

# Abbey Lane PTA Minutes

November 19, 2013

I. Call to order-7pm

Tina Bodkin called to order the regular meeting of the Abbey Lane PTA. Pledge led by Tina Bodkin.

II. President: Please take a moment to look over the minutes and the Treasury report. Tina Bodkin explained that as per council we no longer need to ask for abstentions.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Motion to approve: Greg Bodkin, 1<sup>st</sup> Stephanie Gannon 2<sup>nd</sup> Lori Edvabsky, All in favor, no opposed: motion carried

IV. Treasurer

Presented October 1 – October 31<sup>st</sup> Report. Books reviewed by Elizabeth Hines on 11/18/13. Motion to approve: Greg Bodkin, 1<sup>st</sup> Lori Edvabsky, 2<sup>nd</sup> Stephanie Gannon. All in favor. No opposed: motion carried

V. Blood Drive presentation - Guest speaker: Donna Penczak

The Abbey Lane Blood drive will be held December 12<sup>th</sup>. Donna explained how your blood donation can make a difference in someone's life and encouraged everyone to donate.

VI. Megans law presentation - Guest speaker: Annie Ortiz

Annie explained Megan's Law and encouraged everyone to sign-up to be notified of sex offenders in the area. There are various programs available that are based on age appropriate material. We will be looking into the various programs and will be sending information home to parents. Dawn explained that if we move forward with this program it is eligible for aid through BOCES.

———— Dawn Marmo will send sign-ups home

VII. President

Thanked everyone for coming and thanked both presenters. Tina reminded everyone about dropping off and picking up. Please do not enter the wrong way. The rough riders assembly, the boo party, and the book fair all were a success. Thanks to all the volunteers for their help. The resolutions that were voted on last meeting were all approved at the PTA annual conference. Encourages everyone to participate in the giving tree, run by Mrs. O'rourke.

VIII. 1<sup>st</sup> VP Report

Vendor fair 11/24- tables still available \$20/table,

Poinsettia sale 12/17, flyers will go home soon,

Pie sale- pick up is 12/16; if your order isn't picked up it will be donated to the food pantry



Chinese auction is on 2/28/14 at Verdi's tickets are \$50, invites will be going out soon. Class baskets info will go out in January. We are in need of volunteers for soliciting donations from the local businesses.

IX. 2<sup>ND</sup> VP Report

5<sup>th</sup> grade is doing great. Everything on schedule.

XI. Corresponding Sec. We received a thank you card from the Pappas family

XII. Committee Reports

**Reflections/** due date is Dec 1<sup>st</sup>. handed into Michelle Fielding

**Picture re-take/** Nov 26<sup>th</sup>

**Adopt-a-Family/** Mrs. O'Rourke is running it. Started last week runs until the holidays

**Book Fair/** we did great. The kids enjoyed it and many teachers received books for their classrooms.

**Secret Store/** will be Tues, Wed, Thurs (12/3, 12/4, 12/5) the only night it will be open is 12/3 during the chorus concert

**Honorary Life/** is April 24<sup>th</sup> at Crest Hollow Country Club. Invites will go out soon. Anyone can attend. Committee will vote on recipient next week.

**Blood Drive/** Donna Penczak spoke about the importance of donating blood. The blood drive is Dec 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Septa/** They currently have 300 members, exceeding last year's membership numbers. New bylaws were adopted. Presentation on homework strategies was given at last meeting.

**Food Service –** Nothing to report at this time

**Levittown Schools Community Scholarships Inc. –** Gaby Herbert explained that we no longer have an affiliation with Dollars for Scholars but the organization is moving forward to file a 501C under the new name and is planning various fundraiser activities so that we can continue to grant eligible seniors from both Division Avenue and MacArthur High Schools with scholarships.

XIII. Principals Report

Dr. Maurer welcomes everyone and thanks them for being there. He begins clarifying any misconceptions about common core. Parent University will be held again in January. Last year's parent university focused on envision math, parent portal and report cards. This year we plan to host a workshop on Journeys reading as well as other topics that are of interest to parents. Thanks everyone for listening.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:10pm

Minutes submitted by Jamie Mahoney – Corresponding Secretary