

**Holland Township PTO  
Minutes of Monthly Meeting  
February 22, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Kara Cobb, President, called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

**OFFICERS REPORTS**

**President's Report:** Kara Cobb reported Honors breakfast was Wednesday, February 15th. Bridge Street Bagels provided the bagels, butter and cream cheese to us at a generous discount, and the PTO also purchased apple and orange juice. The PTO will be doing the same breakfast for the 3rd marking period and the 4th marking period will be recognized by the school.

**Secretary's Report:** Kara Cobb opened the floor for discussion of the January minutes. No discussion. Dawn Godown made a motion to accept the January 2017 minutes. Deny Dougherty seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Kara Cobb opened the floor for discussion. Sandy Bate had a question regarding the Book Fair line item. Kara Cobb stated that it must be an error with the Excel formula because we are not in the negative and the Fall Book Fair did make a profit of around \$2,500 cash. Stephanie Beddiges will be arriving late to the meeting and Sandy should discuss it with her afterwards. Kara Cobb reported the Spring Book Fair is April 3rd - April 7th with the teacher preview being March 31st. Christina Piluso made a motion to accept the January Treasurer and Budget Reports. Jennifer Randazzo seconded the motion, and the reports were unanimously approved.

- a. Kara Cobb reminded the members how the Get Moving line item was closed out and the remaining balance was moved to Open & Available. Kara Cobb stated that 2 teachers had their ball chairs recently pop. Kara proposed that we move some money back into a maintenance+line item for repairs and replacements to the equipment we purchased. Discussion followed. Kara also suggested that we put a limit per classroom to one ball chair replacement per year. Jennifer Randazzo made a motion to move \$469.92 from open and available and into a new line item called Get Moving Maintenance. Deny Dougherty seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

## **8th GRADE DANCE**

Nancy Holzworth is head of the 8th Grade Dance committee and she explained to the members that it is made up of a few 8th grade parents. The committee is formed by Dr. Yard in January and they have two months to raise funds for their event since the budget needs to be submitted in March. Last year the cost for the dance was \$3,200. The Board of Education/school does not give any money towards the dance. There is a ticket cost that varies each year depending on how much money they raise and the cost of their vendors. Kara Cobb stated that she spoke with Dr. Yard and agrees that the PTO is not to get involved in the planning of this event, but we could give a monetary donation. Discussion followed. Dawn Godown made a motion to donate \$2,000 to the HTSSAF for the 8th grade dance fund pending confirmation that the funds will be set aside for the 8th grade dance only. Deny Dougherty seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Kara Cobb opened the Nominating Committee. Kara Cobb opened the floor for nominations for the Officer positions of President and Secretary. All Chair and Co-Chair positions are open, however, the current chairs do have the option to volunteer again and be elected in May. According to the By-Laws, if no one volunteers for the Nominating Committee, the President must appoint a Chairperson. No one volunteered.

## **BUDGET COMMITTEE**

Kara Cobb opened the Budget Committee and announced that we need three PTO member volunteers in addition to the President, Treasurer and Fundraising Chair. Interested members should send the PTO an email. The Budget committee meets after the May meeting to create the 2017-2018 budget and then presents it for approval at the June meeting.

## **COMMITTEES:**

**Assembly Committee:** Cristy Wish reported that the Harlem Wizards will be coming on February 28th to present to 5th-8th grade during their Lunch periods, as well as a big assembly for K-4th. No other assemblies on the calendar at this time.

**Book Fair Committee:** Dawn Godown reported they are trying to get more of a book variety for the 6th, 7th and 8th graders. Spring Book Fair is April 3rd - April 7th, and the teacher preview is on March 31st.

**Bulletin Board Committee:** Tomasina McGuire reported all the Warriors pictures are on the bulletin board now thanks to Jason Kries who went around and took the rest of the pictures of our players.

**Family Events Committee:** Alyssa Kries reported the Family Zumba on Tuesday, February 21st had a good attendance! The original instructor became sick that day and they had to scramble to find a replacement, but she was great.

**Fundraising Committee:** Kara Cobb reported the DVBL shared an email to all of their members about our Wizards game. The PTO has shared on Facebook, sent flyers to other schools to hang up and made announcements at basketball games at HTS and Del Val High School. The ticket sales at this time are 170 out of 501 general tickets sold, 80 out of 199 reserved tickets sold and 7 out of 50 curbside tickets sold. Kara Cobb urged everyone to push ticket sales. Little tags were dropped off at Pipolos, Mezza Luna and Bridge St. Bagels for them to hand out with purchases. Sign up sheet for game day job assignments were sent to the teachers for them to sign up to help. The PTO can always use more volunteers for game day. If you are volunteering the whole game you do not need a ticket to the game but if you are planning to only volunteer for half of the game you do need a ticket to have a seat inside the gym.

**Help from Home Committee:** Christina Piluso reported the Winter Box Tops contest numbers are still being counted, but so far around \$600.00 Christina Piluso does not have the results for the winners yet. Christina Piluso reported the Shoparoo has hit \$200.00

- a. Kara Cobb reported about a Great Lakes Scrip Center gift cards fundraiser the PTO can do. This company sells all different kinds of gift cards that the PTO would get a certain percentage from 4% to 20% back. This can be done as a one time sale or you can purchase them as needed on line. Jessica Theesfeld made a motion to enroll in the Great Lakes Scrip Center Gift Cards. Sandy Bate seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

**Hospitality Committee:** No update.

**Membership Committee:** Kara Cobb reported that the PTO is updating their website with the help of Jason Kries and we are working on a way that our members can enter their information into our website and pay their membership fee through a PTO PayPal account.

**Staff Appreciation Committee:** Melissa McCauley reported her and Debbie Hirst are going to be scheduling a meeting next week to start planning staff appreciation week.

**Website Committee:** Kara Cobb stated we are in the process of updating and cleaning up the PTO website.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

(none)

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Denise Carney reported on behalf of the HTEA:

- a. On April 26th, from 4pm to 6pm there will be a Green Fair at the school. The green team will be getting vendors to come to the school and share how they are sustainable. This is a free event with the first 50 attendees receiving a free gift.
- b. Read Across America is next week where they will be having retired teachers come back and read to the students.
- c. The Helping Hands program is running a soup collection that either ended or will be ending shortly. The soup collected will be donated to the Frenchtown/Milford Food Pantry.
- d. March 2nd there will be a power down at the school. The school will power down for one hour and the teachers will be encouraged to take the children outside to read.
- e. Last week the school held a play that was a huge success.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 8:14pm. Next meeting will be on March 16, 2017 at 7:00 pm.