



**South Abington Elementary PTA Meeting Minutes  
Feb. 8, 2018**

The Feb. 8, 2018 meeting of the South Abington Elementary PTA was called to order by President Tori Yankow in the South Abington Elementary School gymnasium. President-Elect Gretchen Henderson recorded the proceedings. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Board Reports**

President

Tori reported that juice bars and ice cream will be the snack for the Valentine's Party, based on a teacher vote.

Tori asked for volunteers for the nominating committee to contact people about open board positions for next year. Colleen Siegler, Kim O'Donnell, and Kathy Snyder volunteered.

Tori said Dawn DeRiso contacted her about senior French students who would like to teach French to South Abington Elementary students after school Tuesdays and Thursdays as their senior project. The students still need to find an advisor and organize the project. Dr. Thomas has a flyer to send home when it is time to start, but if it is not organized soon it may not happen.

Kindergarten registration will be Wednesday, March 7, from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm. There will be no school for kindergarteners that day. Volunteers are needed.

President-Elect

Gretchen Henderson reported that the PTA will provide t-shirts for the Science Fair which will be held Thursday, April 26, in the evening, and Friday, April 27, during the day.

Treasurer

Lisa Moher gave the Treasurer's report. Grace Farrell made a motion to accept it, Colleen Siegler seconded it, and the motion was passed with a vote by the membership.

Fundraising

Jessica Bowers announced that the Gertrude Hawk fundraiser went out and orders are due Feb. 26.

Membership and Programs

Natalie Adamsky reported that the "Once Upon a Time," assembly will be March 2, and the deadline to send in Box Tops is March 1.

**Teacher Report**

Mrs. Orr thanked the PTA for the teacher grants.

Mrs. Fried requested a \$100 increase in the Science Fair budget. Colleen Siegler made a motion to raise the budget \$100, Mrs. Orr seconded it, and the motion was passed with a vote by the membership.

### **Principal Report**

Dr. Thomas announced that the fourth grade chorus has been invited to join the high school for their spring concert. Rehearsals will be after school. Info will go home soon.

Dr. Thomas will be meeting with Dr. Mahon and Mr. Wyandt to help with the transition as Dr. Thomas prepares to go on maternity leave?

Dr. Thomas asked that ice cream volunteers please replenish flavors as they go.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Have a Heart Dance**

Christine Pagnani announced that donations are coming in for the Have a Heart dance on Friday, Feb. 9, but she could use more snacks.

#### **Read Across America**

Katharine Schkloven reported that she met with Ms. Lavelle about Read Across America Week, Feb. 29 to March 2. There will be an author/illustrator night on Tuesday, March 27, at 6:30 pm. The author is a professor at the University of Scranton and the illustrator is from Spirited Art. Katharine said she is all set with volunteers. There will also be a book swap, dress-up days, and the assembly on Friday.

#### **Ladies Tea**

Lisa Moher announced that the Ladies Tea has \$2,100 in sponsorships, 50 donations secured, and 200 donations solicited. The committee is using sponsorship money to purchase grade level prizes. Those prizes will be shared at the next meeting. There will also be an Absent Tea for those who can't attend but want a chance to win raffle prizes.

#### **4<sup>th</sup> Grade Committee**

Grace Farrell said the committee has decided not to do the lottery this year so parents won't be hit with another fundraiser. There will be an apparel sale in the spring.

#### **New Business/Questions**

Candace McColligan is looking to start a Let Me Run program in the fall, a program similar to Girls on the Run but for boys. She is looking for coaches two days a week after school and would like to get some male influences.

Tori said that we are all set with volunteers for this year for ice cream duty. Ice cream volunteers must be PTA members. Susan Stopper is the contact person.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Submitted by Susan Stopper, Secretary

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