also going to encourage all staff to join PTO.
- **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. **7th** grade: 7:30am-8:45am, **6th** grade: 8:45am-10:00am, **8th** grade: 1:15-2:30. 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 11:00am
- Next PTO Meeting will be held October 5th 2018, at 9 am, in the CLC at AJH.