

Abbey Lane PTA Minutes

October 28, 2013

I. Call to order; 7pm

Tina Bodkin called to order the regular meeting of the Abbey Lane PTA. Pledge led by a student demonstration of the Media System proposed by Dr. Maurer in September's Meeting.

- II. **President:** Please take a moment to look over the minutes and the Treasury Report. Correction noted to the minutes that Mary Ann Ziogiannis also audited the books.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Motion to approve: Greg Bodkin
1st Jamie Mahoney 2nd Trinity Galarza
All approved, No opposed: Motion Carried

IV. Treasurer

Report for October 1, through October 31, 2013
Books reviewed on 10/11
Motion to approve: Greg Bodkin
First Lori Edvabsky, 2nd Marion Renda
All approved, No apposed: Motion Carried

V. President

Thanks everyone for coming and addressed issues about how the PTA is run and governed. We are only advisors to the administrators. They have the final say on all school policy. Please help within the PTA to create a safe environment for our children.

- a) Encourages everyone to join a committee.
Only paid members may vote.

VI. 1stVP Report

Kid Stuff coupon books raised \$1,800 for the PTA.
Gift Wrap Fundraiser ended
Pie sale ends 11/8
Family Fun Card Reminder
Annual Fundraiser is at Verdi's on 2/28/14; 150 letters send out for donations but still need help soliciting.

New: Vendor Fair on 11/24 at Levittown Hall. Tables are \$20 flat rate and a minimum donation of \$25 worth of product to be used at our annual fundraiser.

VII. 2nd VP- Marion Renda reported on the 5th Grade. Chairpersons have been assigned. Calls will be made for help with activities. 5th grade packets went home and are due January 10th. Please call with any questions.

VIII. Corresponding Secretary Sympathy card was sent to the Pappas family.

IX. Committee Reports

Picture Day – Marie Adams; 10/3 Pictures went well. Pictures should be arriving soon. 11/26 is re-take day. No re-take for 5th grade group picture.

Bake Sale – Marie Adams; following PTA events 5th grade will be raising funds for a photo booth. Please help out to raise \$500.

Membership – Jennifer Banfich; Membership is \$10 for single, \$16 for family; we currently have 237 members so far.

SEPTA – Stephanie Gannon; 107 members, there is a new director Lisa Lang. There was a presentation about bullying.

Arts in Education – Trinity Galarza; the 4th grade had a 2 day assembly on the American Indians; Mobile Planetarium 2-3 day laser light show event is being looked into. These programs are funded through PTA fundraising.

Family Fun Night-Greg Bodkin; 11/1 is the 2nd Annual Boo Party (K-2 then 3-5) with the DJ. 10/19 Islander game and the next one will be on Martin Luther King Day, children will be able to go on the ice after the game. LI Duck game is being planned and a Spring Dance. An Islander presentation about teamwork and bullying is being planned.

Reflections-Michelle Fielding; Theme this year is “Believe, Dream, Inspire” information will be going out.

Honorary Life-Jamie Mahoney; Letters went out and due back 11/8.

Legislation-Tina Bodkin; 3 new resolutions need to be voted on.

Health & Safety –Tina Bodkin; Traffic flow is dangerous. Call the police with any problems. Question: Has a drop off ever been considered? Answer: Dr. Grossane is currently having a team look into this. Will discuss further into a parent run drop off.

BookFair-Samantha Stanley; Wednesday and Thursday for students, Family Night is from 6-8:30pm. You can donate a book to your child’s class. Please sign up to help out.

Adopt-A-Family-Tina Bodkin; Nurse Gallo runs this event every year. The money collected helps buy food for Thanksgiving Dinner.

The Coat Drive- Tina Bodkin; has begun please send in any unwanted coats.

LEADD Walk – Tina Bodkin; was on 10/27 was a Harvest Theme and was well received.

XI **Principal**

- Dr. Maurer thanks the girls for helping with the presentation of the Media system proposed for the school. Cost of \$5,000 this includes everything.
- The welcome back BBQ in September was very well attended and was outstanding event. Thanks everyone for their help.
- October is a busy schedule.
- The student council started off with fundraising for The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and raised over \$400.
- Thanks to all parents for their help with picture day
- Spoke about the mentoring program with Mrs. O'Rourke
- Fire safety, and Bike Safety covered
- 5th grade Captree trip and they had their picture taken with the fire department helping out.
- Red Ribbon, White Post Farm trip, Islander game, Native American Indian presentation
- ELA journeys program is in year 2. The children are getting used to the new envisions math program.
- Families have access to website, and we are having the 2nd parent university.
- Boo Party Halloween Celebration
- The change to the procedures and traditions of Halloween are to address safety concerns. 2-400 people can show up with no knowledge of who anyone is. The kids may wear their costumes to their class room celebration, and may end the day in costume
- The one way entrance is still a problem with cars.
- Bus lane shave been painted.

Parent comments:

Disappointed that after 45 years things have to change.

Parents feel decision was made without their knowledge.

How do we find out information on changes?

Old Business:

Motion by Greg Bodkin for a vote on the Media System proposed by Dr. Maurer. Did research and it is a great unit and will benefit the kids.

Questions: Marion Renda: Is the district adopting this program: Marie Adams: Was this brought to district? It will take 3-4 years for the district to adopt this program and that's if the funds are even available. If purchased through BOCES we would receive a percentage back of the purchase price. Dr. Tom feels that it will benefit all the children. Scott Edvabsky is very proud that his school can offer something like this to his kids.

Motion – 1st Gabby Herbert – 2nd Jamie Mahoney

All in Favor 14; All Opposed 3

Motion Carried

New Business

A representative from Megan's Law will be attending the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned: 8:00pm

Minutes submitted by: Michelle Fielding/ Recording Secretary