

Abbey Lane PTA Meeting 2/15/2022

Call to Order: Susanne Gallina calls the meeting to order at 7:02pm. She welcomes everyone and asks for the approval of minutes.

Approval of Minutes: Janette Ruddy asks if everyone had a chance to look over the minutes from our January meeting, and asks for a motion to approve the minutes. Amy Hoffmann and Liz Guerrier approve the minutes. The minutes will be filed as written.

Treasurer's Report: Amy Hoffmann has reported that January's opening balance was \$53,658.28 with an income of \$524.95. We had expenses of \$14,789.80 leaving a balance of \$39,393.43. Our money market balance is \$5,166.36 with interest of .44 leaving a balance of \$5,166.80. The books were reviewed by Erica Kerr and found to be in good order.

1St VP Report: Jeanine Quigley

Apparel: Lillie Conroy- No update at this time. Our apparel is ongoing, email your order at any time to our email.

Specialty Apparel: we will be placing a spring order through LI Athletic within the next few weeks. Their items include zip-up hoodies, tie dye sweatshirts, shorts, baseball hats, etc. These items are ordered online and will be sent home with your child in their backpacks.

Irish Soda Bread: We are looking for a chair to help with our ST. Patricks Soda Bread Sale. They will also offer Rye Bread, cookies and other items. We will offer a google form for you to place your order.

Hershey Park: We are excited to be able to offer our Hershey Park tickets once again. This is one of our fav fundraisers. They will be \$45 a ticket and will be valid for the remainder of this year. Ticket sales will start shortly.

Annual Fundraiser: Our annual fundraiser will look a little different this year than in past years. We are going to combine our back to BBQ and fundraiser and have "Abbey Lane Funraiser" It will be held at Abbey on 5/20/22. We will have music, food, games and of course all the baskets. While it will have the feel of the BBQ we are going to have district approved food trucks and vendors. We need volunteers, please be on the lookout for sign up sheets. Class basket letters will also be going out to class parents very soon. This will not replace our in person fundraiser, we hope to have that back in the future. Please be on the lookout for more info.

BJ's Fundraiser: we will be offering our discounted bjs membership again. If your membership is expired or you have just a few months left you can renew with a

discounted rate. They give back on their membership to us. Jessie Desmond will be our chair.

2nd VP Report: Laura Hickey

5Th Grade: coming along very nicely. We are contacting everyone who has signed up to volunteer for an event. If you are behind on anything you still have time to get in.

Parp: Erica Kerr- Parp was amazing this year. It was so nice to have everything and kids back in the building. To be able to have community readers back in the building as well. Parp nights had less in attendance this year but that was to be expected. The kids were very excited to have the K-9 dogs at Parp.

3rd VP Report: Beth Lyons

Elementary/Secondary Ed: Holly Kennedy- district is moving forward with extra curricular activities and revisiting field trips. Meeting with the Lead committee expanding Mindful March, and overall health in April. Arp grants meetings and talks about summer enrichment camps. Also looking to use more funding for elementary students. Homework policy is still being reviewed.

Food Service: Jeanine Quigley- food shortages still ongoing at this time. Kellogg was on strike, getting cereal was an issue mostly to the secondary level. They did not want to sub out on elementary level. They surprised kids who bought lunch on Valentine's day with individually wrapped sugar cookies and chocolate cookies. They offered sweet and sour chicken for Chinese New Year with fried rice. I went into Abbey Lane to do a visit and they had BBQ chicken and it was really good. Some of the kids were nervous to try, but actually loved it. Try to encourage them to try new things. Also try to encourage kids to take advantage of the free breakfast and lunch while it is still available. If you are a family that needs subsidized lunch please still fill out a form. We do not know how long free breakfast and lunch will last. This helps determine state and federal aid.

Health and Safety: No Report, always feel free to reach out with any questions you may have

Septa: No new report, next meeting in March. There will be a nominating letter going out if you are interested in being part of Septa

Transportation: No new report, they are still waiting for the stop arm cameras to be installed. Any questions please reach out.

Reflections: Erica Kerr- we are trying to hand out the awards to the winners at our next meeting

Honorary Life: Nothing new to report- getting check from Amy to get Pin and pictures.

Corresponding Secretary: No Report

Delegates Report: Jenn Lohmann- They are going to be keeping snow days in the calendar. Home test kits are still available at schools. You can reach out to your child's school. Dr. Maurer will send out an email regarding pick up for Abbey.

Special Committee: On 11/22/21 we voted to change the bylaws from 2 exec board members and 3 general to 3 exec board members and 2 general. On 2/14/22 they were approved. We will need to vote on who our 2 general members will be. We have verified that everyone in attendance is a paid PTA member. A poll will be put up and you can vote anonymously. Susanne, Dr. Maurer and Mrs. Ferrari will not vote. Nicole Saporito and Sam Stanley will be our general members.

Membership: One new member

Cultural Arts: Journey into American Territories came into the 4th grade and they loved it. Mad Science came in the first week of February for our 3rd graders, they got to use skills on force, balloons and frictions. They will be coming back in May for the second grade and hopefully in April for the 1st grade.

Audit Report: Amy is looking for volunteers for the Audit report in May

Nominating letters went out already in other schools, as their committees have been in place. Our letters will be coming out shortly

Principals Report: We have had a real focus on trying to bring back as many activities as we can here at Abbey. It was great to have Parp back in the building, have families back for more than a quick visit. We have sent out paperwork for grades 3,4 and 5 to move forward with the variety show. The question will be will we have to separate families for the show? We have opted for a Saturday show just in case we need to run 2 shows. Wisdom Lane holds 715 people, we can separate families without issue if need be. If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to Mrs. Schneider, Mrs. Valentine, Mrs. Boos or the main office staff. We are also planning to bring the moving up ceremony back to Wisdom Lane this year. We are trying to plan some sort of 5th grade trip. Unfortunately not overnight as there are not any available. We are also trying to bring back a 3 on 3 basketball tournament. Mindful March is coming up quickly. On March 24th grades K-12 will have a no homework night so they can participate in a mindful family evening. The ARP academies are for grades 1 and 2 and will run through June. Thank you Mrs. Ferrari for heading this up. Assessments for grades 3-8 will be coming up soon. ELA is 3/28/22 and Math is 4/25/22. A letter will be coming out soon as well as a Google form for the families who choose to opt out. I encourage you to take the assessments, they can show us where you may be falling short. Tests are shorter, with fewer passages. Please fill out the form so we can plan accordingly. Thank you to Mrs.

Swint and Mrs. O'Connor, PTA, community readers as well as local politicians for a wonderful Parp event.

Will the kids, school be doing anything for Black History Month? Yes, each grade will be doing something for their grade level. They will read books, recognize different figures, and discuss various topics.

Old Business: No Old Business

New Business: No New Business

Meeting Adjourned: 7:49pm

Minutes written by: Janette Ruddy