

**Holland Township PTO
Minutes of Monthly Meeting
September 20, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER: Kara Cobb, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

OFFICERS REPORTS

President's Report: Kara Cobb welcomed everyone back. She reminded everyone that we are going green this year. All PTO meeting documents will be emailed to every member and there will no longer be printed copies at the meetings. Kara Cobb thanked all of our volunteers who signed up for committees.

Secretary's Report: Kara Cobb opened the floor for discussion of the June minutes. No discussion. Christina Piluso made a motion to accept the June 2017 minutes. Samantha Deets seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Kara Cobb opened the floor for discussion of June, July and August Treasurer and Budget Reports. Kara Cobb explained the new budget starts in July. We need to review our previous meeting minutes to see if we voted to take scholastic dollars for the Fall or Spring Book Fair. Stephanie Beddiges reported as of today we have \$6,305 from our fundraiser donations and \$1,940 from membership dues. Kerry Favereaux made a motion to accept the June, July and August Treasurer and Budget Reports. Dawn Godown seconded the motion, and the reports were unanimously approved.

- a. Kara Cobb announced if there are no objections, we will close the Music Booster bank account. No objections heard. Music Booster account will be closed. Kara Cobb announced if there are no objections, we will dissolve the Budget Committee. No objections heard. Budget Committee is dissolved.

COMMITTEES:

Assembly Committee: Alyssa Kries reported the Ned assembly will take place on October 11th from 1:30 to 2:15 for Kindergarten through 4th grade. Looking for one or two more members to take over the Assembly Committee.

Book Fair Committee: Dawn Godown reported the theme will be Wild West Saddle Up for the Book Fair. The Book Fair runs October 19th thru 27th. There is a signup sheet for volunteers. Bring your Dad to Book Fair+will have a %ludes+theme. Family night will be on Friday, October 27th from 5-8pm in the elementary gym.

Bulletin Board Committee: Kara Cobb reported the PTO board has been updated with a fall theme and it looks great!

Family Events Committee: Alyssa Kries reported this Friday, September 22nd we will be doing a Family Rock Painting Night open to all Holland Twp School families for free.

Fundraising Committee

a. Alyssa Kries reported for Stephanie Glacken that the books will be sent home on October 2nd to every student. The book raises \$12.50 for the PTO. If you do not want the book all you have to do is send it back in. The senior citizens were looking for books would it be possible to reach out to the Ridge or Auxiliary or Women's Club to sell some books as well.

b. Kara Cobb reported the school store will be open from October 20th to November 3rd with delivery November 27th time frame.

c. Kara Cobb reported we will be selling gift cards from Great Script. A paper order form will be sent home. Parents can indicate which gift card they want to purchase and send the order back in with payment. There is about a 5 day turn around to receive the gift cards. The PTO will earn between 4% and 20% depending on what gift card is purchased. Discussion occurred regarding the profit of this sale going towards the 8th grade dance since the PTO started contributing to it last year. It was decided that we would wait to see how much we earned.

Help from Home Committee: Christina Piluso explained the various fundraisers: Box Tops, Shoprite Price Plus card, Stop and Shop rewards, Shoparoo, Amazon Smile and Tyson labels. The summer Box Tops contest will be ending next month.

Hospitality Committee: Jodi Schluter thanked everyone that contributed to the Back to School night snacks. The next event will be cooking turkeys and making pies for the Senior luncheon and the Book Fair teacher preview.

Membership Committee: Kara Cobb announced to everyone we will not be doing a directory this year due to privacy issues. We currently have 194 members.

Staff Appreciation Committee: Laura Strangfeld thanked the staff for all they do. Laura and Debbie Hirst held a Welcome Back breakfast for the entire staff in August. The next event will be in May for Staff Appreciation week. They are working on dates so it does not interfere with PARCC.

Website Committee: Kara Cobb reported it's up to date.

NEW BUSINESS

Debbie Hirst reported the Haunted Hayride event will be Saturday October 28th. The trunk or treat is 4 to 6 pm, the hayride is 6 to 10pm. Mr. Welsh is holding an art contest and the winner will have their design printed on a glow in the dark t-shirt. They will be sold that night for \$5.00 each. Kara Cobb reported that submitted a request to Kohl's for volunteers to help us again, but they have not responded yet.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Debbie Croasdale reported on behalf of the HTEA:

- a. Thanked everyone for the back to school breakfast.
- b. The school theme this year is Leading & Learning together.
- c. Conferences were scheduled at back to school night. If you missed signing up for your elementary student, contact your teacher. Parents of middle school students need to go online to schedule it.
- d. October 10th is picture day.
- e. If you have not signed up for Virtual Backpacks weekly emails, make sure that you do.
- f. PARCC is scheduled for May.
- g. She will be emailing the staff to remind them about sending in their PTO membership forms, so they should start to come in soon. She told us they just received their first paycheck this week.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:49pm. Next meeting will be on October 18, 2017 at 7:00 pm.