

AHS PTSA MEETING
February 19, 2019 – AHS Room 2326

Attendees: Beth Donohue – President, Jane Zaibek – Treasurer, Briar McNutt – Secretary, Lucille Cer____, Lesley Harrison, Brian Hogaboom, Christine Lent, Christine Longwell, Sharon Lovell, Tricia Pedersen, John Timm and Paula Wrafter. Quorum present.

Called to Order: 7:01 pm

Secretary's Report (Briar McNutt)

- Review of minutes from September 18, 2019 meeting. Motion to accept made by Lesley and seconded by Paula. Motion passed.
- Review of minutes from November 20, 2019 meeting. Motion to accept made by Christine Lent and seconded by Lesley. Motion passed.

House of 2020 (Mr. Timm)

- Mr. Arlington was rescheduled and took place on 1/31/20. Spirited night and well attended.
- Upcoming events include: Buff Bowl on Wednesday, 2/2; Honor Key Ceremony on Thursday, 4/30 (6:00-9:00 pm); Hershey Park Senior trip 5/29-5/30; Senior BBQ on 6/12 (2:30-4:30 pm); Senior Prom at Anthony's Pier 9 on 6/25 (7:00 pm); and Graduation on 6/27 (1:00 pm).

House of 2021 (Mr. Hogaboom)

- Small Schools Committee planning karaoke ice cream social for 5/14 and staff Cutest Pet Contest as a fundraiser for Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Small Schools Committee meets 3/5.
- Three members of Class of 2021 recognized by Arlington/Poughkeepsie Rotary Club for community service activities: Gigi Goldfischer, Karin Abraham-Aggarwal and Evie Hatch.
- Junior planning meetings and counseling process wrapping up in next month or so.
- CAPE Teen Driving program at AHS scheduled for 3/26 (last names A-L) and 4/2 (last names M-Z). Students must attend this program with a parent before applying for parking-on-campus next year.
- Junior prom scheduled for 5/8 (6:30-11:30 pm) at Villa Borghese.
- Gift of Hope basketball game schedule for 4/3.

House of 2022 (Mr. Timm)

- Winter Newsletter was released last week, which includes Outstanding Admirals, college career information, spring athletics and club listings among other items.
- Pasta/Dessert Challenge sponsored by World Language Department scheduled for 2/21.

House of 2023 (Mr. Hogaboom)

- Counselors working with students on course selections. This process ends 4/1.
- Small Schools Committee meeting held today. Small Schools Committee trying to plan a Spring get-together after school.
- Freshman field trip is back on and tentatively scheduled for 5/30. More information to follow.

President's Report (Beth Donohue)

- Received information regarding Membership Award Badge for increasing student membership to 20% of all members.
- Taconic Region is seeking nominations for three awards for PTA service: leadership award, outstanding unit award, and teacher of the year award.
- AHS PTSA is selling commencement flowers. Link is up on our website. Pre-orders taken until night before graduation.

- **Reflections:** AHS had two students participate in Reflections. All proceeding to state level. Regional awards ceremony to be held 3/12 or 3/19.
- **Arts Fair:** Arts Fair to be held at LMS on 4/18 from 11 am to 4 pm. AHS PTSA provides a concession and sells Spirit Wear. Will need volunteers. May seek Honor Key and foreign language Honor Club students to volunteer. Will need donations of food items to sell.
- **Membership:** Jane noted that there may be one or two new members since last tally.
- **Spirit Wear:** Last sale for this year will be Arts Fair.
- **Stop & Shop School Rewards:** Christine noted that there are 415 participants and earnings of \$2,200.05 (only \$100 more than this time last year).

MS&T Fair (Sharon Lovell)

- To be held 2/29 (8:30 am to 12 noon). 34 AHS students participating. 45 students have requested to be judged for advancement to Dutchess County Science Fair. Deadline for application for Dutchess County Science Fair is 3/14. No Birds of Prey presentation scheduled but will have several AHS student demonstrations. Need adult listeners.

Treasurer's Report (Jane Zaibek)

- Still have a fair amount of Spirit Wear stock to be sold.
- Funds remaining for Smalls Schools Committee for all classes: please submit any expenses for reimbursement.

New Business

- Proposal from the floor for livestreaming meetings on Facebook. This is under consideration.
- Proposal from the floor for taking Spirit Wear sales to cafeteria to reach more students. Consensus for setting up another table for Spirit Wear sales outside cafeterias and/or in Lobby 3 (by gyms).

Announcements/Other Items

- SEPTA has upcoming program of interest to AHS families: *Proactive Caring for the Caregiver* – Part 1 on Saturday, 3/7 10:30 am to 2:30 pm, AHS Room 2326 and Part 2 on Saturday, 3/28 10:30 am to 2:30 pm, AHS Room 2326. Lunch included with both programs. Online registration through SEPTA.
- AHS PTSA meeting date of May 20 is new date for CAPE “Blind Spots” presentation.
- Dr. Lyons is scheduled to make a budget presentation at April meeting.

Meeting adjourned approximately 7:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Briar McNutt, Secretary

Approved _____ with/without corrections