

**Amberly PTA Meeting Minutes for May 17, 2011  
(pending approval)**

Jeslyn Gordon, President - The meeting was called to order at 9:05am. There were 15 people present. Welcome and introductions were conducted. The April, 2011 minutes were distributed and approved.

**Officer Reports**

**Treasurer's Report – Lisa Mace**

- The following reports were handed out: APT Profit & Loss Budget versus Actual August 2010-April 2011 and the APT Balance Sheet as of April 30, 2011. Copies of these reports are available for review upon request.
- Recent expenditures and events discussed included; Daisy Dollars, Tiger Trek and Spiritwear.

**President's Report – Jeslyn Gordon**

**Tiger Trek** was a success! The students had a great time and we are almost at our fundraising goal of \$20,000 with a few remaining pledges yet to be turned in. We are so proud of our Amberly students.

**Current PTA Board Members** were thanked, Heather Beering, Colleen Semler, Lisa Mace, Cia Frey and Nancy Lyke for their hard work over the 2010-2011 school year.

**Thank you's:**

- Betsy Sheffel, Debbie Coll, Kim Warren – Teacher Appreciation Week
- Amy Stephani - Yearbook
- Kristy Zeluff – Newsletter editor
- Diane Hamlin, Laura Eiler – Achievement Expo
- ALL VOLUNTEERS at Amberly, you all make a difference!

**President Elect – Colleen Semler**

**Secretaries Day** – The Amberly School secretaries were given a rosemary tree as a gift of appreciation for all their hard work.

**Retirement Reception** - There is a retirement reception for Mrs. Reiser and Mrs. Higgins tonight during the Ice Cream Social/Achievement Expo. Cake and Refreshments will be served.

**Past President's Report – Heather Beering**

Nothing to report.

**Fundraising Report – Nancy Lyke (Given by Robin Neeb)**

**Tiger Trek** – Thank you to all the volunteers who helped to make this event a success. The weather was great and the kids had fun and did a great job running and raising funds for the PTA.

**Principal's Report – Mary Daoust**

**Hit a Homerun For Nutrition** – Last Wednesday, local chefs from the American Culinary Association ran a half hour program for 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> graders teaching them the importance of nutrition and eating natural and healthy foods. The program was beyond our expectations and the students loved it and learned so much valuable information. There is a grant available for another half-day program targeting children with free and reduced lunches. Look for more information in the future.

**After School Enrichment** – Amberly will be giving a presentation on our After School Enrichment Program to the PPS School Board in the coming weeks.

**Dibbles and Performance Assessment Series Tests** were given last week.

**Kalamazoo County Millage Renewal** was passed by every school district in the County. Thank you to all who voted.

**Thank you** to Lisa Mace for all her work as Treasurer in recent weeks, collecting and counting money for Tiger Trek.

**Thank you** to Amberly PTA for Staff Appreciation Week.

**Summer Office Construction** will be taking place. Improvements include safety cameras in parking lots and back of school. Principal and secretaries will get a constant feed. Visitors will gain access to the second set of locked school doors by passing one of the school secretaries first, another safety improvement. This is funded through the building and sinking funds and Amberly is a test school for the older schools in the district.

**Summer Technology Enhancement** will be taking place throughout the school district. All classrooms will be technology enhanced next year.

**Summer Skills Books** are available in the school office and are based on Michigan standards and are made by a Michigan company. They will be in the office May 20<sup>th</sup>. For more information the website is [summerskills.com](http://summerskills.com).

**Interim Superintendent Qualities Survey** is on the District website. Please let the Board know what your thoughts, they are trying to get someone in place June 1.

#### **Committee Reports**

**Achievement Expo** – Diane Hamlin. Set up is complete for tonight's Achievement Expo. We have 25 entries versus 14 last year. Displays are really interesting and all different. Discussion was held regarding additional promotion next year. Ideas included having a DVD for teachers to show students to peak their interest in participating, or a possible class tied in to After School Enrichment.

#### **Old Business**

**Survey Monkey Results** are in for the Father/Daughter and Mother/Son Events. Participants voted to rotate the Father/Daughter Dance theme every year, favored a Friday night event but wanted the time moved up to 6-8pm. Mother/Son results showed interest in either a Bowling Night or Formula K, keeping the event in the fall and moving the time up to 6-8pm.

**Budget Vote** – Proposed 2011/2012 Amberly PTA Budget was distributed and changes were reviewed. Discussion was held. Motion was made to approve the 2011/2012 PTA budget as modified. All (13) voted in favor.

**Bylaw Revision Vote** – Amberly PTA needs to revise bylaws to come into agreement with Michigan PTSA bylaws. Revised bylaws were handed out and changes were reviewed. A discussion was held. Motion was made to accept Amberly PTA bylaws as presented and for bylaws to go into effect July 1, 2011. All voted in favor.

**General Liability Insurance** – Amberly PTA has general liability insurance as well as Director and Officer Insurance for one year, costing \$115. Coverage is through April 2012.

#### **New Business**

**Vote – Amberly PTA 2011-2012 Officers** – Motion was made to approve slate of Amberly PTA officers for 2011/2012 school year. All voted in favor. Jeslyn spoke about the success of the past year and handed over the gavel to Colleen Semler. Colleen spoke about her goals and excitement for the upcoming year.

**Needs for Funds** – Amberly PTA has been approached for different needs for next year. KDG teachers are requesting 22 new tables that are about \$250/table. The other requests are for a rock wall for the gymnasium, a GAGA Pit for outside, as well as another book drive for the Media Center.

## **Announcements**

1. Upcoming Events:
  - Tonight – Achievement Expo/Ice Cream Social/ Retirement Reception
  - May 27<sup>th</sup> – Dunk The Daoust
  - August 31<sup>st</sup> – 4-6pm – School Tours
  - September 6<sup>th</sup> – First Day of School

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 am.