

### **Abbey Lane PTA Meeting 1/23/2023**

**Call to Order:** Susanne Gallina calls the meeting to order @ 7:02pm. She welcomes everyone to the meeting.

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

Before we move on to Amy Susanne quickly mentions the annual fundraiser, and we are looking for volunteers to help.

**Treasurer's Report:** Amy Hoffman gives her November report we had an opening balance of \$22,184.49 with an income of \$13,486.04 and expenses of \$6,438.23 leaving a balance of \$29,232.30. Money market was \$5,170.66 with interest of 0.42 leaving \$5,178.08. We had checks in the amount of \$4,385.44 leaving the account at \$33,617.74.

December we had an opening balance of \$33,617.74 with an income of \$14,932.40 and a check for \$13.10 expenses of \$5,851.70 leaving a balance of \$38,313 money market was \$5,171.08 interest of 0.44 leaving a balance of \$5,171.52. We had 2 checks come back leaving a balance of \$39,127.10

#### **1st VP: Erica Kerr**

**Apparel:** sales are always ongoing, you can send in your orders to the PTA mailbox or email your order to [abbeyapparelpta@gmail.com](mailto:abbeyapparelpta@gmail.com)

**Specialty Apparel:** we will be having one more specialty apparel sale through LI Athletics this spring. The sale will be starting in Feb. They are still having a hard time with turnaround. They will offer new items, and will have glitter items as well. We will also have a tie-dye apparel sale in June for the first day of school shirts.

**20th Annual Fundraiser:** Our fundraiser is on 3/24/23, we will need all hands on deck and still need volunteers. We need help with soliciting, basket wrapping, moving baskets the day of the event to Verdi's and decorating for the event. If interested please put your name in the chat or reach out. The theme is roaring 20's you are encouraged to wear a costume but it is not necessary.

**Cards for a cause:** This is such a great fundraiser, and is up and running. They are about \$1 a card. They have all occasions, and they come individually wrapped. We will have some sample boxes at the special dance coming up.

**Pie Sale:** We had our Thanksgiving Pie sale and it went off without a hitch.

**Secret Store:** All students came in and shopped at the secret store and they loved it. Was our biggest sale yet.

**Hershey Park:** Our sale is up and running, an email went out and a post is on our FB page. The tickets are good through 1/1/24. Tickets are usually \$84 and we have them for \$48.

**Valentine's Bake Sale:** Katie is our chair, and she will have pre-packaged baked goods at the sale. We will also be sending out an email asking parents to donate. She is also asking entemanns to donate some allergy friendly treats.

## **2nd VP: Laura Hickey**

5th Grade update: we are still missing some submissions for the 5th grade packets. You will be getting contacted from our 5th grade parent liaisons if you are missing anything. You still have time to submit your packet.

Your child should have received a google form for their 5th grade t-shirt. Please make sure to fill that out.

The Adventureland fundraiser tickets have been extended to 3/24/23.

We will be having a fundraiser at Govenors on 2/9/23, and the 5th grade group pictures will be held on 3/30/23.

**\*\* any fundraiser you see for 5th grade is not a PTA sponsored event, that is a grade specific fundraiser\*\***

## **3rd VP: Jeanine Quigley**

Someone Special Dance will be held on 2/10/23, be on the lookout for more information on that event.

**Elementary/Secondary Curriculum:** Holly Kennedy is our rep, and states that there was no December meeting. She had just attended the January meeting, and they had discussed the 5th grade trip. They are all set for May to go to Club Getaway. They are doing away with the 4th grade reading book and piloting a new program with the "ocean of possibilities" being the tag line. Summer Camp options are all going out once this year. Scope programs will be run in one week programs and they will not be subsidized making the cost go up. 5th grade assessments will be computerized.

**Food Service:** Jeanine Quigley had just visited Abbey on French Toast day. She said that all the kids loved it. This is the first time in 2 years that the cafeteria has been fully stocked. Yogurt Parfaits are also back in stock, if the kids don't see them they can ask. They are going to be in the fridge. In February they are introducing a new lunch item "bird dog", a chicken tender with bbq on a hot dog bun. They are also piloting a Meet the Moodys program. It is a mood based program with food. It will start on 2/6 and I'm not sure if it will be in Abbey.

**Health/Safety Report:** No Report

**Septa:** Holly Kennedy attended the 12/5/22 meeting and they had a guest speaker from Literacy Nassau. They spoke about Dyslexia and what they can offer. They tutor and for a very low rate.

**Transportation:** Katie attended the meeting and they spoke about the stop arm cameras being up and running. They had a trial period from 11/10/22-12/23/22. There were 226 violations. Wantagh Ave had 93, Division Ave had 42 Jerusalem Ave N of Hempstead 19, Gardiners Ave 16, and Jerusalem Ave s of Hempstead 14. They are currently training 5 new bus drivers to help with our shortage.

**Corresponding Secretary:** We are having a valentine's day sale through Entemann's. They have 5 different options and you can order through google form. Pick up will be at our Someone Special Dance.

**Delegate Report:** No Report

**Cultural Arts:** In early December we had Journey into Native American visit our 4th graders. We also had Darren Sardelli come into the school and visit the whole school. Mad Science will be coming in to visit our 3rd graders.

**Membership:** Holly said we have added 2 new members. 150 general and 39 Staff. 189 total  
**Honorary Life:** Rebecca tells us that Mrs. DiPretoro has won Honorary Life this year, and we are all very happy for her. The dinner will be 4/26/23

**Reflections:** Rebecca has said that our 2 winners have been chosen and they will be announced at our March meeting.

**Nominating Committee:** Janette Ruddy reports that the committee will be sending out the nominating letters in early February.

**Principals Report:** Dr. Maurer welcomes everyone back and Happy New Year! Gives a big thank you to the PTA for all their efforts with the fundraising and events throughout the year. He gives the 3D printing club as an example, it has been so popular that there are several sessions. He would like to have Mrs. Felhner, Miss Sorice and several students come in and show off some of their work. The student council is now in place and is fast at work with their first initiative. They are collecting gently used coats, etc to be given St. Bernards. It has been great to have the cultural arts programs back in the building again, a big thank you to Mrs. Kennedy for all your hard work. We had record breaking sales at our secret store this year, as we had it as the ending to our tour at Deck the Halls. The teachers and staff worked really hard to make it such a special night. Kindergarten registration starts 1/24 and goes through 1/27. Terrific Kids is 1/24 for our 4th and 5th graders. We will have a parp night 2/2/23, and during this great event that we have we have community readers that come into the building. We usually have some of our retired teachers come back to read to our students. Our winter concert is 1/26/23, and we will be having our in school concerts as well. It is still not too late to join our chorus, band orchestra. We will be sending home info about the 5th grade trip on wednesday. I would love to bring in "Girls on the Run" to meet with the PTA. It is a great organization that supports positive learning in grades 3-5.

**Old Business:** NO

**New Business:** NO

**Adjourned:** Susanne adjourns meeting at 7:48pm

Notes written by: Janette Ruddy