

ABBAY LANE PTA MEETING 11/22/22

Call to Order: Susanne Gallina calls the meeting to order at 7:02pm. She comments on how excited she is to see all the activities back in the building, grateful for all the volunteers old and new ones. Thank you to everyone!!

Approval of Minutes: Janette Ruddy asks if everyone has had a chance to look over the minutes from the last meeting. She asks for a motion to approve the minutes? Jenn Lohmann and Amy Hoffmann approve, the minutes will be filed as written.

Treasurer's Report: Amy reports we had an opening balance of \$35,638.73 with an income of \$327.03. We had expenses of \$13,781.27 leaving a closing balance of \$22,184.99. The money market opened with \$5,170.22 income of 0.44 leaving a balance of \$ 5,170.66. Holly reported that the Magic School Bus check will be canceled.

1st VP: Erica Kerr

Apparel: Sale is always ongoing, forms can be sent in to PTA mailbox, or email to abbeyapparelpta@gmail.com.

Specialty Apparel: The sale ended on 11/18/22 please give it a few weeks for delivery. The new item added was glitter.

Gift Wrap: We had a great sale overall, we did \$3600 in sales overall

Picture Retake: Retakes will be 11/29 and only for students who wish to have pictures redone, new students and students who were absent on the day original pictures were taken.

Book Fair: Book fair was a huge success, we had \$2800 in profit. The kids had a great time during their shopping time and the family sale went off without a hitch.

20th Annual Fundraiser: Class letters should have gone out to all classes regarding class baskets. Soliciting will begin in January. This is our biggest event, we will need all hands on deck.

Cards for a Cause: Should be up and running this week, unfortunately there are no holiday cards in the box

Pie Sale: Pick up will be 11/23/22 from 3:30-5 at 5th grade doors and will be organized by name.

Secret Store: Secret Store will be 12/15 and 12/16, we will need volunteers. Set up will be 12/14. The sale will be all day 12/15 and 12/16 and the evening of 12/16 coinciding with the Deck the Halls.

2nd VP: Laura Hickey

If any 5th grader was absent for picture day please try to make it for retake day. If you can't please email the 5th grade email and let us know.

Flyers will be going home soon regarding any and all fundraisers regarding 5th grade

3rd VP: Jeanine Quigley

Food Service: Our 1st meeting was last week. I went into Abbey today and all was running smoothly. Nice to see all running as close to pre-covid as can be. Numbers are due to no more free lunch. Kids are enjoying lunch.

Elementary/Secondary Curriculum: Holly attended a meeting they had a presentation from parent square about the new app that we will get our communication going forward. The goal is to transition in September. The 5th grade will be getting a trip this year to Club getaway in Kent, CT

Health/Safety: No Meeting

Septa: No Meeting, the next meeting is 12/5/22 they will have a speaker on Dyslexia. They have a popcorn fundraiser ongoing.

Transportation: No Meeting

Corresponding Secretary: No Meeting

Delegates Report: Sam Stanley attended council meeting, Honorary Life applications are due, event will be 4/26/23 at the Coral House. Parent University is 1/20/23 and will be virtual again. Parent/Teacher was a great success, it was nice to be able to have it back in the building. Stop arm cameras went live 11/7 and are in test mode until 12/7. First ticket is \$25 going up to \$350, with possible points

Cultural Arts: Holly reports that Journey into the American Indian program is coming for the 4th graders in december. We had to cancel the Magic School Bus due to scheduling conflicts. We are working on getting author Darren Sardelli.

Membership: we currently have 187 members

Honorary Life: All nominations have been submitted, we had several. We will be asking for volunteers after the holiday to help pick a winner

Reflections: The deadline for reflections is 11/30/22, we will also be needing volunteers for this.

Nominating: no need for a vote, we had 2 volunteers from general Michele Sewitch and Katie Brunnhoelzl. We will need 3 exec board members to fill out the committee.

Principal's Report:

Dr. Mauerer gives a big thank you to all who helped out for the Fall Festival and the Book fair, everyone had a great time. It was very nice to see new faces volunteering to "help" pass the torch. It has been great to see everyone back in the building, it is almost as if we are "back to normal". We had a parent/teacher conference and we were able to offer flexibility to the parents who were not able to make it into the building. We are going to start to promote lending library once again. We have student council elections coming up. We do have a 5th grade trip in May to Club Getaway in CT, a flier was sent home yesterday. It is important for people to know that we communicate through ConnectEd, if you are not signed up you may miss important messages. We did ask you to fill out a google form to confirm your interest in the class trip. The climate survey has been sent out, if you do not wish for your child to fill it out please let us know. Thank you to Holly Kennedy for all you are doing for the Cultural Arts Programs. We are happy to be back to doing Deck the Halls, while we did love Night of lights, it was a huge undertaking. It was often very cold, and very time consuming. The profits are going to the Linas Project. I would again like to thank the PTA for all they do.

Old Business: NO

New Business: Eva Campoli asked Deck the Halls, and Light Show is it the same as last year? I couldn't hear the whole question as sound was poor

Adjourned: meeting adjourned 7:43pm

Notes written by Janette Ruddy

