

Meeting started at 7:07

Meeting adjourned at 7:53

Deb Scanlan, PTA president welcomed everyone and gave a brief history of her time at AAE. She spoke about getting involved in our PTA and the spirit of Albany Ave PTA. She discussed the many committees and asked if anyone is interested to sign up after the meeting. She went over the cost of the PTA and the membership bundle that we are offering this year.

Albany Ave brings in assemblies and the money we (the PTA) raise goes towards it. We have PTA meetings 1st Tuesday of every month and Mr. Valentine and Mrs. LoRusso speak along with guest speakers. We also cover meetings over Facebook live.

Deb discussed the meetings that the executive committee and executive board had before school started in order to prepare for the year. Our current VP of arts and Ed stepped down and Joy Kropp has stepped in to assume the role and she was voted in by the executive committee.

Melissa Smith, 1st VP spoke about activities that occurred the first week of school including teacher breakfast, the welcome back sign, smooth start, and boo hoo breakfast. Class of 2032 t-shirts were handed out and if anyone did not receive they will be sent to the child's classroom.

Deb asked for minutes to be approved from the May meeting. Motion was made by Melissa Smith and approved by Carmella Vetere. Audit committee met in July to audit the books from 2/1 thru 6/30. Our ending balanced of \$23,906.58 matched at the end of the school year. Carmella our treasurer went over the budget for the new school year. We opened our books with \$23,906.58. She went over the new budget for the 19-20 school year which the budget committee decided would be \$40,200.00 and we will be spending it based on the budget.

Carmella asked for a motion to accept school budget for 19/20 year and Sharon Zimmerman accepted and Enza Ippoliti 2nd the motion.

Deb asked for approval to give a vote of confidence to the PTA to spend \$100 or less without approval. Melissa Goldman gave approval and Melissa Ench 2nd the motion.

Treasury report- Carmella went over the books which are attached.

Deb introduced Michael Goldberg, Arlene Soete, Suzanne D'Amico from the Board of Ed trustees. Arlene mentioned the Board of Ed meeting 1st Wednesday of each month at Howitt and to come down and speak up and see what is going on in the district.

Deb discussed the SEPTA report from Kate Kelly. SEPTA meets once a month and they offer support to students/families who need assistance with services inside and out of education. Next meeting is 9/26. Meeting is held at Northside elementary cafeteria. Their email is: Farmingdalesepta@gmail.com

Deb introduced the Executive board and the executive committee chairs. Each committee chair spoke briefly on behalf of their committees.

Deb discussed our new fundraiser which is the holiday pic fundraiser. It'll be on October 5th and you can book it online.

Carmella spoke about the Reflections program and what the theme is this year which is "Look within" Carmella asked for helpers to help with this committee.

Laurie Demarco, chairperson for picture day went over the picture day schedule. She mentioned that all ordering will be online.

Melissa Ritsch, chairperson for school store mentioned store opening up in 2 weeks. Student council will help towards the end of the year.

Deb introduced our newest committee, STEAM who will be chaired by John Gibilaro. 9/18 is the next committee meeting. John mentioned that we applied for 2 grants and that we are looking for some help. Some teachers will be helping out like Mr. Schwab,

Deb talked about our World's finest chocolate bars being our biggest fundraiser. Also mentioned what the 5th grade committee will be selling this year. Their meeting is 9/12 at 7pm to discuss all of the 5th grade happenings this year.

Mr. Valentine spoke and thanked the PTA, teachers, and parents for the smooth start at the beginning the school year. He said we are best school in the area and we all work together to get the most for our students. Everyone is so supportive in our school.

Mr. Valentine mentioned a moment of silence for 9/11 tomorrow which we always honor. Mr. Demasi will be playing Taps in honor of it. We are asking to children to wear red, white, and blue.

He introduced Mrs. LoRusso who is in charge of safety and she spoke about what has been done so far. We started safety drills today. She also went over bus assignments and that they will be done soon. It takes 2-3 weeks to roll out all of the assignments.

Mr. Valentine asked that everyone be patient as the buses are learning their routes. He went over the new security measures. The district has installed a man trap which is a 2 buzzer system in every school. You will only get buzzed in once to drop off stuff. If you have a meeting you will get buzzed in a second time. He mentioned that Mrs. LoRusso is doing age appropriate drills with the children. We will have 2 security officers on staff this year.

Deb talked about National childhood cancer awareness month and AAE is participating by asking our kids wearing gold and coloring golf hearts

Deb discussed Shopping rewards and how Box Tops is going digital and to download the app. She also mentioned Amazon smile, Stop and Shop rewards and paperwork will be going home. She also mentioned Night for families, disconnect to reconnect. This is a district wide event. Our next meeting will be at AAE at 7:00pm on October 15th.

Mr. Valentine concluded the meeting discussing all of the great fundraisers AAE gets involved in throughout the year like, Pink Out, St. Baldrick's, Go Gold and that we have been very successful in raising a lot of money. He thanked everyone for attending.