

Abbey Lane PTA Meeting 10/25/22

- **Call To Order:** Susanne Gallina calls the meeting to order at 7:03 pm and welcomes everyone.
- **Approval of Minutes:** Janette Ruddy asks if everyone has had a chance to review the minutes from last month's meeting. She asks for a motion to approve the minutes. Jenn Lohmann and Amy Hoffmann approve the minutes. The minutes will be filed as written.
- Susanne takes a quick minute to speak about the fall festival this coming Friday 10/28/22. She asks Jane the chair for the event to give a run down about the festival. There will be games, pumpkin patch and trick or treating.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Amy Hoffman reports that we had an opening check balance of \$32,727.08 and income and \$5,548.25 and expenses of \$2,636.60 leaving us with a balance of \$35,638.73. Money Market had an opening balance of \$5,169.80 with an income of \$0.42 with an ending balance of \$5,170.73. There are a few outstanding checks totaling \$535.71 leaving a total balance of \$36,174.44. We did our ½ year audit last night and our books are in order and our monthly audit today and our books are in order. The festival being on Friday and things changing over the last couple of years with insurance and the use of the DJ, our original budget of \$700 is not enough. I am making a motion to move \$500 from the engineering line to the festival line. Beth Lyons and Jenn Lohmann approve the motion.
- **1st VP: Erica Kerr**

Apparel: Our red apparel is an ongoing sale throughout the year. You can email abbeyapparel@gmail.com at any time and your order will be fulfilled and delivered to your child's classroom.

Specialty Apparel: Jeanine Quigley, at this time our sale is not quite up and running yet. It will be online only and should be up soon. We will have more to follow soon. They are looking to have some more fun and exciting designs for us.

Gift Wrap: Laurie said the sale will be extended through 10/31/22.

We are up to \$3,469 in sales are hoping to make a final push to \$5,000

Picture Day: Rebecca Mccrea was thrilled with the turnout of volunteers for picture day. It really made the day run smoothly. Picture retake day is 11/29/22 only for students who need retakes or new students. Please bring back original photos

Book Fair: Didi Vega is our chair and is looking for 19-20 volunteers for the book fair. It is scheduled for 11/3 and 11/4. We will have a Wednesday night set up. E-Wallet is up and running.

Fundraiser: Our annual fundraiser is scheduled for 3/24/23 at Verdi's in Westbury.

We held our first meeting with our class parents tonight regarding class baskets.

If you know anyone who wants to donate to our fundraiser please don't hesitate to ask. We can provide them a letter, as well as a tax exempt letter. If you also know anyone who wants to donate for the gift bags ie: hand sanitizers, pencils etc...

Cards for a Cause: should be up and running by next week.

A great box of cards for about \$1 a card. There is a card for everything.

Pie Sale: Rebecca pie sale in full swing email went home, there is a google form to fill out with your order. You can pick up your order the night before Thanksgiving at the school.

- **2nd VP: Laura Hickey**

Laura was not able to be at the meeting, Janette Ruddy gave her report.

The fifth grade voted on this year's theme. "In the waves of change we find our direction" Ocean/beach theme was the winner

This year each fifth grade class will have a parent liaison for 5th grade activities

Mrs. Beasley– Lisa Razzo

Mrs. Regan– Laurie Chlebek

Mrs. Rossi/ Mrs.Casserta– Laura Hickey

Mrs. Trentmann– Jenn Lohmann

Mrs. Tuccillo– Kristen Heerey

The 5th grade Adventureland event will be taking place in April of 2023, flyers will be sent out in early November. Please remember to fill out your 5th grade packet. This includes your yearbook and booster questionnaires. They are due by 12/9/22.

- **3rd VP: Jeanine Quigley**

Elementary/Secondary Curriculum: Susanne Gallina went to the meeting in Holly's place. They are creating a district committee to replace the Greenkill trip for the 5th graders. Every student over the last 3 years missed out, we can't go back, but we can start creating new memories.

Food Service: Jeanine Quigley is our representative, sept meeting was canceled

Health and Safety: No meeting

Septa: Holly Kennedy is our representative, they are trying to increase their membership. Anyone can be a member of Septa.

They have many creative presentations, the next presentation is on Autism.

Transportation: Katie is our rep, not much to report however they did focus on condensed bus routes. Children may have to walk farther than normal, that is for public and private busers. The connect ed did have some issues in the beginning of the year getting out messages to parents. Stop Arm camera should be up mid November.

Corresponding Secretary: Rebecca Mccrea read a letter that Mrs. Dipalo sent regarding Math night. Thanking everyone for the success and return of Math night.

Delegate Report: Jenn Lohmann reports all buildings are upgrading the A/C on the first floor of the building with the exception of Summit and Gardiners.

Nominating Committee: Susanne asks if 2 general members would like to be a part of

the nomination committee for the 2023/2024 school year. Michele Sewitch and Katie Brunholz volunteer.

Cultural Arts: Holly Kennedy is working on a lot all at once. All grade level events are in process.

Membership: Holly Kennedy reports no update at this time..Kidz Toys donated a prize to be raffled off at the Fall Festival.

Honorary Life: We are looking for a chair for this, and there is more information to come. Anyone can be nominated this however to nominate you must be a paid PTA member to do so.

Reflections: this is a state run contest that shows work and creativity, this year's winner is from Levittown and the theme is Show your voice. We need volunteers to help read the entries.

- **Principals Report:** Good Evening, I would just like to remind everyone about all the good things that are back and running in the building. There is band, chorus and orchestra in the morning. You can still join in at any time. Abbey Action News started and we had our very first 3D club meeting as well. Student Council, Get a Voice and we also have a new program starting soon. We have a morning sports program kicking off soon in 3 session blocks starting with grades 1 and 2. We are also going to start to have some field trips start going out again, as well as some familiar ones come back. Parent Teacher conferences are coming up soon, please take that opportunity to speak with your child's teacher with any concerns. Don't forget Fall Festival is 10/28/22. Thanksgiving Drive is also up and running.
- Old Business: No
- New Business: A question is asked about 1st grade field trip, Dr. Maurer is hopeful that all will return.
- Adjourned: Susanne adjourns meeting at 7:49 pm
- Notes: written by Janette Ruddy