

AMES PTA
September Meeting
September 23, 2016

AGENDA

- I. Call to order 6:43 PM
- II. Approve Minutes from August 26, 2016
 - a. 1st motion to approve – Elizabeth Kos
 - b. 2nd motion to approve – Michelle Hodge
 - c. All in favor, none opposed
- III. Officer Reports
 - A. President
 1. Communication (Attention Chairpersons)- Feedblitz. Announcements will go out Monday morning (due Sunday night) and Thursday morning (due Wednesday night)
 - B. Secretary
 1. Membership Cards/Directories should be delivered by Oct 14
 2. Go to pta.org for how to use your PTA membership
 - C. Treasurer
 1. Membership update – approximately 120 members at this time
 2. Researching a portable speaker/sound system as a school gift
 - D. VP Cultural Arts & Educational Programs
 1. Halloween Assembly will be a spooky science show
 2. Reflections
 - a. Will begin to be promoted to students in October
 - b. Entries due in November
 - c. National PTA arts program to promote the arts in schools
 - d. This year's theme: What's Your Story?
 3. Artist in Residence – Will form a committee for AiR
 - a. A professional artist instructs all students at Ames over the course of a week in a specific area of art with a special project/performance as a conclusion
 - b. Supported by the Ames Fall Auction
 - c. If you have an interest in the arts, contact Flavio Gonzalez to join the committee or offer your help
 4. Family Reading Night
 - a. Attendance was up from last year
 - b. Everyone seemed to enjoy the evening
 - c. Book swap was a success
 5. Pizza Hut Book It - Packets arrived and were delivered to teachers
 6. Science in a Bag (Grades 3-5)
 - a. Delayed one week (Oct 13) due to Columbus Day weekend
 - b. Four optional science experiments to do at home over 4 weeks
 - c. Pick up at school Thursday mornings and return to bin by Tuesday morning
 - d. Science in a Bag is not a prerequisite for the Science Fair this year. It will be in conjunction with the Halloween assembly instead.
 7. Family Heritage Night - Co-chairs are Joan Kohnke and Helen Wegner. The date will be scheduled for sometime in February
 - E. VP Fundraising & Events
 1. Fun Lunch (Grades 1-5) - Forms went home in backpacks. Due Oct 6.
 2. Spirit Wear
 - a. Kindergarten and New Student T-shirts were delivered
 - b. Spirit Wear orders will arrive in early October
 3. Brick Pavers - Katie Vahey working on form to go out early to mid-October.
 4. Scholastic Book Fair report
 - a. Profit of >\$1700 taken in cash to cover budget
 - b. Balance of >\$6000 in Scholastic dollars will be used for:

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- a. Birthday books for each student
 - b. Author Skype visits
 - c. Books for the library
 5. Charleston Wrap - Packets were sent home today
 - a. Deadline for orders is October 7th
 - b. Ordering online is an option
 6. 5Bs BBQ Night – Wednesday, October 26th (note change in date)
 - a. Catered grilling in Ames parking lot
 - b. Drive through pick up
 - c. Some tables and chairs for those that would like to “dine-in”
 - d. Tickets will be coming home to sell
 7. Hike and Bike Week – About 200 students participated (>50%). Winner was Mr. Wydra’s class!
 8. Halloween Windows - Scheduled with Parks and Rec for Sat, Oct 22 1-4 pm at the Water Tower.
 9. Remember our ongoing Fundraisers:
 - a. Direct donation. See if your employer will match your donation!
 - b. Amazon Smile
 - c. Box Tops/Labels for Education
 - d. Red Robin loyalty program
- F. VP In School Volunteers
1. Room Reps have been assigned to each teacher
 2. Link to “Library Volunteer Sign Up” is on our website
- G. VP Hospitality
1. Water and popcorn was provided for Family Movie Night
 2. Contact Laura Zaremba if you are interested in helping with Teacher Appreciation
- V. Adjourn 7:29 PM

Mark your October calendars!

- 6 - Fun Lunch forms due
- 7 – Charleston Wrap orders due
- 13 – Science in a Bag begins (3rd-5th grades)
- 21 – PTA meeting and Coffee social
- 21 – Fun Lunch
- 22 – Halloween Windows
- 26 – BBQ Night by 5Bs Catering

In attendance: Kim Marrero, Dawn Eagleson, Karen Nishimura, Katie Kowal, Elizabeth Kos, Carrie Zalewski, Michelle Hodge, Hyansoo Lee, Flavio Gonzalez, Freddie Casiano, Nicole Skowronski, Tia Sherman, Emilia Kowalski, Debbie Kummer, Laura Zaremba, Dana Frank, Kirsten Bell