

Abbey Lane PTA Minutes

November 20, 2018

- Meeting called to order by Amy Hoffmann at 7:04, quorum present. Welcome to all followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
- President's Report- Amy Hoffmann
 - Amy welcomed everyone.
- 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 Beth Brown and 2nd Lori Edvabsky. The minutes were approved and will be filed as written.
- Treasurer's Report- Trinity Galarza
 - Trinity went over the beginning and ending numbers.
 - The books were reviewed by Sue Harrington.
 - Trinity asked if there were any questions and made a motion to pass the budget. 1st Lori Edvabsky 2nd Samantha Stanley.
- 1st VP- Samantha Stanley
 - Abbey vs. Gardiners- Samantha reported that the tentative date for Abbey vs. Gardiners will be on January 17, 2019. We will let you know once date is finalized.
 - BJ's- Beth Lyons reported that we have 15 sign ups. We will send home forms again in April. A new membership will cost \$27.16. We get \$5.00 for each membership.
 - Book Fair- Erica Kerr reported that the last book fair went well.
 - Box Tops- Jessie Desmond is the chairperson. She reported that Ms. Rossi's class is in first place followed by Mr. LoBosco's class and Mrs. Regan's class.
 - Entenmann's Pie Sale- Samantha Stanley reported that the sale went well. We had a total of 32 orders.
 - Poinsettia Sale- Kathleen Pedrick reminded us that all forms are due back by 11/30. Pick up will be on December 5th during the Secret Store.
 - Kids Stuff Books- Nicole LoPinto asked for all books to be returned or payments sent in. We still have 60 books outstanding. Please send in immediately.
 - Secret Store- Lori Edvabsky reported that the Secret Store will be from December 5-7th. It will also be open the night of the 5th from 6:30-8pm. We are looking for help to set up on the 4th after school.
 - 16th Annual Fundraiser- Samantha reported that the fundraiser will be on March 22nd at Verdi's. The invitations will be going out next week. She reminded class moms to send out letters and start collecting for the class baskets. There will be a meeting at Amy's house on January 8th for anyone willing to help out with the fundraiser.
- 2nd VP- Beth DiCaprio
 - Cultural Arts- Programs are going very well.
 - 5th Grade- Beth said that the 5th grade banner looks great.
 - LEADD Walk- Mrs. Grand reported that there wasn't a great turn out this year. There were a few Abbey Lane families that attended but we were hoping for more.

- Honorary Life- Sue Gallina reported that the letters are due on December 3rd. Letters can be written for a parent or a teacher. The recognition dinner will be held on May 2nd.
- 3rd VP- Kathleen Pedrick
 - Elementary/Secondary Curriculum – Jen Granai is chairperson. Please see attached notes.
 - SEPTA- Sue Gallina reported that there will be a Yankee Candle fundraiser through January 10th. All proceeds will go directly to SEPTA. There is a link to purchase on the Levittown SEPTA website. On the November 13th meeting they discussed IEP's and 504 plans. The next meeting will be in January.
 - Membership- No report
 - The Transportation Committee- No Report
 - Food Service- Sue Gallina and Beth Lyons reported that the first meeting will be on November 28th. If any of us have concerns we are encouraged to attend the meeting. They can't make any changes without us asking.
 - Health/Safety Awareness- No Report
 - Hospitality- No Report
- Corresponding Secretary- Nicole LoPinto
 - No Report
- Standing Committees-
 - Cultural Arts- See above
 - Membership- See above
 - Nominating Committee- Jeanine Quigley passed around ballots and later counted them. The two people chosen from general membership to be on the Nominating Committee are Frank Marmo and Sue Gallina.
 - Audit- No Report
- Special Committees-
 - Reflections- No report
- Delegate Report-
 - Jenn Lohmann reported that they will be looking into changing the grading of the NYS exams. There will be more info on this at the next meeting. They also spoke of the next steps with security. They are hoping to install benches that act as barricades in the front of buildings.
- Principal's Report-
 - Mr. Josephs went over all of the exciting things going on at Abbey Lane.
 - He reported that many classes will visit the Outdoor Learning Center at Memorial. He encouraged everyone to go over and take a look. We are fortunate to have this wonderful place within our district.
 - He told us about all of the field trips that have taken place since our last meeting.
 - He reported that we will be beginning a mentoring program. It will be geared toward children who could benefit from social/emotional support. It will be one adult to one child ratio. They will meet 1-2 times per week.
 - He explained that students will be coming up with ideas for the Get A Voice Program.

- He reported that on February 7th Abbey Lane will be presenting at the Board Meeting. The presentation will be on Educating the Whole Child.
- Unfinished Business-
 - None
- New Business-
 - Dawn Marmo explained how thankful she was for the free Scholastic book fair. It was such a great experience and the children thoroughly enjoyed it. Thank you to the teachers who spearheaded this wonderful event for our kids.
- Amy-
 - Amy passed around a basket for Adopt-A-Family.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:36 by Amy Hoffmann
- Minutes written by Jeanine Quigley and Nicole LoPinto