

## Abbey Lane PTA Meeting Minutes

September 20, 2021

**Call to order:** Susanne welcomed everyone to the meeting at 7:01pm.

Susanne thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and reminded everyone we have the great opportunity to be together for this meeting, and please remember to maintain a safe social distance and keep masks on. Susanne then goes on to introduce herself, and the rest of the new board.

**Approval of minutes :** Susanne asks if everyone had the chance to over the minutes from our May 2021 meeting. Lillie Conroy and Christine Keeney have made a motion to approve the minutes. The minutes will be filed as written.

**Treasurers' Report:** Budget committee met and went over budget for this year. Susanne asked for a motion to approve this year's budget. Kerry Villaume and Jen Lohmann have made a motion to approve the budget.

**1st VP: Jeanine Quigley:**

**Apparel:** Janette Ruddy talks about our ongoing apparel sale. Sale ends 9/24/21. Apparel is always ongoing. We have one big push at the beginning of the year. You can email at [abbeyapparelPTA@gmail.com](mailto:abbeyapparelPTA@gmail.com)

**Specialty Apparel:** Sale ends 9/24, offer special items polo shirts etc. Only online. Will go home with your child.

**Gift wrap:** Nicole Lopinto will chair gift wrap. Meadow farms will be who we are using again. Starting 10/12/21 through 11/15/21.

**Picture Day:** Beth Lyons and Rebecca McCrea will be chairing. 9/23/21 and will be using Class Act. Forms were due back today 9/20/21. Any questions please reach out to Beth or Rebecca. Only volunteers allowed are Beth and Rebecca. Hopefully for picture day in the spring we can have more volunteers.

**Monthly fundraisers:** something we started last year and was well received. They are done online, and items are auctioned off. October's will be done at our PTA meeting. It will be posted on our FB page. The prize will be an electric scooter.

**Card box fundraiser:** This is a new fundraiser for us, and will start right away. It will be done online. All information can be found on the FB page. There are 5 different occasion boxes. There is going to be a google form found on FB page. Info also on the back table.

**Annual Fundraiser:** Laura Hickey, Kerry Villaume and Beth Lyons are chairing. Will be in person on 3/18/2022 at Verdi's. Our theme will be Masquerade. Details will be forthcoming regarding additional help needed. Class parents will help coordinate class baskets that will be auctioned off. Beth explains what The fundraiser is for any new parents.

**2nd VP: Laura Hickey :**

**5th Grade:** 5th grade parents had their first meeting before the PTA meeting. They picked 5th grade “ **A sweet ending to a new beginning**” sign ups posted for all 5th grade activities.

Susanne explained that our PTA page went from public to private. She talks about Virtual back, we have made QR codes for all events

### **3rd VP Beth Lyons:**

**Elementary/Secondary Curriculum:** Holly Kennedy will rep this committee. If you have any concerns bring it to Holly and she will bring it to Todd Winch and the meeting.

**Food Service:** Jeanine Quigley is our rep. They come in twice a month and test out the food. They talk to the kids, check on what is being thrown out. If you have a question about the lunch and only the lunch, ask your food service rep. Monthly meeting

**Health and Safety:** Liz Guerrier is our rep. Any concerns brought to Liz, we are very lucky to have Liz as our rep.

**Septa:** Amy Hoffman is our Septa president, Susanne is the vp for fundraising. We need a rep for Septa.

**Transportation:** We need to have a rep for transportation. There are monthly meetings at 9:30 via zoom.

**Corresponding Secretary: Erica Kerr** please join the FB page if you have not done so already. If not on FB follow virtual backpack. You can always email a board member with any questions.

**Delegate report:** No delegate report

### **Standing Committees:**

**Cultural Arts:** Erica Kerr chairs, cultural arts brings events into school for the kids. Last year we had an author and the circus. We try to have 2-3 school wide events and one event for k-4. The 5th graders have their own events going on year long. The goal is to get that back to normal as much as possible. There are new restrictions we have to abide by this year regarding insurance for vendors etc.

**Membership:** Kerry Villaume is our membership chair. We are doing very well to date, we have 105 members so far. Last year with covid we had 178 members. The year before we had 257. All membership forms went into teacher mailboxes today. We have the best community, you don't have to be enrolled in Abbey to be a PTA member. Susanne mentions that if we ever need to vote, you need to be a paid PTA member. It is important to be a member to have your voice heard. If you are a paid PTA member you have been entered in our raffle. Jesse Desmond won the coffee basket.

### **Principals Report:**

Dr. Maurer welcomes everyone, asks for a show of hands. Who is here for their first meeting? He encourages participation with school events, and the PTA. Dr. Maurer is very happy we are here in person and also virtually.

He talks about how our events have been different over the last 2 years due to Covid. Hoping that we can get back to some sort of normalcy. We have to start small and build for success. We look forward to getting back to where we have been.

Dr. Maurer states that there were not many cases that were children last year, and he does not envision that being the same. The kids are very good about handwashing, wearing masks.

No field trips going out at this point, not to say it won't change. Clubs and activities are going to be starting up again. When we do things, we will do them as safe as possible. If that means it will be outside, for example The Boo Party.

Kids are eating lunch in the gym now, and are socially distanced at lunch for safety. It is unfortunate we can not use the gym, however we have APR room for gym use. We were able to bring in some new families and remote families to tour the school.

BTS school night is virtual, log in on child credentials on google classroom. Trying to save paper, using Virtual backpack and emails.

Please feel free to always email, call or see Dr. Maurer. While the PTA can always be available, sometimes it is better to go straight to Dr. Maurer. Looks forward to a great year.

**Old Business: Nothing to report**

**New Business: sign up question was asked, meeting Adjourned: 7:54pm**

Notes written by Janette Ruddy