

Abbey Lane PTA Minutes

November 14, 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 asked if everyone had a chance to review the October minutes. She made a motion to approve the minutes. 1st Jenny DeMeo and 2nd Jason Sobelman. The minutes were 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 October books were reviewed by Amy Hoffmann and Lori Edvabsky and found to be in good order. A motion was made to file the books. 1st motion was made by Jenny DeMeo and second motion was made by Lori Edvabsky. All in favor and none opposed.
4. President's Report- Amy Hoffmann
 - Amy Hoffmann explained that Nurse Gallo along with other staff organizes "Adopt-A-Family" each year at Thanksgiving time. She passed around a basket to collect donations. Nurse Gallo is also in need of food donations which will go to local families in need. Amy explained that we will have our first annual basketball game against Gardiners Ave. school. It will be a fundraiser that takes place at Salk. A flier will go home when the event gets closer.
5. 1st VP- Linda Savage
 - See Special Committees
6. 2nd VP- Beth DiCaprio
 - Beth reported that the LEADD walk was successful and a good time despite the rain. Thanks to Andrea Bliss and Mrs. Grand for organizing. Please continue attending the 5th grade meetings. All packets are due by December 1st. Please begin to upload photos for the collage pages.
7. 3rd VP- Samantha Stanley
 - No Report
8. Corresponding Secretary- Kathleen Pedrick
 - Kathleen reported that we received a card from Mrs. Graham thanking us for the books from the book fair.
9. Special Committees-
 - Picture Retake Day- Jeanine Quigley explained that Picture retakes will be on November 16th. Original picture packages must be returned on retake day. Please keep your class photo, as these will not be retaken.
 - KidsStuff Coupon Books- Kathleen Pedrick reported that we have sold 147 books. This fundraiser will be ending shortly so please send in your payment or return your books ASAP.
 - Gift Wrap- Samantha Stanley reported that we sold around \$6000.00 of products and made around a \$2000.00 profit. It was a successful fundraiser and went very smoothly. All items that were ordered are on the way.

- Book Fair- The November book fair was a success. We will have the exact numbers by the January meeting. Our next book fair will be during PARP.
- Picture Retake Day- Jeanine Quigley reported that Picture Day was successful and retake day will be on Thursday, November 16th. If you were unhappy with your child's pictures please return the entire package except the class photo.
- Apparel- Chairpersons are Dawn Marmo and Jeanine Quigley. Jeanine reported that all bling orders have come in and have been distributed. We are expecting our regular apparel order to be in shortly.
- BJ's- We are still collecting forms for this fundraiser. 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.
- Honorary Life- Susanne Gallina is the chairperson. Sue reported that the committee met this morning. It will be announced at the next meeting.
- Entenmanns Pie Sale- Orders will be collected through Monday. Pick up will be the Wednesday before Thanksgiving from 3:30-6:00pm.
- Box Tops- The chairs reported that they will have an exact count by the next meeting.
- Secret Store- Beth Lyons and Sue Gallina reported that the Secret Store will be held on December 6th-8th during school and on the evening of the 6th from 3:30-6:30. The schedule will be going home soon. They are looking for volunteers to help the children shop. Please contact Beth or Sue if interested.
- Poinsettia Sale- This sale will go from November 27th through December 1st. The flier will be going home next week. All flowers will be picked up on December 6th at the Secret Store from 3:30-6:30.
- PARP- PARP will take place in January and will be run by Ms. Pignataro and Mrs. Swint. This year's theme is "Reading Takes You Places". There will be a book fair to kick off PARP on January 24th. January 30th will be the Book Swap and Scavenger Hunt. They are looking for readers for the Community Reader Days. Ms. Pignataro asked us to think about if we wanted to get Bare Books again this year or any other trinket gift for all students.

10. Standing Committees-

- Cultural Arts- Jess Berju and Jerri-Anne Lovece reported that Art Safari will be coming on 11/28. In December, Theatre Works will put on Junie B. Jones show for the entire school.
- Membership- Jenny reported that we currently have 278 members. Please continue to send in Membership forms. Another reminder will go home shortly.
- Nominating Committee- The 2017/2018 Nominating Committee is as follows: Samantha Stanley, Frank Marmo, Kathleen Pedrick, Lisa Lanyo, Trinity Galarza and Stacey Herschmann as the alternate.

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 reported that ribs were added to the menu. She also noted that they have added better quality Tyson nuggets. Dawn Marmo brought up the concern that they were running out of vegetables, specifically broccoli. She was concerned that no replacement was offered. How can we ensure that each child is given a complete meal?
- Wellness- No report

12. Delegate Report-

- Nicole LoPinto reported that MacArthur will put on the show Beauty and the Beast on November 16th and 17th at 7:30pm. They have worked very hard and it is going to be a great show.
- Jess Berju attended the Council meeting on 10/27. They discussed making the district calendar better and more user friendly. They are also looking into making the report cards more uniform. It was brought up that busses are arriving to school late. Please have your child to the bus stop 5 minutes prior to pick up time.

13. Principal's Report-

- Dr. Maurer thanked us for the great cultural arts programs so far this year. The Native American program was a success and enjoyed by all. The iRobot was also a fun program that the students really enjoyed.
- There have been many great field trips underway including Captree State Park, White Post Farms and the Outdoor Learning Center at Memorial. We are very lucky to have the Outdoor Learning Center, it is loved by both students and teachers.
- The Boo Party was a lot of fun. He applauded the Haunted Hallway and said it gets better and better each year. He also thanked everyone who supported the LEADD Walk.
- Student Council elections are taking place. Currently the Student Council is collecting \$1 for Juvenile Diabetes and you can color in a sneaker and it will be added to the bulletin board. They are also collecting extra Halloween candy for Treats for Troops. A local American Legion member comes down to collect candy.
- Multicultural Night was a lot of fun. Approximately 100 people attended. There was a ton of delicious food. The consisted of a Mariachi Band, Irish Step Dancers, Martial arts presentation and Flamenco dancing by an Abbey mom.
- He thanked us all for our continued support.

14. Unfinished Business-

- Mother's Day Sale- We will be selling Mother's Day trinkets in conjunction with the Plant Sale.

15. New Business-

- Patricia McLaughlin brought up the concern that there were many problems occurring on the bus. Linda suggested that Patricia attend Transportation Meetings and report back to us.

16. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 by Amy Hoffmann

17. Minutes written by Jeanine Quigley

