

Ames PTA meeting via Zoom

October 1, 2020

Call to Order 6:07 by Susan Wolfe

Mr. Gierman-

- Ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate new construction in October. Date tbd.
- Riverside TV will do tour and put online for all to see.
- Bike racks will be usable starting Monday. We might need more, but that will be determined after we start to use them.
- Little small projects for construction crew to finish, but mostly done.
- Basketball court will stay unassembled for now until covid regulations ease
- Halloween and Veterans Day assemblies are still TBD and will be based on government guidelines, but look for them to be different this year
- Picture Day went well. It was all outdoors this year. Wind was a factor, but we got it done
Make up picture day will be in November. Date tbd.

President- Susan Wolfe

- Welcome to our New Board members- including Deanna Melvin, who will take on co-pres with Susan and Marissa Serio will be co with Deanna next year. Also, Auste Graham, Lou Fitzgerald, Deb Soriano and Maria Munch have all joined our board. Thanks to them!
- Dates to put on calendar: Oct 9, 23- spirit days...Oct 16 Drive-in Movie fundraiser. Movie is Monsters Inc, tickets are \$40
- PTA membership is only the basic level this year. \$10 includes membership and directory (40 have joined so far)

Secretary- Patty Romero

- Directories- stay tuned. We are still trying to figure out how to get names due to remote/hybrid situation. Maybe google form ?? There will be a deadline (maybe end of October) to register so we can get the directories printed.

Treasurer- Kelly Tabb

- Budget overview. Will get posted to website in a few days.
- Nov 5th meeting we will have the vote on budget

VP Cultural Arts and Educational Programs- Jen Butler

- Science in a Bag- Katie Kowal leads this program and we are still trying to figure out how we can make this happen.
- Author Visits- we still want to make this happen, but have to figure out how.

VP Fundraising and events- Auste Graham

- Ongoing fundraisers include Charleston Wrap, Restaurant nights, Spirit Wear, amazon smile
- Spirit wear is closed now, but will probably open up again for holiday

- We need a lead for box tops. Easy to do from home for a busy parent that wants to help
- Restaurant nights to save the date: Lou Malnatis- Jan 6th, Chew Chew- November (date tbd), Raising Canes- Dec (date tbd)
- Book Fair will probably be online this year. Stay tuned.
- We would love to get some fresh ideas on how to stay connected during this time with fun activities for the whole family. Online Trivia Night ?? if anyone has ideas, please reach out to board members.

VP of School Volunteers- Maria Munch

- We need more volunteers to be room parents! Look for communication on how to become a room rep

VP of Hospitality- Michelle Galindo

- Looking for ways to support and thank teachers and staff. Fall teacher appreciation? We are still brainstorming ideas.

New Business:

- Jr. Great Books- what can this look like this year? Peggy Collings is lead on this and trying to figure out how to make it work? Virtual after school or during lunch?
- One Book/One School- how to continue this program and make it awesome at AMES

Adjourn – 7:34pm

Attendance- Susan Wolfe, Patty Romero, Kelly Tabb, Auste Graham, Deanna Melvin, Marissa Serio, Michelle Galindo, Carrie Zalewski, Louisa Fitzgerald, Maria Munch, Peggy Collings, April Knowles, Bree McEwan, Mr. Gierman