

Abbey Lane PTA 2023-2024

General Membership Meeting Minutes

October 18, 2023

Call to Order 7:03pm

- Welcome – Co Presidents Jeanine Quigley and Rebecca McCrea
 - Welcomed everyone as reminded everyone to sign in.
 - Back to School BBQ (Fall Festival)
 - Trunk or Treat and Halloween fall festival to be celebrated on the 27th of October.
 - Approval of Minutes – Recording Secretary
 - Approved by Jenny Chan and Reina Brown
 - Treasurers Report – Samantha Stanley
 - Opening balance of \$19,274.73 with a closing checkbook balance \$26,083.29.
 - Presented changing the name of the line name from Entemanns Pie sale to Pie Sale. Holly Kennedy and Jennifer Bailey approved.
 - Holly the Cultural Arts chair raises a motion to increase the budget from \$15,000 to \$20,000. Jennifer Bailey was the first approval, Amy Hoffmann was the second. Samantha Stanley then opened it up for vote all were in favor, none were opposed.
 - 1st VP Report - Didi Vega
 - Apparel – Representative Lillie Conroy
 - We are currently out of mediums. There are no returns or exchanges with apparel.
 - Specialty Apparel
 - There is a new logo on the upcoming sale, will be released soon.
 - Gift Wrap – Stacy Grady is the representative
 - Currently a profit of almost \$900, the sale will be ending the 23rd of October.
 - Picture Day – Chairperson Jennifer Bailey
 - Got confirmation, pictures are to be sent home soon.
 - Color-a-thon
 - Was a successful event, approximately \$5,000 profit.
 - Pie Sale – Chairperson Amy Martinez
 - A new vendor, gave details on pies. They are to be delivered November 21st.
 - Book Fair- Chairperson Amy Martinez and Kim Panek
 - The flyer will go home soon. Volunteers are needed for help during the day.
 - Annual Fundraiser
 - A great event where parents come together, potentially a new DJ. There is a need for more chair people.
 - 2nd VP Report – Erica Kerr
 - 5th Grade

- Got Sneakers was a successful event 400 pairs of sneakers were donated. Additional fundraisers with coins and chocolate area coming soon. The theme for this year is “Leveling up to Middle School”.
- 3rd VP Report
 - Curriculum – Representative Holly Kennedy
 - There wasn’t much about elementary, there are more changes in high school.
 - Food Service - Presentative Loretta Rolon
 - Had the first meeting today, there will be a quality control coming up soon. Any allergy accommodations needed for a child should be brought to the school nurse.
 - Health/Safety Awareness – No meeting, nothing reported
 - SEPTA – Representative Heather Burns
 - Went over a brief description of what Septa is. Is a district wide PTA, you do not need a special needs child to be a member. As of last meeting had 229 members, provided a QR for people to become a member. October 20th, there is a SEPTA family fun night. They are also selling Halloween Boo bags.
 - Transportation – Representative Gabriella Fonseca
 - There have been some issues with late busses, they are working through it. Mostly due to staff shortages. 1,698 citations were issued to people not stopping at flashing lights for the bus which totaled \$420,000.
 - Reflections – Representative Wendy Herman
 - Reflection information has been sent out via Facebook. Went over what the contest is and how to participate. November 20th is the deadline for submission.
 - Fall Festival (Trunk or Treat) – Chairperson Kim Panek
 - 21 cars signed up to decorate cars so far, looking for a total of 30-40 cars. The PTA is handing out nonfood items, those who have a decorated trunk.
- 4th VP Report
 - Mrs. Grand
 - LEAD and spirit week is next week, each day there will be a different topic. There are different activities for kids to do.
- Corresponding Secretary Report - Jane Yun
 - No Report
- Delegate Report
 - Delegate Wendy Herman
 - There was an audit of the finances performed, everything was in good order. It was board recognition night. Northside Elementary has a program of inclusivity. There is an initiative for some improvements of district property.
 - Delegate – Gabriella Fonseca

- Mentioned that there is going to be a change of Highschool graduation requirements to align with the State of New York.
- Special Committees – Nothing Reported
- Standing Committees – Nothing Reported
- Cultural Arts – Representative Holly Kennedy
 - Done booking, nothing starts until end of January.
- Membership
 - Amy Hoffmann said 219 members registered. Plans on getting permission from the school to send a flying out on parent square.
- Rebecca McCrea spun a wheel for staff and general members to win a prize.
- Nominating
 - Rebecca McCrea discussed what the nominating committee is. Three board members and two general members are needed. Board members who volunteered were Lillie Conroy, Anne Schubeck, Michele Sewitch, Jennifer Bailey and Holly Kennedy.
- Audit – No Report
- Principals Report
 - Had a nice turn out with back to school night, reached out for feedback. The BBQ was rescheduled to be combined with Trunk or Treat. Math night is organized in memory of a staff member. LEAD week is coming up, the book fair is coming up as well as an event called book ninja. Discussed parent square, requested feedback.
 - Mrs. Ferrari
 - Mrs. Ferrari thanked all those who are volunteered to be part of the Buddy Program. Needs three more buddy family volunteers, in need of Chinese speaking volunteer.
- Unfinished Business
 - Circled back to general members for nominating, got two volunteers. Heather Burns and Reina Brown.
- New Business
 - There was a date change for the next PTA meeting. It will be Monday November 13th.
 - Didi Vega talked about a PTA suggestion form that will be posted online.
 - Gabriella Fonseca mentioned that the her children are really enjoying the new arts and crafts club and the book club. Dr. Maurer said there was a high level of interest in the clubs, the number of sessions had to be decreased.

Adjournment – Time: 8:07pm

Notes Written by: Carla Chintapalli