

## PTA General Membership Meeting Minutes

**Date:** January 16, 2019

**Location:** Amerman Elementary

**Board Members Present:** Laura Christensen Guthrie, Tanya Edwards, Michelle Garr, Christina Beattie,  
**Absent -** Kate Mitchell

### **Welcome (Laura Christensen Guthrie)**

- Meeting called to order at 6:35 PM

### **Board of Education report / State of Northville Public School District (Roland Hwang)**

- Roland joined us from the NPS Board. Mary Kay Gallagher was unable to join us. Roland commented that the vigil for the Abbas family was very nice. In regards to the Main Street school demolition the Judge ruled in favor of the school board/district to have the building demolished.

### **Principal's Report (Marco Marando)**

- Mr. Marando stated how grateful and appreciative he is for the community and for the response of the Amerman families in wake of the recent tragedy with the Abbas family. A few PTA members commented and thanked Mr. Marando for his thoughtful words at the Vigil. A memorial will be planned for the Abbas family at Amerman. Mr. Marando is working closely with the family, something will be planned towards the end of the year.
- Leader in Me parent liaison meeting planned for January 29th from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. This parent led meeting will be facilitated by Dave Hall and Dianna Shamus. It is to help bridge the connection between home and school. All are welcome and encouraged to attend as your schedule allows. Dave joined the meeting and spoke as well on this and he's very excited and passionate about this work. Please mark you calendars!

### **Secretary's Report (Michelle Garr)**

- November 8th, 2018 meeting minutes presented for approval. *Motion to approve Christina Beattie, 2nd Rebecca Plenchette. Approved unanimously.*

### **Treasurer's Report (Tanya Edwards)**

- 1099's are due January 31st and will be completed
- There are Memberhub advertising spots available. You'll recall seeing the Club Z and Goldfish ads on Memberhub announcements that come out. Please contact Tanya Edwards if you / your business is interested in advertising, or you know of someone.
- RazKids, Brainpop, and Freckle subscriptions have been renewed for another year

### **Vice President's Report (Christina Beattie and Kate Mitchell)**

- **Invest in Your Child** - There will be another push for this, in addition we'll be doing a raffle for two sets of 2 \$20 wristbands for the ice cream social. More to come soon!

- **Ice Cream Social** - There will be Disney Tickets again this year! Working on securing 2 food trucks for the event as well as pizza. Wristbands will most likely be used this year. We are looking for sponsors for the event. Talk to Christina Beattie if you/your company or someone you know is interested.
- **Morning Loop** - Volunteers are always needed. Even if you can't commit to doing it on regular schedule if you can help at all please do! Especially with the colder weather more hands are needed to help. Please remember and spread the word to ONLY drop off the kids where there is a volunteer to help. Get there early as the loop get's backed up! Let's keep our kids safe!
- **Yearbook** - Pictures are needed! Go to <http://community.lifetouch.com/> You will either log in with your Lifetouch account or create a new user account. If creating a new account, the access code is IBQBAE.

**Photos should:**

- Be at least 300 dpi
- Be from the 2018-19 school year
- Include more than one student

If you're uploading from your phone & are asked "What size?" - make sure to choose "ACTUAL SIZE".

Please include names, grades, and a few words about the event in the general description. Select a category for each photo before submitting. There are categories for teachers, events, groups, etc. If there's no category, choose "Miscellaneous" and a category will be created, based on the description provided.

If you have trouble uploading your photos, please email: [amermanyarbookquestion@gmail.com](mailto:amermanyarbookquestion@gmail.com)

- **Upcoming Events**

- Bonaventure 1/17

- **Presidents Report (Laura Christensen Guthrie)**

- **All school t-shirt** - We are trying VERY hard to get all sizes for ALL kids. The deadline has been extended again to 1/18. If you received a pink or yellow slip home with your child please fill out the form and get it returned ASAP! The deadline will not be extended again.
- **Board of Education** appreciation gifts will be books again this year. We purchase books that the BOE signs and then gives back to Amerman for our Library.

- **Volunteers needed:**

- **Edukit Coordinator** - This position handles all of the Edukit setup and distribution. Starts in late May with setup and then distribution to the classrooms once the kits arrive in late August. This is a great/easy program to run! Contact Christina Beattie if you are interested.
- **Silent Auction Coordinator** for ice cream social for 2019/2020 school year - Next year we need another person to help with the Silent Auction.
- **PTA Board Members** for 2019/2020 are needed - Open positions; 2 Vice Presidents, Secretary and Treasure. This is a great way to meet people and get more involved at the school. The time commitment is what you are able to make it. VP and Secretary are 1 year term, Treasure is a 2 year term. Please contact anyone on the board if you are interested and they'd be happy to share more!

- Please provide your feedback if you would like to hear a specific topic at any of our upcoming PTA meetings. Email Laura Guthrie at [amermanpresident@gmail.com](mailto:amermanpresident@gmail.com)
- Guest Speaker - Christine Parnin
  - Mrs. Parnin joined the meeting to talk about strategies for improved reading both for the family and the student. It was VERY informative! Thank you Mrs. Parnin for joining us!

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**Join Member Hub:** <https://amerman.memberhub.com/join/m2xjz3>

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM

*Respectfully submitted by Michelle Garr*

*Next meeting - Thursday, March 7th 9:00 to 10:00 am*