

AHS PTSA MEETING
September 16, 2020 – Virtual Meeting (Zoom)

Attendees: Beth Donohue – President, Jane Zaibek – Treasurer, Briar McNutt – Secretary, Lesley Harrison, Christine Lent, Christine Longwell, Tricia Pedersen, John Orcutt, Nicole Hepler, Lisa Schlissel, Nyhisha Gibbs, Jessica Gomez, Howard Poole, Nicole Scalesa, Sandhya Gates, and Paula Wrafter. Quorum present.

Called to Order: Beth called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

Executive Principal's Report

- Mr. Orcutt introduced himself. House principals distributing textbooks today and could not attend the meeting. Virtual school going well after 5 days. Welcomed any questions and is happy to speak to parents.

Vote on Budget 2020-2021

- Beth presented the revised 2020-2021 budget for a vote. Revised budget reflects funds moved out of spirit wear and into library expenditures to support education needs (digital editions of materials) and assemblies.
- Discussion occurred on proposed budget, including on specific line items, whether student equity teams receive PTSA funds (not previously requested), and spirit wear inventory.
- Paula moved to approve the budget. Nyhisha seconded. Motion passed 8 to 2.
- Subsequent discussion regarding budgeted income and expense items considering possible changes in membership fees. Nyhisha noted that a motion may be rescinded under Roberts Rules by a majority vote. Sandhya noted that budgeted income items could be amended at later date if membership fees are changed. Jane noted that the budget reflected possible decreases in income items. Beth stated no need to rescind the budget vote as proposal to reduce membership fee tabled until a later date.

Membership Fee

- Beth presented proposal to reduce the membership fee to \$4 (amount paid to NYS PTA per member) considering financial hardships experienced by many families at this time.
- Discussion occurred on proposal, including when reduction would be effective and necessity of amending the bylaws to effect this change.
- Proposal tabled for further consideration later.

Spirit Wear

- Nicole noted possible sale of spirit wear at freshman orientation. Noted that UVMS 8th graders had received \$10 vouchers for AHS spirit wear (including \$10 t-shirt) last year.

Freshman Orientation

- Mr. Orcutt described plans and schedule for upcoming 9th grade and new student orientation and transportation provided by district. Possibility of spirit wear sales during this event.

Open Floor Discussion

- Discussed participation by students and AHS student government in AHS PTSA.
- New members asked questions about various aspects of participation in AHS PTSA.

Secretary's Report

- Briar submitted for review minutes from February 19, 2020 meeting. Corrections noted. Motion to accept corrected minutes made by Lisa. Motion passed.

Announcements/Other Items

- Paula noted upcoming SEPTA meeting next Wednesday via Zoom and windows for different age groups.
- Beth noted that AHS PTSA needs a Vice President and welcomed anyone interested in participating.
- Beth noted AHS PTSA Twitter and Facebook accounts maintained by Lesley.

Meeting adjourned approximately 7:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Briar McNutt, Secretary Approved _____ with/without corrections