

## **Abbey Lane PTA Meeting 4/18/2023**

**Call to Order:** Susanne Gallina welcomes everyone and calls the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Amy reports that March had an opening balance of \$26,407.56 with an income of \$19,735.99 with expenses of \$14,179.73 leaving a balance of \$31,963.82. The Money market had an opening balance of \$5,172.36 with interest of 0.44 and ending balance of \$5,172.80.

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

Book Fair: Our book fair will have a BOGO, held on 5/4 and 5/5, Set up is 5/3. If you would like to be a volunteer please let Didi Vega or Erica know.

Spring Pictures: They were a big success, we had more people than before come down. Group pictures were taken.

Mother's Day: We will be having a sale on 5/11 and 5/12, set up on 5/10. Anne Schubek is chairing, if you would like to help out please reach out.

Vincenzo's: We had our first fundraiser with them on 4/14/23 and raised \$275, another successful event. The owners are Abbey alumni and are always great when we can help.

Spring Apparel: Our Spring sale ended the wed before break, we will have one more sale opening before end of year for anyone who would like to order the shirts for the first day of school. They are the ones that replaced the tie-dye shirts and offer the grade you are in on the front.

Apparel: As always our regular apparel sale is always ongoing. You can email [abbeyapparelpta@gmail.com](mailto:abbeyapparelpta@gmail.com) your order

Hershey Park: The tickets have come in and have been distributed

20th Annual Fundraiser: We had a wonderful night and raised around \$10,000 for our cultural arts program. That money will go towards events for our children next year!! It was an all hands on deck night and was a huge success. Thank you to everyone, especially Jane Yun who made a fantastic video and shared it on our page.

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

Cultural Arts: Holly Kennedy mentioned that on 3/29 we had the Seashore Safari in and was a huge success. The ABA students had music and 3D Rhymer on 3/31 and had a great time. On May 8th and 9th we have a dinosaur program coming for our 2nd graders, then the following week we have the circus coming to do a gym program for the school. That will be it for the year for Cultural Arts.

5th Grade: We will be having a flier coming out by the end of week in regards to lawn signs, as well as sign ups for volunteers for 5th grade picnic and social. If you would like to still volunteer you can.

If you still haven't picked up your voucher for Adventureland you can reach out to Michele Sewitch.

Staff Appreciation: We will be having on 5/10/23 and we are still accepting donations

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

Elementary/Secondary: Holly went to meeting on 3/22 Dr. Z gave a review of her budget and that can be found on our district website. Some points were the re-opening of the outdoor learning center, the redesign of the summer reading program, the 5th grade trip and the new parent square program that will be starting this summer.

Food Service: No Report, the next meeting is 4/19/23. My last visit here as always went well, kids were happy

Health/Safety: No Report

Membership: We have had 1 new member since our last meeting. We have a total of 230 members: 70 staff, 120 standard, 13 students and 18 family members.

Septa: Our meeting was 4/3/23 Dr Farber highlighted Autism awareness week and month. Abbey is holding their sale this week during lunch periods. We will be celebrating next week. Our Septa budget increased and will be adding much needed programs. Miss Chocolate sale was a huge success, we presented our proposed slate for next year. Next meeting is 5/15

Transportation: The only thing to report is that there is still a dire need for drivers, 4-5 drivers expected to retire this summer.

Corresponding Secretary: No Report

Delegate Report: No Report

Reflections: The winners of reflections will be honored at our May meeting

Nominations: The proposed slate has been voted in for the 2023/2024 school year and the positions have been closed.

### **Principals Report:**

Mrs. Ferrari goes over that state testing is to begin on 4/19 and 4/20. Ela is first and then math on 5/2/23. The tests are untimed and usually do not take more than 1 and ½ hours. This year there will not be science, however science will take place next year. Our 5th graders will be taking them as a computer based test, and should be used to that as their benchmark test has been computer based since 3rd grade. We have had drop in op-outs since last year. We are happy to see that. Make-ups will be available most likely through the end of next week, and specials have been moved to accommodate the testing.

Old business: NO

New business: NO

Adjourned: Susanne adjourns meeting at 7:35pm

Notes written by Janette Ruddy

