

**Holland Township PTO
Minutes of Monthly Meeting
January 16, 2019**

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

OFFICERS REPORTS

President's Report: Alyssa Kries reported that Dr. Yard will be retiring at the end of the month. The PTO is not permitted to purchase anything perceived as a gift for a single individual; therefore, Jen Randazzo-Makarick purchased a blanket with a picture of the school printed on it, which she then donated to the PTO for Dr. Yard. The blanket will be passed around to all of the classrooms for all of the students to sign. The PTO will present Dr. Yard with the blanket at the School Board of Education meeting on Tuesday, January 22nd at 7:00 pm. Alyssa Kries invited everyone to attend the meeting for the presentation.

Secretary's Report: Alyssa Kries opened the floor for discussion of the November 2018 minutes. No discussion. A motion to accept the November 2018 minutes was made. A seconded motion was made, and it was unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Alyssa Kries opened the floor for discussion of the October and November 2018 Financial Activity and Performance to Budget Reports as well as the new format of the reports. No discussion. A motion to accept the new format as well as the October and November 2018 Financial Activity and Performance to Budget Reports was made. The motion was seconded, and it was unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Assemblies Committee: Alyssa Kries reported that the Chinese acrobatic assembly took place at the end of November. It was an incredible assembly that students of all ages enjoyed, and many were pleased that it even held the interest of the 8th graders. The committee is currently researching a few ideas for a spring assembly.

Book Fair: Dawn Godown reported that she thought the Book Fair went well. We received both positive and negative feedback regarding the time of year that the Book Fair was held (early December) and the selection of books offered by the new company. The profit from this Follett Book Fair was similar to that of our Scholastic Book Fairs.

Bulletin Board: Misty Lapham reported that the bulletin board will be updated in early February with quotes about kindness and a “Sprinkle Kindness like Confetti” theme.

Family Events: Alyssa Kries reported that December’s Family Event, held in conjunction with Family Night at the Book Fair, was a great turnout and a lot of fun was had by all. The Committee’s next Family Event will be Family Glow Zumba and will take place on Friday, February 1st at 7:00 pm. This free event is open to all Holland Township School families and will be held in the auditorium.

Fundraising Committee: No updates

Help from Home Committee: Alyssa Kries reported that the Lysol information packets were received by those teachers who requested them and each participating teacher received \$6.00 worth of Box Tops for the PTO to submit. In addition, we just received a check for \$929.60 from our last Box Tops submission.

Hospitality Committee: Alyssa Kries reported that the rescheduled Senior Citizen Turkey Luncheon went well and she thanked those who donated pies and helped out with the event this year. The Hospitality Committee’s next event will be the Spelling Bee where water, balloons and gift card prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place will be provided by the PTO.

Membership Committee: No updates

Staff Appreciation Committee: No updates

Website Committee: All updated

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Alyssa Kries reported that she spoke with Eileen from the Paint Party Studio in Flemington and she would be willing to host a canvas paint party night as a fundraiser for the PTO for \$20.00 per person. The PTO would then charge \$40.00 per person (thereby making a \$20.00 profit per person for the PTO). This event would be held at the Riegel Ridge Community Center one weekend night in May. Alyssa Kries opened the floor for discussion. A motion was made to proceed in booking a paint party night on Friday, May 3rd with a maximum spending of \$50.00. Motion was seconded and approved.
- b. Alyssa Kries reported that the PTO board met with Stephanie Snyder to discuss Field Day. Kindergarten through 5th grade Field Day will be conducted in the same format as previous years and held on Thursday, June 6th with a rain date

of Friday, June 7th. The PTO will also host a Middle School Field Day (grades 6-8) this year which will be held on Thursday, June 13th with a rain date of Friday, June 14th. Alyssa Kries opened a Field Day Committee to begin planning the event, brainstorming ideas for new games, etc.

- c. Alyssa Kries reported that Officer Hults submitted a letter requesting a donation of \$500.00 to help him bring renowned Motivational Speaker Marc Mero to HTS for a middle school assembly. Alyssa Kries opened the floor for discussion. A motion was made to donate \$500.00 upon the approval of the Marc Mero assembly. Motion was seconded, and it was unanimously approved.
- d. Stephanie Snyder reported that she met with the PTO board and has requested that the PTO take over the 8th grade graduation dance. The planning of the event, budget, and chaperones would thereby all go through the PTO. Discussion followed. A motion was made to form an 8th Grade Committee to look into hosting the 8th grade dance and Alyssa Kries appointed Jen Randazzo-Makarick as chair.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Deb Croasdale reported:

1. The Stop the Bleed Campaign is only \$300.00 away from reaching their goal. All classrooms and go bags now contain kits.
2. January 25th is the student council K-4th movie night. Permission slips are due by January 23rd.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:53 pm. Next meeting will be on February 20, 2019 at 7:00 pm.