

## Abbey Lane PTA Minutes

March 18, 2019

- 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 February minutes. She made a motion to approve the minutes. 1<sup>st</sup> Laura Hickey and 2<sup>nd</sup> Beth Lyons. The minutes were approved and will be filed as written.
- Treasurer's Report- Trinity Galarza
  - Trinity went over the beginning and ending numbers.
  - Trinity asked if there were any questions. Frank Marmo questioned the large amount of money in our account. Trinity explained that we still have a \$13,000.00 outstanding bill from the Booster-thon. Frank suggested moving some of our money over to increase our budget for cultural arts.
  - The budget will be filed as is.
- 1<sup>st</sup> VP- Samantha Stanley
  - Annual Fundraiser- The fundraiser is on Friday. Please dress in 80's attire, there will be prizes given out. Also, the baskets are on display in the APR. Please stop down to take a look.
  - Book Fair- The book fair will be on April 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. We are still looking for volunteers. Please see Erica Kerr if you are interested in helping.
  - Irish Soda Bread Sale- The sale went well. All of the cookies were delivered in good shape. The finals numbers are not in yet.
  - Spring Pictures- Jeanine Quigley reported that pictures are on 3/21. There are many new backdrops including numerous sports. You will only be photographed if you send in your envelope prior to picture day. There are no retakes for Spring pictures. If you are unhappy with your pictures, you will be fully refunded.
  - School Kits- Sue Harrington is the chairperson. Information will be going home shortly.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> VP- Beth DiCaprio
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade- No report
  - Honorary Life- Sue reported that letters are due back April 5<sup>th</sup>.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> VP- Kathleen Pedrick
  - Elementary/Secondary Curriculum – Schools are looking into adding lending libraries in the lobbies. They are also looking into enhancing classroom libraries to allow for students to bring books home.
  - SEPTA- The next meeting will be in May. On April 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:30-12 there will be a "Buddy Break" where special needs children will play games, create crafts etc.
  - Membership- No report
  - The Transportation Committee- No Report

- Food Service- Sue Gallina reported that the last meeting was on 2/13. The next meeting will be on 3/20. We were advised that Big Daddy pizza is currently sold out. We will keep you updated on the status of the pizza.
- 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- Lori Edvabsky read the proposed slate for the 2019-2020 school year. The slate is as follows: President- Kathleen Pedrick, 1<sup>st</sup> VP- Samantha Stanley, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Trinity Galarza, 3<sup>rd</sup> VP Jeanine Quigley, Treasurer- Jess Berju, Recording Secretary- Nicole LoPinto, Corresponding Secretary- Laura Hickey, Delegates- Beth Lyons, Erica Kerr, Jen Lohmann, Sue Gallina, Liz Guerrier, Jessie Desmond and Jerri-Ann Lovece. If you would like to run against any one of these candidates a letter must be signed and handed to the chairperson (Lori Edvabsky) or the Recording Secretary (Jeanine Quigley) two business days before the next meeting. Additionally, Frank Marmo introduced the idea of changing the structure of the Nominating Committee. He thinks it would be better to have more representation from general membership. We would have to change our by-laws and procedures. We will vote on this at the next meeting.
  - Audit- No Report
- Special Committees-
  - See above
- Delegate Report- No report
- Principal's Report-
  - Dr. Maurer shared some general thoughts on changes in the workforce, specifically the changes that technology and automation have had on traditional careers and jobs. There is a growing concern that schools are preparing students for jobs that will no longer exist by the time they enter the workforce. He recently attended the South by Southwest educational conference in Austin, TX and he was impressed by the variety of initiatives other schools have taken to prepare students for the workforce of the future. He spoke about an educational philosophy based on the "4 C's". The 4 C's are communication, collaboration, critical thinking, and creativity. The idea behind the philosophy is that if you teach students these skills, they will be able to thrive in the workforce. He is working with the Abbey Lane staff to begin to identify ways they can begin to work towards these goals, and he wanted to explain his thinking and was hoping for the PTA's support. Although he did not have a specific request for the PTA yet, he mentioned LEGO-type robotics kits and a 3-D printer with CAD software (Computer Assisted Design) as possible starting points which were relatively inexpensive.
- Unfinished Business-
  - None

- New Business-
  - Dawn Marmo suggested creating a new line on the budget to allow for some of the new ideas that Dr. Maurer discussed. Beth Lyons made a motion to look into and research a budget for next year. 2<sup>nd</sup> Lori Edvabsky.
  - Frank Marmo made a motion change the by-laws for the Nominating Committee. 1<sup>st</sup> Samantha Stanley 2<sup>nd</sup> Lori Edvabsky
- Meeting adjourned at 7:44 by Amy Hoffmann
- Minutes written by Jeanine Quigley