



South Abington Elementary PTA Meeting Minutes
Oct. 12, 2017

The Oct. 12, 2017 meeting of the South Abington Elementary PTA was called to order at 6:35 pm 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 the three board vacancies for next year – President-Elect, Vice President of Membership and Programs, and Secretary – and encouraged anyone interested to contact the board.

The Halloween parade and party will be on Tuesday, Oct. 31. The PTA will provide free ice cream at lunch for all students.

The PTA is looking to do more community service projects with the students and will be making cards for and possibly visiting Willowbrook Assisted Living Center and Abington Manor.

There was a technical glitch with Remind so a new one has been created. To sign up, text @sabpt to 81010.

Tori announced that the PTA received thank-you cards from the teachers for the first day of school festivities and from Mrs. Burdett for the money that enabled her to buy instruments for music classes.

The membership packet did not have 4th grade committee listed so Tori will send something out to fourth grade parents for them to sign up.

Conference meals in November needs a chairperson. A sign-up sheet was passed around.

President-Elect

Gretchen Henderson gave a report on the Fall Frolic, which went well. A chairperson or co-chairs are needed for next year's frolic which will be in September. She thanked everyone for participating.

Based on parent feedback, an Event Planning Guide and Event Evaluation Form have been created to help committee chairs know what to do when. Katharine Schkloven suggested also having evaluation forms at events for attendees to fill out and send back with their students or post Survey Monkey surveys to Facebook or email them.

Treasurer

Lisa Moher presented the Treasurer's Report. The starting balance on Sept. 2, 2017 was \$18,373.23, and the ending balance on Oct. 12, 2017 was \$19,080.42. Lisa highlighted the larger expenses, which were the first grade field trip to Roba's and payment for the upcoming planetarium program. The larger deposits included membership dues and the 4th grade apparel sale at the Fall Frolic. Lisa also reviewed adjustments, which included new checks, a paper statement fee error, and checks that had to be reissued to Mobile Ed for the planetarium program and Mrs. Fried's lost checks. Mobile Ed wrote on their check so PNC would not honor it, making it necessary to issue a new one. Katharine Schkloven made a motion to accept the report, Amy Begley seconded it, and the motion was passed with a vote by the membership.

Lisa announced that the PTA now has a bank card so committee chairs can contact Lisa if they need money upfront. Lisa requested that members remember to fill out the check receipt form with their receipts and return them to Lisa within 30 days of a purchase. Deposit forms should be filled out and given to Lisa as soon as possible. A new cash request form also needs to be filled out before an event requiring change. Forms can be printed from the website or contact Lisa.

Lisa explained that the board is looking into other bank options because PNC is charging a lot of fees and there have been a number of issues lately.

Lisa requested that teachers please submit a check request form with their receipts for their grant money.

Lisa announced that only \$100 was budgeted for babysitting last year which does not cover paying \$20 for each of the eight meetings. There was a discussion that we had only paid \$20 per babysitter for the entire year in past years. Amy Begley said her daughter might be able to babysit for confirmation hours and other members were going to looking into potential babysitters who need confirmation hours to keep the cost down. Katharine Schkloven mentioned that we had talked about providing babysitting during conferences.

Fundraising

Jessica Bowers reported that she received art from about half of the students for Art to Remember. Many pieces were submitted late and sent out after the deadline. One teacher submitted all of hers after the late send. It is too late to get personalized proofs for those, but they can still order. They just won't have a personalized proof. Many pieces had no names and will be posted on Facebook in the hopes that parents can identify them. Mrs. Savaro suggested having an envelope next year for students to submit their artwork in and fill out the envelope with their information if Art to Remember isn't completed in art class again.

Membership and Programs

Natalie Adamsky reported that we have 85 parent members and twelve teacher members so far this year. She is organizing a raffle to draw members. All current members and anyone who joins through the Halloween Spooktacular will be entered in a raffle to win a \$50 Harvest gift card. It was suggested that we have a membership table at every event.

Principal Report

Dr. Thomas was not in attendance due to a school board meeting.

Teacher Report

Mrs. Savaro thanked everyone for the back-to-school display and supplies. She said Mrs. Ryon also asked her to thank everyone for everything they've done and she is sad to go. Her last day is Tuesday, Oct. 17.

Committee Reports

Halloween Spooktacular

Tori reported that the Halloween Spooktacular will be Friday, Oct. 20. Flyers are going home tomorrow. The committee is looking for people to decorate 4x6 stations in the gym and for people to donate candy. There will be prizes for the best station and costumes.

Reflections

Katharine Schkloven reminded everyone that the deadline for Reflections is Tuesday, Oct. 31. Information went home to all new students. She will bring in a box for submissions. Tori said students can also submit theme ideas for next year right now.

Scholastic Book Fair

Natalie Adamsky reminded everyone that the Scholastic Book Fair will be Nov. 1 and 2 in the evenings only.

There was a discussion about the cancellation of all daytime events that involve students bringing money into school. Amy Begley suggested a petition to bring back the Holiday Store, and Tori suggested that if people feel strongly about it, to attend a school board meeting and speak up. There was also discussion about holding the Holiday Store in the evening and whether that was feasible.

Ladies Tea

Tori announced that the Ladies Tea will be held on April 15, 2018. Lisa and Tori are looking to set up subcommittees for next year.

Box Tops

Natalie said the first batch of Box Tops is due Nov. 1. She will have an update on numbers at the next meeting.

4th Grade Committee

Beth Pucilowski sent around a sign-up sheet for the committee. Thirty-nine out of the 100 shirts ordered for the Fall Frolic sold. The online store is almost ready.

New Business

Lisa asked Mrs. Savaro how best to get teachers to distribute flyers in a timely fashion. Mrs. Savaro said some teachers do not have an opportunity to check their mailboxes in the afternoon so plan accordingly.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Submitted by Susan Stopper, Secretary

Approved by
