

**Holland Township PTO
Minutes of Monthly Meeting
September 22, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER: Kara Cobb, President, called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

OFFICERS REPORTS

President's Report: Kara Cobb thanked everyone for coming. Kara reported that our membership numbers are looking good, and that there have been a lot of staff members joining this year. Kara reported on Community Day and our planning meeting in July. The PTO Officers decided to sell cotton candy, popcorn and water. Based on her experiences the past two years, Kara reported that Community Day should not be viewed as a fundraiser event, but as an opportunity to meet people and share information about our organization and upcoming PTO events.

Secretary's Report: Kara Cobb opened the floor for discussion of the June minutes and July special meeting minutes. No discussion. Deenie Totten made a motion to accept the June 2016 minutes. Julie Nungester seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Stephanie Beddiges read the Treasurer's Reports. Kara Cobb opened the floor for discussion. No discussion. Dianna Gary made a motion to accept the June, July and August Treasurer's and Budget Reports. Alyssa Kries seconded the motion, and the reports were unanimously approved.

BY-LAW AMMENDMENT

Kara Cobb read the proposed amendment to our PTO By-Laws under Article 12, Disbursement of Money: ~~The~~ maximum amount that the PTO may donate to a single school club shall be \$50 per school year.+

Kara Cobb explained the reason for adding this amendment was to keep donations fair and not show favoritism for any club. At one time, there was something in the By-Laws that covered this but it's no longer in there since they were revised. Kara Cobb opened the floor for discussion. Discussion followed. Julie Nungester suggested ~~The~~ maximum amount that that the PTO may donate to a single school club, as defined by Holland Township School, shall be \$50 per school year.+Dianna Gary made the motion to include Julie Nungesters suggestion. Jessica Theesfeld seconded the motion, and it was approved.

DRAMA CLUB DONATION

Stephanie Beddiges read a letter from the Drama Club teacher, Mrs. Zrake, requesting a donation to the club. Kara Cobb opened the floor for discussion. Alyssa Kries made a motion to approve giving the Drama Club \$50.00. Deny Dougherty seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

EAGLE SCOUT DONATION

Kara Cobb stated we received a letter from an Eagle Scout, Andrew King, requesting a donation for the project that he is doing inside the greenhouse. Discussion followed about how we could donate to him, specifically, under which line item in the budget. Debbie Croasdale advised the members that Dr. Yard recently formed a Greenhouse Club. Deny Dougherty made a motion to donate \$50 to Andrew King via the Greenhouse Club. Lori Regep seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

COMMITTEES:

Assembly Committee: Cristy Wish reported that on October 12, 2016 there will be an anti-bully assembly by David Carell. He will speak to K through 3rd grade and then 4th through 8th grade. She is still hoping to have the free Health assembly by the blood drive organization in October or November.

Book Fair Committee: Lori Regep stated the Book Fair is October 24th through October 28th. If anyone wants to help set up that will be the evening of October 20th. October 21st will be the teacher preview. October 28th will be Family Night held in the gym near the nurse's office this year. The PTO would receive 25% of the sales if the cash option was taken or 50% of sales in scholastic dollars. Our current scholastic dollars are 4,774.72. Some of the scholastic dollars will expire soon, and we need to place an order by October 1st. Deenie Totten made a motion to take the cash option for both the Fall and Spring book fairs. TJ Hirsch seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Budget Committee: Typo. There is no committee at this time!

Bulletin Board Committee: Kara Cobb reported that it was updated for Back to School.

Family Events Committee: Alyssa Kries stated they are planning to hold the first event before the holidays on Friday, December 2nd. They are planning to do a craft, possibly ornaments.

Fundraising Committee: Kara Cobb reported that the Haunted Hayride is Saturday, October 29th at Riegel Ridge. Holland Twp Parks and Rec are running the event and will split the profits with us for volunteering to work it, like they did last year. They are looking for volunteers who are willing to dress up in costume and work the stations. Jennifer Randazzo stated the Wizards are booked for March 26th. Stephanie Beddiges stated that the Fundraising Chair position is still open if anyone is interested. Stephanie Glacken reported that the Kid Stuff coupon books will be sent home with all students K-8 this year. Each teacher gets a free book from Kid Stuff for helping us with the sale. If you sell 5 books, you get one free. The PTO gets to keep 50% of the sales amount.

Get Moving! Committee: Kara Cobb stated Dr. Yard will be sending out a survey. All the teachers orders were done and delivered over the summer. Mostly positive feedback about all the items. There were a couple issues that she will be reaching out to the suppliers.

Help from Home Committee: Christina Piluso reported that last year the PTO received \$2,223 from Box Tops. At the end of last year, Ziploc bags were sent home with every student for a summer collection. They are due back October 14th. The class that brings in the most box tops will receive an ice cream party. Christina Piluso received a \$25 gift card from Wegmans that will fund the party. The next submission of box tops is due November 1st. Box Tops now has an app with which you can scan receipts and get extra points. The Labels for Education program is winding down. Not as many products will have the label. Keep sending the ones you do have in and we will submit them. The Labels for Education program has an option to cash in points for a Visa gift card. The Shoparoo app is very easy to use. All you have to do is scan receipts and you receive points towards a check for our school. In October, there will be a contest to see who obtains the most points. Christina Piluso has been reaching out to companies for donations and collecting lots of gift cards that she will use as prizes.

Hospitality Committee: Kara Cobb thanked everyone who contributed to the staff's Back to School Breakfast and the school's Open House nights. The next event will be the Turkey Luncheon in November.

Membership Committee: Current total is 213 members and membership forms are still coming in.

Staff Appreciation Committee: Kara Cobb thanked everyone who contributed to the Staff breakfast. The next event will be the Staff Appreciation week in May.

Website Committee: Kara Cobb stated we will be updating the website soon.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Kara Cobb stated she was approached by a member to buy Brita water filters for the teachers in lieu of buying plastic water bottles. It would cost \$150 to purchase the system and \$50 every year for filters. Kara Cobb opened the floor for discussion. Debbie Croasdale stated the water was tested last year and everything is fine with the water. The water is the same water the residents drink in the area and the students drink in the school. No motion was made.
- B. Jennifer Randazzo stated she would be resigning from her position. Jennifer Randazzo stated she did find someone, Alyssa Kries who is interested in the position. Kara Cobb appointed Alyssa Kries as the PTO interim Vice President. Kara Cobb opened the floor for nominations. Jennifer Randazzo nominated Alyssa Kries. Kara Cobb stated to contact anyone from the Board or send an email to the PTO gmail account with any nominations for the position. Voting will take place at the next meeting on October 19th.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Debbie Croasdale introduced herself; she is the liaison for the teachers. The theme this year is "Everyday Heroes". The students will pick their hero and do a report and post pictures. Debbie thanked the PTO for all the kinesthetic items. She reported that the teachers started making a welcome basket for any new families that join Holland School. It is filled with plants and gift cards for local businesses. Debbie reported that Holland School received the Silver Award, Sustainable Award. The GeoDome greenhouse will be opened to the township residents to tour. Debbie thanked the PTO for the Back to School breakfast.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:00pm. Next meeting will be on October 19th, 2016 at 7:00 pm.