



## **South Abington Elementary PTA Meeting Minutes March 8, 2018**

The March 8, 2018 meeting of the South Abington Elementary PTA was called to order by President Tori Yankow in the South Abington Elementary School gymnasium. Secretary Susan Stopper recorded the proceedings. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Board Reports**

#### **President**

Tori announced that the student aid fund at the high school is selecting a former South Abington Elementary student currently at the high school to receive a scholarship and has requested \$1,000 for the scholarship from our PTA. Colleen Siegler made a motion to approve the money, Beth Pucilowski seconded it, and the motion was approved with a vote by the membership.

Tori reported that she is working with Mrs. Gaidula and the school to get the buddy bench and have it installed when the weather gets nicer.

Tori announced that Dr. Thomas had her baby and will be out for the remainder of the school year. Dr. Mahon will be filling in. A \$50 gift card has been purchased from the PTA for Dr. Thomas. The money used came out of the staff retirement and gift line item in the budget.

#### **Treasurer**

Lisa Moher gave the Treasurer's report. The starting balance on Feb. 8, 2018 was \$23,276.46, and the ending balance on March 8, 2018 was \$22,419.46. Expenses included the movie license renewal, teacher grants, and classroom raffle prizes for the Ladies Tea. The Tea committee decided to use Tea sponsorship money to purchase the classroom raffle prizes this year rather than ask parents to donate again. Lisa noted that there is an Amazon reversal due to an accidental purchase of a refurbished raffle prize. The bulk of the deposits this month were Ladies Tea sponsorships. Kathy Snyder made a motion to approve the budget, Lisa Edwards seconded it, and the report was passed with a vote by the membership.

In the absence of the VP of Fundraising, Lisa announced that Gertrude Hawk netted over \$4,000. Exact numbers should be available next week.

Lisa reminded teachers that requests for teacher grants need to be received by June 1 because the PTA books must close on June 1 and be audited by June 30. Beth Pucilowski, Kathy Snyder, and Colleen Siegler volunteered to audit the books this year.

#### **Membership and Programs**

Natalie Adamsky announced that the "Once Upon a Time" assembly was postponed due to the snow day. The company has April 13 and April 30 open to reschedule, but it would be different

shows. April 13 is Velveteen Rabbit and April 30 is Sports Heroes. Natalie is waiting to hear back from Dr. Mahon about the best date.

Natalie reported that the latest Box Tops submission made \$429.70, bringing the total for the year to \$922.10.

### **Teacher Report**

Mrs. Piwowarczyk thanked the PTA for the teacher grants. She also announced that the teachers are putting together a raffle donation for the Ladies Tea, and six teachers have signed up to come.

### **Committee Reports**

Tori reminded everyone that committee volunteers must be PTA members.

#### **Read Across America**

Tori gave Katharine Schkloven's report in her absence. Tori reported that the dress-up and other theme days went well as well as the author/illustrator night. The book swap was postponed till tomorrow because of the snow day. We are supplementing what kids sent in with some new books so some kids will receive new books and some will receive used books. We are still short on chapter books so if anyone can send some in tomorrow, it would be appreciated.

#### **Science Fair**

The Science Fair will be April 26, and the kids will be receiving t-shirts.

#### **Ladies Tea**

Lisa Moher announced that the Ladies Tea has \$2,100 in sponsorships and 92 donations so far. Donations are a little lighter than last year, but there is still time. Tickets go on sale Monday on EventBrite.

#### **Field Day**

Aimee McGuinness, Megan Dickinson, and Megan Grad will be chairing Field Day. They are working to set the date.

#### **Art Show**

Tori has a call in to Mrs. DelRosso to get the date and see what she needs from the PTA.

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

Beth Pucilowski said there will be a spring apparel sale. Fun Day was June 7 or 8, but will now be June 14 or 15 from 9:30 am till 1:30 pm. Letters will be sent out to parents to let them know they need to be PTA members and have their clearances to attend Fun Day. A date for Celebration Night has not been set yet.

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

Tori announced that the addition of the third Vice President (President-Elect) and some changes from National PTA need to be added to our bylaws. Aimee McGuinness made a motion to make

the changes to the bylaws, Colleen Siegler seconded them, and the motion passed with a vote by the membership.

Kathy Snyder gave an update on the nominating committee. She said the committee sent a mass e-mail to PTA members asking for nominations and received no response. After speaking further with people, Bridget Hoffman said she would do any position and Nora Phillips and Colleen Siegler are interested in Secretary. Kathy Snyder said she would be interested in Treasurer the following year. Nominations are still open.

Tori and Gretchen met with Dr. Thomas about homeroom parents. They expressed that classes at other schools all have their parties at the same time to make it consistent. Tori and Gretchen thought it would be helpful to have a handbook for homeroom parents, and teachers would be involved in what went into the handbook.

There were no further questions or business. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Submitted by Susan Stopper, Secretary

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