

Abbey Lane PTA Minutes

January 9, 2018

1. Meeting called to order by Amy Hoffmann at 7:04, 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 November minutes. She made a motion to approve the minutes. 1st Sue Gallina and 2nd Laurie Georgeau. The minutes were approved and will be filed as written.
3. Treasurer's Report- Amy Hoffmann
 - Amy explained that Trinity will be arriving late to tonight's meeting. The November books were reviewed by Lori Edvabsky and found to be in good order. A motion was made to file the books. 1st motion was made by Jess Berju. All in favor and none opposed.
4. President's Report- Amy Hoffmann
 - Amy discussed the 1st Annual Abbey vs. Gardiners Basketball game. It will be held on 1/18/18 at Salk. Tickets are \$5 each or \$4 with the donation of a pantry item. Tickets will also be sold at the door the night of the event. We will also have a concession stand, Abbey apparel for sale and other fun items. The Something Sweet with Someone Special Dance will be on 2/9/18. Each student must be accompanied by an adult guest. There will be a DJ, photo station and a craft.
5. 1st VP- Linda Savage
 - See Special Committees
6. 2nd VP- Beth DiCaprio
 - See Special Committees
7. 3rd VP- Samantha Stanley
 - No Report
8. Corresponding Secretary- Kathleen Pedrick
 - No Report
9. Special Committees-
 - Abbey vs. Gardiners Basketball Game- See Amy's report
 - Apparel- Dawn reported that there have been many issues with the current company that we use. They have taken an extremely long time to get us our order and once we received it there were numerous mistakes. We started to use a new company and hope to stick with them in the future. Jeanine reported that we will be selling Abbey apparel at the upcoming basketball game. We are staying with the current Bling company, as they do a wonderful job.
 - Book Fair- Jess Berju reported that the next book fair will be on 1/26 during PARP from 6-8:30. Please see Jess if you would like to volunteer. We have earned 97 books through Scholastic that will be used for a school-wide raffle during PARP. The BOGO book fair in the spring will be on 4/11 and 4/12.
 - PARP- Chairpersons are Dawn Marmo, Mrs. Swint, Ms. Pignataro and Mr. LoBosco. The students will be split up by last name. A-L will be from 6:30-7:15 and M-Z will be from 7:30-8:15. There will be different stations that the students will rotate through.

The Book Swap and Scavenger Hunt will be on 1/30. Please hand in books for the Book Swap in advance to make set up easier. January 30th and February 1st will be Community Reader days. On 1/31 there will be a Reading Rocks assembly with a performance by the Squeaky Clean Band. There will also be a Dress as a Book Character Day and each student will receive a Bare Book. Some teachers will use them in class and others will send them home. Instead of certificates, students will receive ribbons this year. A calendar of events will be sent home when it gets closer.

- Pie Sale- It went well. We sold around 60 pies and made \$200.00.
- Box Tops- The chairs reported that to date we have made \$418.30. The check was mailed and we should be getting it soon.
- Poinsettia Sale- This sale went well.
- Honorary Life- Mrs. Ruocco was this year's recipient. The dinner will be held on 4/26/18.
- 15th Annual Fundraiser- This year's fundraiser will be held at Verdi's on 3/16. The early bird incentive is now over. Please send money in ASAP. Please contact Sue Gallina or Jenn Banfich if you would like to help out. Class Basket info has gone out. Please let them know if there are any questions. They will be holding a brief meeting on soliciting after tonight's meeting.
- 5th grade Yearbook- Jenn Banfich asked that all packets be handed in ASAP. Please ask if you need help completing the packet. There will be a raffle for a free trip to Greenkill. The winner will be chosen at the May meeting. Please pay by the March due date and you will be given a refund if you win. We will be selling Ring Pops at the Abbey vs. Gardiners basketball game.

10. Standing Committees-

- Cultural Arts- Jess Berju reported that Art Safari and Junie B. Jones went over very well. We have Mad Science for 2nd graders and Mad Science Slime Olympics coming up for kindergarteners.
- Membership- No Report
- Nominating Committee- No Report
- Audit- No Report

11. Liaison Reports-

- Levittown Schools Community Scholarships- No report
- Health and Safety- No report
- Elementary/Secondary Curriculum- No report
- SEPTA- Stacey Herschmann attended the meeting on 10/24. She told us about an interesting presentation on memory and different parts of the brain. 1/30 is the next meeting.
- Transportation- No report
- Food Service- All is well with our food service. However, Beth Lyons will be resigning from her position. We need someone to fill this position and Beth is willing to help with the transition.
- Wellness- No report

12. Delegate Report-

- Jess Berju attended the Board of Ed meeting on 11/15. Division Ave. students gave a Distracted Driving presentation and Northside School discussed the Summer Reading program.

13. Principal's Report-

- Dr. Maurer reported that the K-1 STEAM Club is underway. The students are participating in numerous hands-on activities and projects. It's a huge hit. The kids love it.
- There have been many wonderful Cultural Arts programs. All have been very well received.
- The Secret Store was successful again this year. He thanked everyone who volunteered and helped the students shop.
- Many classes have already visited the Outdoor Learning Center at Memorial. We are very lucky to have such a great place within our district.
- Gator Games are underway. The partners participate in team building activities and work on communication skills.
- Deck the Halls was a spur of the moment idea and turned out to be a lot of fun and very successful. Our school showed great Holiday Spirit. It began with a few teachers decorating their doors and turned into guided tours of the decorated doors throughout the building. This event raised money for Smile Train, an organization where professionals train people in other countries to repair cleft palates in children. We raised \$500 which will be enough to cover cleft palate surgeries for 2 children!
- We do so many great things as a school community to help others during the holiday season. The toy drive as well as the hats, coats and scarves drive were very successful.
- The Spelling Bee will take place tomorrow morning at 9:30.
- The Winter Concert will be held at Memorial where the students get to perform on a real stage and their guests will be more comfortable.
- We are looking forward to the Abbey vs. Gardiners Basketball Game as well as PARP.
- He thanked us all for our continued support.

14. Unfinished Business-

- Patricia McLaughlin reported that all bus issues have been resolved.

15. New Business-

- Jessie Desmond inquired about the 1st grade and 5th grade reading buddies. They are currently waiting for more 1st graders to sign up before the program can begin.

16. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 by Amy Hoffmann

17. It was brought up that we did not officially pass the budget since our Treasurer wasn't present for the beginning of the meeting. Trinity went over beginning and ending balances. She advised us to refer to the budget for exact numbers. A motion was made to pass as is. 1st Beth Lyons 2nd Dawn Marmo. There were no objections so it will be filed as written.

18. Meeting adjourned at 7:37

19. Minutes written by Jeanine Quigley