

## Abbey Lane PTA Minutes

October 10, 2017

1. Meeting called to order by Amy Hoffmann at 7:01, quorum present. Welcome to all followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Approval of minutes- Jeanine Quigley
  - Jeanine explained that the June minutes also available on the back table. We will approve the May, June and September minutes separately. Jeanine made a motion to approve the May minutes, 1<sup>st</sup> Beth Lyons. Jeanine made a motion to approve the June minutes, 1<sup>st</sup> Jen Lohmann. Jeanine made a motion to approve the September minutes, 1<sup>st</sup> Jenny DeMeo. All minutes approved and will be filed as written.
3. Treasurer's Report- Trinity Galarza
  - Trinity Galarza went over the beginning & ending balances, please refer to the report for exact numbers. The Sept books were reviewed by Sue Harrington and found to be in good order. A motion was made to file the books. 1st motion was made by Jess Berju and second motion was made by Tina Bodkin. All in favor and none opposed.
4. President's Report- Amy Hoffmann
  - Amy Hoffmann announced that Lauren Mahoney(delegate) stepped down for personal reasons this past summer. Amy introduced our delegates for the 2017-2018 school year. They are as follows: Tina Bodkin, Beth Lyons, Nicole LoPinto, Sue Harrington, Lori Edvabsky, Jess Berju and Jennifer Banfich.
5. 1<sup>st</sup> VP- Linda Savage
  - See Special Committees
6. 2<sup>nd</sup> VP- Beth DiCaprio
  - Nothing new to report for 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Keep attending 5<sup>th</sup> grade meetings. See special committees.
7. 3<sup>rd</sup> VP- Samantha Stanley
  - Samantha reported that we are in need of a Transportation Chairperson. If anyone is interested please let her know.
8. Corresponding Secretary- Kathleen Pedrick
  - Kathleen reported that we received a card from Mrs. Schneider and Mrs. DiPalo thanking us for a successful Math Night.
9. Special Committees-
  - Color-A-Thon- Color A Thon will be this weekend. You can still sign up if you haven't already. Should be a great day. Registration will start at 8am and the walk will begin at 9:15am. This event is rain or shine.
  - KidsStuff Coupon Books- Kathleen Pedrick reported that we have sold roughly 99 books. Please send in your payment or return your books ASAP.
  - Boo Party- - Boo Party is on Friday, October 27th. Should be a lot of fun. We are asking that if we have any older children who want to help out to please come down that night. Lauren Mahoney spoke on sending in donations for the bake sale.
  - Gift Wrap- Samantha Stanley explained that Gift Wrap ends on October 16th. Please make sure to send in your forms or online order.

- Book Fair- Our book fair will be Nov 2nd during the day and 6:30-8pm & Nov 3rd during the school day.
- Picture Retake Day- Jeanine Quigley reported that Picture Day was successful and retake day will be on Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. If you were unhappy with your child's pictures please return the entire package except the class photo.
- 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Fundraiser-- Sue Gallina spoke on the theme "Abbey Go Lucky" for the 15th Annual fundraiser. The fundraiser will be at Verdi's on March 16th. There will be an early bird raffle of a \$100 gift card for anyone who sends in their registration early.
- Apparel- Chairpersons are Dawn Marmo and Jeanine Quigley. Dawn explained that once the order is placed it is approximately 4-6 weeks until we receive our order.
- BJ's- This fundraiser will be due back November 2nd. The 13-month membership is \$38.02. Even if you have a membership now, you can sign up and it will add on to your current membership. This is a great fundraiser and it's not just for Abbey Parents.
- Reflections- Kathleen Pedrick and Jeanine Quigley are the chairpersons. Kathleen announced this year's theme "Within Your Reach". All applications are due by November 8<sup>th</sup>. There are extra copies in the main office.
- Honorary Life- Susanne Gallina is the chairperson. Letters are going out. Any active PTA member can nominate someone within our community. Letters are due October 26<sup>th</sup>.
- LEADD Walk- Chairperson is Andrea Bliss. Walk will be held on October 29<sup>th</sup> at 10am at Memorial.

#### 10. Standing Committees-

- Cultural Arts- Jess Berju reported that the Native American program will be here on October 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> for our 4<sup>th</sup> graders. On October 25<sup>th</sup> there will be an iRobot assembly. Theater Works will be coming in on December 12<sup>th</sup> with a Junie B. Jones presentation for the entire school.
- Membership- Jenny reported that we currently have 268 members. Please continue to send in Membership forms.
- Nominating Committee- Ballots were handed out and the vote took place. The newly elected members of the nominating committee are Lisa Lanyo and Frank Marmo. The alternate will be Stacey Herschmann. A motion was made to approve the nominating committee, 1<sup>st</sup> Tina Bodkin 2<sup>nd</sup> Lori Edvabsky.

#### 11. Liaison Reports-

- Levittown Schools Community Scholarships- No report
- Health and Safety- No report
- Elementary/Secondary Curriculum- No report
- SEPTA- No report
- Transportation- No report
- Food Service- Beth Lyons asked for anyone with questions or concerns to please bring them to her and she will bring all concerns to the committee.
- Wellness- No report

#### 12. Principal's Report-

- Dr. Maurer discussed the fire that occurred on our school playground. We do have cameras and detectives are currently investigating. They plan on replacing the structure that was destroyed.
- Abbey's Art Program will be on display at the October 18<sup>th</sup> Board of Ed meeting. This is also Board Recognition Night and there will be a reception to thank the Board. He encouraged us to go down and check out the artwork.
- 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be going on their field trip to Captree next week.
- We will be having the iRobot assembly in conjunction with LEADD week.
- October 25<sup>th</sup> is Parent University at Memorial. It is very well put together but not very well attended. In a district of over 5,000 students, last year only about 100 people attended. He encouraged us to go on the district website to find a list of topics and more information.
- He thanked us all for our continued support.

13. Unfinished Business-

- Beautification- Marie Picarella and Lauren Mahoney are the chairpersons. They would like to put decorative cups in the fence near the Kindergarten doors. They are also thinking about a mural above the front doors and pictures throughout the hallways. They also want to clean up the two gardens in the front of the school. They are thinking of something structural that will last forever. They are open to new ideas.

14. New Business-

- Mother's Day Sale- Concerns were brought up as to why the Mother's Day Sale was changed into a plant sale and the trinket sale was eliminated. Amy explained the rationale and explained how there is no line in the budget for it this year. Frank Marmo asked if we could make a motion to add the line. Amy said that it may be a scheduling issue for this year but she will discuss it with Dr. Maurer and we can revisit it at next month's meeting.
- Sue Gallina explained that we can do a pre-order only plant sale and still have the trinket sale.
- If Dr. Maurer gives it the okay and the calendar allows we can make the motion at the November meeting and vote on it in January.

15. Meeting adjourned at 7:41 by Amy Hoffmann

16. Minutes written by Jeanine Quigley and Kathleen Pedrick