

**Ames School PTA  
November Meeting Minutes  
November 16, 2017**

- I. Call to order at 7:08
  
- II. Officer and Committee Reports
  - A. President Report - Dawn Eagleson
    1. The Fall Festival was a success and raised \$14,000, surpassing the \$10,000 goal. Feedback about the venue was positive, request for auction list to be shared sooner.
    2. Approval given to purchase new U.S. Flag (\$123)
      - a. First motion – Emilia Kowalski
      - b. Second motion – Susan Wolfe
      - c. All in favor; none opposed
    3. Parents and teachers can use a new email account to share student-event related photos for potential inclusion in the yearbook. The new email account for photos is amesptayearbookphotos@gmail.com
  - B. Secretary – Patty Romero
    1. Approve Minutes from 10/26
      - a. First motion – Christine Long
      - b. Second motion – Carrie Zalewski
      - c. All in favor; none opposed
    2. Directories were printed and delivered to families. Extras are available for anyone who joins PTA from now until the end of year.
  - C. Treasurer – Kelly Tabb
    1. Reminded members to find reimbursement forms on the amespta.org under the treasury forms section for those submitting expenses.
  - D. VP Cultural Arts & Educational Programs – Flavio Gonzalez (not present)
    1. PTA Reflections were due 11/10
  - E. VP Fundraising & Events – Emilia Kowalski
    1. Charleston giftwrap orders are available for pick-up on Friday, November 17. Mr. Gierman sent a note to all parents.
    2. Flying High parents night out is scheduled for 12/15 from 7 to 10 PM. The fundraiser is perfect for holiday shopping or dinner out. A PTA representative will be on-site at Flying High the night of the event. A flyer will be distributed soon.
    3. Restaurant nights are scheduled:
      - a. Tuesday 12/5 with Novi's Beef in Berwyn (15% back) - still being finalized.
      - b. Tuesday 1/30 with Chipotle in Berwyn (50% back) is confirmed.
      - c. Waiting to confirm Tuesday 2/13 with Slice Factory (40% back) and 3/14 with Blaze Pizza (20% back).
      - d. Team discussed ending year with Riverside restaurants; Carrie Zalewski to investigate potential with LaBarra and The Chew Chew
    4. Flipside night out is in the works – more to come.
    5. Brick pavers are ready. The company does engraving and placement onsite; Katie Vahey is working with the District to schedule on a non-attendance day.
    6. Scrip Fundraising order sheet went home in backpacks on 11/16 and are due with payment by 12/1. Scrip offers gift cards at face value and provides a rebate to Ames PTA.
  - F. VP In School Volunteers – Dana Frank (not present)
    1. Classroom Christmas ornaments have been purchased. Class reps have a \$50 budget to spend during the school year in addition to the ornaments and party supplies. E-mail will go out after Thanksgiving.

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G. VP Hospitality – Carrie Zalewski

1. “Meet the Parents” socials at 34 East Lounge are complete.
  - a. Group agreed to continue events next year
  - b. Discussed hosting an all-school spring social on 4/19 from 7 to 9; Carrie Zalewski to investigate potential outlets (Mollies, 34 East)
2. Teacher cookie exchange is on 12/14. A sign-up sheet will be sent out following the Thanksgiving break. Team investigating best container options for teachers.
  - a. The PTA will host its own exchange at the 12/14 PTA meeting.
3. Teacher dinners provided on 11/16 and 11/20 during conferences.

III. New Business

- A. The Jr. Great Books program is looking for parent volunteers.
  1. Teachers have donated space to host during lunch.
  2. Students rent books for \$5; PTA sponsor pizza parties at the end.
- B. Discussed support during lunch hour; team investigating potential offerings
- C. Mark you calendars:

11/17 (Friday)	Fun Lunch & Spirit Day
11/27 (Monday)	Script Gift Card sale begins
12/01 (Friday)	Fun Lunch and Spirit Day
12/14 (Thursday)	PTA meeting, Ames gym @ 9:30 AM
12/15 (Friday)	Fun lunch & spirit day
	Flying High – parents night out

IV. Adjourn – Meeting adjourn at 8:09 (First motion – Kelly Tabb, Second Motion – Christine Long)

Attendees: Dawn Eagleson, Michelle Gulindo, Emilia Kowalski, Christine Long, Patty Romero, Tia Sherman, Kelly Tabb, Maricea Valdez, Susan Wolfe and Carrie Zalewski