

**Holland Township PTO
Minutes of Monthly Meeting
June 14, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER: Kara Cobb, President, called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

OFFICERS REPORTS

President's Report: Kara Cobb thanked the HTEA for providing desserts for everyone from Chocolate in the Oven. Kara Cobb announced the stage risers have arrived and the check was written to the Board of Ed for the PTO donation which included the money from the Music Boosters account. Kara Cobb announced that starting in September, we will not be printing any of the meeting documents because we end up throwing out so much paper.

Secretary's Report: Kara Cobb opened the floor for discussion of the April minutes. No discussion. Melissa McCauley made a motion to accept the May 2017 minutes. Robin Smith seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Kara Cobb opened the floor for discussion. Kerry Favereaux made a motion to accept the May Treasurer and Budget Reports. Katie Jenkins seconded the motion, and the reports were unanimously approved.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

- a. Kara Cobb announced our plan to do an alternate fundraiser next year. We are combining our membership form with a fundraising form to give parents the opportunity to write a single check to the PTO and be done for the year. Discussion followed. Decision was made to delete the \$15 option and have the \$25 donation line be the first option. It was also suggested to add another line on the bottom for those that may want to give more or less than the options provided. It was suggested when emails are sent out that we explain what our goal is with this fundraiser and to list everything that we have purchased with the PTO funds and what we intend to purchase with the money raised. It was also suggested to show our goal on the bulletin board and updating it as our goal is reached. Deny Dougherty made a motion to approve the alternate fundraiser with the minimum line item being \$25 and adding another line. Kerry Favereaux seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Kara Cobb announced a break at 7:32 hours for parents to partake in the HTEA desserts provided before they cleaned up for the night. Kara Cobb started the meeting again at 7:37 hours.

Stephanie Beddiges explained how we changed the look of the budget and simplified the format. It shows what we expect to raise and what we do end up raising. In the expense section, it shows what we are expected to pay and what we do pay and then the remaining balance. This budget also shows all the money in the checking account that was rolled over from the previous year. Melissa McCauley made a motion to accept the 2017-2018 school year budget. Jodi Schluter seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Kara Cobb announced we had two new volunteers to co-chair Book Fair. A vote was taken for Denise Diem and Samantha Deets to Co-Chair Book Fair and both were unanimously approved.

Kara Cobb officially dissolved this committee. No objections were heard.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Alyssa Kries announced our high school winners: Josh LaDuca and Katherine Magos.

Kara Cobb officially dissolved this committee. No objections were heard.

FIELD DAY

Kara Cobb thanked Shoprite for donating all the Italian ice for this event, as well as for the 6th thru 8th graders. There was a lot of positive feedback about Field Day. If we hire a DJ again, we need to move him to a more centralized location. The kids loved having the DJ there. The games were set up better with the circular layout this year.

COMMITTEES:

Assembly Committee: Nothing to report.

Book Fair Committee: Discussion about taking cash or scholastic dollars next year. Dana Stem made a motion to take scholastic dollars for Fall of 2017 and cash for Spring of 2018. Katie Jenkins seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Bulletin Board Committee: Deny Dougherty advised that Janice Jones free handed all the paint work on the board including the tree.

Family Events Committee: Nothing to report.

Fundraising Committee: Nothing to report.

Help from Home Committee: Christina Piluso reported a submission was sent to Box Tops for \$361.30. Labels for Education program has ended and we purchased a \$50 visa gift card and 2 extra balls with the remaining points. Shoparoo has hit the \$300 mark, we may hit the \$400 mark by the end of summer when the check is mailed out. Three ice cream parties were given to Mrs. O'Rourke 3rd grade, Mrs. Croasdale 2nd grade and Mrs. Croasdale 4th grade for the Spring Box Top Contest. Ziploc bags were sent home with all students for a summer collection to be handed in this September.

Hospitality Committee: Nothing to report.

Membership Committee: Nothing to report.

Staff Appreciation Committee: Nothing to report.

Website Committee: Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Playground equipment - Tomasina McGuire reported we are looking into donating a gaga pit for the middle schoolers. We have an unofficial quote for structural composite of \$3,442.06 with an estimated shipping of \$1,200 and then a pressure treated wood siding for \$2,174.34 with an estimated shipping of \$800. These quotes include rubber tiles bottom for inside the gaga pit to avoid bloody knuckles and having to purchase gloves for each kid. Shipping costs are so high because this is coming from Illinois and the mats and structural composite are so heavy. Discussion followed. It was requested to look into rolled rubber ground as opposed to rubber tiles that members fear will have the sides start to roll up and pull apart. Ann Harvey made a motion to purchase the composite gaga pit for the middle school playground at a maximum cost of \$5,500 and to be put together by the school. Deny Dougherty seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Discussion also followed about putting up disco golf for the middle schoolers and painting four square and other things on the ground. Tomasina McGuire advised she has been speaking to Mr. Bailey about the concerns and he did state they will be putting lines under the basketball nets for middle schoolers over the summer, there will be four square painted on the grounds and the school will be funding balls for the students and making sure they are regularly replenished.

- b. Room parent change - Kara Cobb announced she did email Dr. Yard today asking that the teachers pick the chaperones for the Field Trips from now on as it has caused too much drama and strain on the room parents and PTO. Kara Cobb also asked Dr. Yard for a signup sheet to be placed out during Open House so parents can provide contact information for the room parents to be able to keep everyone involved. Discussion followed. It was requested to have clear rules written down about the responsibilities of being a Head/Room Parent.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Debbie Croasdale reported on behalf of the HTEA with Staff news to share:

- Thank you to everyone who was involved with field day. The kids LOVED it and all staff thought the DJ was a big hit this year.
- Report cards will be sent home with students next Monday.
- Reminder that Friday and Monday are early dismissal days.
- Best wishes to Dr. Stannard, Donna Widmer, Linda Breslin, and Evelyn Cameron on their retirement.
- Graduation is next Monday, June 19th.
- Have a safe and relaxing summer.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:32pm. Next meeting will be on September 20, 2017 at 7:00 pm and the Room parents meeting will begin at 6:00 pm.