



Geneva ABC Minutes

When: February 20, 2020 meeting, 6:30 PM

Where: GMS Library

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 PM by April Tetlow, President. In attendance were April Tetlow, Jeff Griffiths, John Metzler, Amber Metzler, Rachel Henning-Cash, Phil Schmidt, and Andy Tetlow:

Minutes:

A motion was made by John Metzler to approve the minutes from the January 22, 2020 Geneva ABC meeting. Jeff Griffiths seconded. All approved.

Correspondence:

There was no correspondence to report.

Treasurer's Report:

Jeff Griffiths gave the financial report for January. Donation checks from Dr. Drought (\$250) and Mane Streeks (\$100) were given to Jeff for deposit. Jeff reported that the Giant Eagle fundraiser raised \$1,021.36. Andy made a motion to approve the financial report for January, John seconded. All approved.

Fundraising:

The Giant Eagle fundraiser was discussed and it was decided to hold the fundraiser once a year on Super Bowl Sunday as the foot traffic at Giant Eagle that day is very high and by only holding it once a year, we reduce the risk of donor fatigue.

The Giving Bean fundraiser was discussed next. Andy expressed his concerns with the order forms not having Geneva ABC specific information on the forms. He also expressed concern with Giving Bean being a small company and whether that would be a problem. Rachel Henning-Cash indicated that it was not unusual for the order form to not have specific information on it and that many of the fundraiser companies are small. It was also discussed the possibility of being charged a fee for the order forms if we did not get enough orders. It was decided that the money raised would be worth the cost. It was decided to move forward with the fundraiser.

Adult Spelling Bee

The Adult Spelling Bee was discussed. The Bee is Saturday, April 4, 2020 at 7:00 PM in the GHS auditorium. A conversation was held on whether to allow GMS honor roll students free admission to the Bee. After discussing the pros/cons it was decided to allow them free admission. Rachel discussed the Bee cake raffle. The group decided to let Rachel decide the details about the cake (flavor, structure, etc.) as she is the expert. Phil Schmidt indicated that the Spencer Historical Society will be entering a team and wrote a check for the entry fee. He also was able to get a gift basket donation from the Mainstreet Gym. Jeff indicated he was working on obtaining two GACS sport passes to raffle. Additional baskets discussed were two Avon gift baskets as well as a Christmas themed gift basket.

By-Laws:

No action on the By-Laws at this time.

Other:

Next Meeting:

March 18, 2020 at 5:30 PM at GHS

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by April at 7:08 PM. Andy seconded it. All agreed.

Addendum:

Overview of special Bee meeting on Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at 6:30 PM at Geneva Public Library. In attendance were April Tetlow, Andy Tetlow, John Metzler, and Amber Metzler.

The Spelling Bee rules were discussed. After much conversation it was decided to keep the rules the same as the prior year and not have any speed rounds. Changes to the Bee rules next year should be discussed in the future.

The Gift Baskets were brought up. The thought is there are enough gift baskets that having a 60/40 raffle or a honey pot raffle may spread the raffles too thin and also become difficult to keep track of. Potentially we have a Christmas themed basket, two Avon baskets, a Mainstreet Gym basket, a Hardware Store basket, a food specialty basket, and two GACS sports passes. By focusing on the gift baskets it may be more effective.

The pros/cons of the extra life for the Bee teams were discussed. It was decided that each team would get one extra life. In order to keep the length of the Bee from going too long, it was decided to have three physical stunts and the rest would be trivia questions. The three physical stunts would be having the BOE do the Chicken Dance, a paper/rock/scissors contest with Kevin Lillie, and a cornhole toss game. John indicated he will work with Amber on coming up with the trivia questions.

The next item was trying to keep the Bee from going too long. It was decided that the best way to keep the Bee from going too long was to make sure the spelling words get proportionally harder at the appropriate time.