

## Abbey Lane PTA Minutes

January 15, 2019

- Meeting called to order by Amy Hoffmann at 7:06, 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 November minutes. She made a motion to approve the minutes. 1<sup>st</sup> Jess Berju and 2<sup>nd</sup> Jenny DeMeo. The minutes were approved and will be filed as written.
  - By-Laws- Jeanine explained that the amended by-laws are up on the table if anyone would like to look at them. The only change is the position Past President being added back in. Jeanine made a motion to pass the new by-laws. 1<sup>st</sup> Dawn Marmo 2<sup>nd</sup> Beth Lyons.
- Treasurer's Report- Trinity Galarza
  - Trinity went over the beginning and ending numbers.
  - The November and December books are on the back table for review.
  - Trinity asked if there were any questions and made a motion to pass the budget. Frank Marmo questioned if we planned on spending any of the money that we have. Trinity explained that our payments for the Secret Store and Booster-athon were still outstanding.
  - Trinity made a motion to pass the budget. 1<sup>st</sup> Dawn Marmo 2<sup>nd</sup> Jenny DeMeo
- 1<sup>st</sup> VP- Samantha Stanley
  - Abbey vs. Gardiners- Samantha and Amy reported that the game isn't going to work out for January. We are looking into doing it in May.
  - Book Fair- Jess Berju reported that we made just over \$1500 on our first book fair of the year. Our next book fair will take place during PARP on 1/23 from 6:30-8:30. The BOGO book fair will be on 4/9 and 4/10. We are looking for volunteers to help with the BOGO book fair.
  - Box Tops- Jessie Desmond is the chairperson. She reported that Mrs. Valentine's class is in first place followed by Mrs. McGrath and Ms. Rossi.
  - Entenmann's Pie Sale- Samantha Stanley reported that the sale went well. We had a total of 32 orders.
  - Poinsettia Sale- Kathleen reported that we made \$74.75 this year. The sale went well. The only complaint was the medium sized plants weren't as large as previous years.
  - Secret Store- Trinity reported that the secret store was a success. We made just about \$1000.00.
  - Something Sweet with Someone Special Dance- Laura Hickey is the chair but was not present. The dance will be on 2/8. There will also be a bake sale. Grades K-2 will be from 6:15-7:15 and grades 3-5 will be from 7:30-8:30.
  - 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Fundraiser- Samantha reported that the fundraiser will be on March 22<sup>nd</sup> at Verdi's. The invites have been sent out. Please get your payments in. There will be an

80's theme. Feel free to dress for the theme. Jenny reminded class moms to send out the letters again for the class baskets.

- 2<sup>nd</sup> VP- Beth DiCaprio
  - Cultural Arts- Programs are going very well. In December there was a presentation of Charlotte's Web. The children loved it. In January there will be a Dinosaur Workshop as well as the Touch Tank with sea creatures for Kindergarten. On 1/28 we will have a visit from the author Brian Heinz to go along with PARP. February 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Mad Science will be here for our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders. In March we will have the Star Lab and in May we will have the "Circus" again. We will also be bringing in a program that will work with our Get a Voice program and create a mural.
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade- Beth reported that the Greenkill raffle is still going on. It is \$5.00
  - PARP- Ms. Pignataro reported that the kickoff will be on Wednesday from 6:30-8. This years theme is "A Reading Safari." There will only be one session this year with 4 different stations. The community reader days will be on 1/29 and 1/31. Please contact Beth DiCaprio if you would like to read.
  - Honorary Life- This years recipient is Andrea Fitzpatrick. The dinner will take place on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> VP- Kathleen Pedrick
  - Elementary/Secondary Curriculum – No report.
  - SEPTA- The next meeting will be on 1/28 at Memorial. The SEPTA Honorary Life recipient is Jamie Spencer. The next speaker meeting will be 2/7 at 7pm.
  - Membership- No report
  - The Transportation Committee- No Report
  - Food Service- The visit at Abbey Lane went very well. Please see attached report.
  - 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- No report
  - Audit- No Report
- Special Committees-
  - Reflections- Awards will be given out in February.
- Delegate Report-
  - Jess Berju reported that the Audit went well. They are beginning to install concrete benches around the district for added security. They discussed the town project of building a "bubble" over Bluegrass pool for swim teams.
- Principal's Report-
  - Dr. Maurer thanked us for all of the great events and programs that we bring in to Abbey Lane.
  - He reported that at February's Board meeting there will be presentation on Educating the Whole Child and the Social/Emotional aspect.

- Spirit Club went very well. This year there were approximately 70 students who participated.
- He reported that there are about 30-40 students taking part in the Mentoring program. They meet once a week and do different activities and games.
- The STEAM club has been ongoing. 1<sup>st</sup> graders currently have about 30 students participating.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> grade field trips to the library are taking place. If students don't already have library cards they are able to get one on this trip.
- The Get A Voice program is our Character Education program. Our schoolwide Get A Voice days will be on the first Friday of each month. Our different activities are showcased on our Abbey Action News program.
- Gator Games are ongoing. They are led by Ms. Pignataro and Mrs. Nelson. This is a very fun bonding experience for both students and parents/grown-ups.
- Back in December our Abbey Action News program was highlighted on 103.9's "Spotlight on Education." We brought 2 of our 5<sup>th</sup> grade students along with Mrs. Schneider and Mrs. Boos to be interviewed. The students did a fantastic job being interviewed on the spot and even had a chance to interview the host. A link to the interview is on the Abbey Lance Facebook page.
- Deck the Halls was once again a huge success. We had over 600 people attend. It's a nice way for us to celebrate the holidays with the Abbey community.
- Terrific Kids program was streamlined district-wide.
- We are very happy for Mrs. Fitzpatrick who was this years Honorary Life recipient. She is a phenomenal reading teacher.
- Our skill building programs are taking place for grades 2-5. There are both morning and afternoon sessions.
- Our Beautiful Me program in underway.
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will be visiting the outdoor learning center soon.
- Kindergarten registration will be coming up in February.
- Unfinished Business-
  - None
- New Business-
  - None
- Meeting adjourned at 7:49 by Amy Hoffmann
- Minutes written by Jeanine Quigley