

Holland Township PTO

Minutes of Monthly Meeting

November 17, 2021

Location: Holland Township School Auditorium

Meeting called to order by Casey Bickhardt, Holland Township PTO President.

President's Report: Given by Casey Bickhardt, PTO President

- PTO received 3 "thank you" cards from the students of Holland School, thanking the PTO for the following: Kona Ice at last years field day, The Pizza Party reward for most parent membership from Mrs Brychta's 6th Grade Class, and for the PTO organizing the Kona Ice Truck to come back this year for the 4th Grade students who were quarantined last year.
- Halloween Parties were successful. Kids had a great time. Room parents dressed up and made the parties memorable for the kids. Room parents were welcomed into the school to host the parties and all parents were welcomed to watch the parade outside of the school.
- Committee Chairs. Casey (President) wanted to let Committee Chairs know that the PTO Board would be reaching out to speak to them about ways to improve communication.

Secretary's Report: Given by Misty Lapham PTO Secretary

- No new reports.
- Casey (President) asked if everyone read the minutes and then asked for a motion to pass the minutes. A motion was made, seconded and the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Given by Tomasina McGuire, PTO Treasurer.

- Gaga Pit- we received an amount for purchase of the Gaga Pit that was voted to be in our Budget for the 2021-2022 school year. Tomasina (Treasurer) stated that we budgeted \$7,000.00 for the Gaga Pit. The company came back with the price being \$5,113.00 leaving us with \$1,887.00 as the remainder. Casey (President) stated that as per the initial vote to get the new Gaga Pit, that we will move forward with the purchase and work with School Administration on where we will be putting the second fixture.
- Casey (President) discussed using the extra funds from the remainder of what was budgeted to the Gaga Pit to be reallocated to fundraising rewards (such as Pizza Parties/ Ice Cream Parties) and small community events (such as The BOE Meet and Greet).

- Casey (President) asked for a motion to put \$800.00 into a new budget line named Fundraising Rewards. A motion was made, seconded and approved.
- Casey (President) asked for a motion to put \$300.00 into a new budget line named Small Community Events. A motion was made, seconded and approved.

Vice President's Report: Given by Amy Gercie, PTO Vice President

- **PTO Committee Updates:** There were no new updates on the following committees: Book Fair, Hospitality and Staff Appreciation.
- **Assemblies:** Amy reported that Chairperson, Misty Lapham and Co-Chair, Megan Simini are looking into options for Spring Assemblies.
- **Bulletin Board:** Amy reported that Chairperson, Misty Lapham and Co-Chair, Amy Gercie would be putting up the new bulletin board on the following Monday. The theme would be snowmen and the focus would be kindness.
- **Family Events:** Amy reported that Chairperson, Dana Hawley, is planning a cookie decorating event for December that will follow covid guidelines with masks and social distancing.
- **Fundraising:** Amy gave the floor to Fundraising Chairperson, Deenie Totten to report. Deenie Totten reported that there was a Shammy Shine Fundraiser coming and that it would be a great holiday gift. She stated that she would be getting the gift cards out to those that purchase before the winter break. Deenie Totten asked to have the Shammy Shine Fundraiser sent out with the school messenger.
- **Help From Home:** Amy (Vice President) stated that we do not have a Chairperson for this Committee, nor any volunteers. She asked that if anyone is interested in the position to reach out and email us!
- **8th Grade Dance:** Amy (Vice President) reported that 8th Grade Dance Chairperson, Sandy Bate, started a facebook group for the parents of the current 8th Grade called CLASS OF 2022.

Public Comments: Casey Bickhardt (President) opened the floor to public comments.

- Teacher Liaison public comments:
- November Calendar reminders
- The HTA Collecting gift cards for families in need
- The Student Council Food Drive is ending on November 23rd.
- **December Holiday Party Information:** Parties will be held on Thursday, December 23, 2021. It will be a half day. Room Parents are asked to contact their classroom teacher for details. Entry for room parents to begin at 10:50am.

- PTO Member Public Comments:
- A long discussion about the PTO holding a middle school dance for grades 5th-8th.
- A motion was made to vote on the Winter Middle School Dance to be held at Whispering Pines, Saturday, January 15, 2022 sponsored and hosted by the Holland PTO. The motion was seconded and approved.
- Tomasina McGuire (Treasurer) states that we will have to reach out to our insurance company to update our insurance to cover Whispering Pines. Tomasina (Treasurer) also stated that any contract with Whispering Pines must be paid for by the PTO.
- Tomasina (Treasurer) asked Deenie Totten to add a line to the December Budget to include the costs for this event. She stated she would need this to be done before writing any checks for the dance.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32pm.

Casey reopens the meeting at 8:33pm

- Fundraising Co-Chair/Spiritwear Chairperson, Jennifer Randazzo-Makarick reported that the Spiritwear Fundraiser brought in \$518.00 in profits.
- Jennifer Randazzo-Makarick stated that the price of everything was raised by \$3.00.
- Casey (President) states that we made a great profit for our school.

Casey Bickhardt, Holland Township PTO President adjourns the meeting at 8:37pm.