

Holland Township PTO Meeting Minutes

January 18, 2023 @ 7:00 pm

Location: HTS Auditorium

- **Call To Order**
 - Casey Bickhardt, Holland Township PTO President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
- **Minutes:** Review and approval vote of minutes from December 7, 2022 PTO Meeting.
 - *Motion made to approve the December 7, 2022 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and approved.*
- **President's Report (Given by Casey Bickhardt, PTO President)**
 - Correspondence
 - Tournament of Champions request for a donation – we had voted on \$200 in the budget for a donation for this year!
 - Thank you volunteers! Thank you to everyone for book fair, room parents, holiday parties, working together with the staff to do activities in the school, etc. If you are a room parent and you have a text chain with the parents in your class, please share information that comes out on PTO fundraisers and activities.
 - Fundraising – Provide feedback to Fundraising (Samantha Grundstrom) and her Spirit Wear co-chairs (Kristy Ferrence and Jen Randazzo) on what items you'd like to see, sizes, fabrics, etc. We are working with Sneakers Plus to find out if we can do a year round store.
 - Discussion with Administration – Several parents have brought up the Senior Thanksgiving, an Synde Pinelli brought the request to the board. There was a great discussion with Stephanie and we are looking into a Senior Activity Night that could be supported by the school and the PTO.
- **Treasurer's Report (Given by Jennifer Bartruff, PTO Treasurer)**
 - \$30,952.08 total bank balance
 - Total Fundraising Profit from December: \$2,344.76. Deposits include Cheesecake, Gift Card, School Kitz, Mabel's Labels, Hot Cocoa, Photo Shoot
 - Reminder that Gift Card sale is open year-round, so use the app whenever you have to buy gift cards!
- **Vice President's Report/Committee Reports:**
 - No Reports: Hospitality Committee, Room Parent Liaison
 - Assemblies (Given by Amy Hawrylo & Laura Tessieri)
 - *General Reporting Topics:* Working on 2 assemblies, one for 5-8 (<https://mykeefowlin.com/what-he-does-you-dont-know-me-until-you-know-me/>) cost is approx. \$1500 and one for prek-4 (Cat in the Hat/Bubble Show Stevie Blatz) cost is approx. \$500. School recommended March. Stephanie confirmed that she will be approving both assemblies and is excited about them.
 - *Discussion Topics:* None

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- *Voting Topics:* None
- *Calendar:* None
- Family Events (Given by Gayle Hatch)
 - *General Reporting Topics:* Having a meeting after tonight's meeting if anyone wants to stay. Will be over by 8. We could use the help.
 - *Discussion Topics:* None
 - *Voting Topics:* None
 - *Calendar:* None
- Fundraising (Given by Samantha Grundstrom)
 - *General Reporting Topics:* We have Dinner with the QCrew coming the end of January. Followed by heart shaped pizza kits to celebrate Valentine's Day!
 - *Discussion Topics:* None at this time
 - *Voting Topics:* None at this time
 - *Calendar:* 1/31 QCrew, 2/13 Pizza Kits
- Help From Home (Given by Christina Piluso)
 - *General Reporting Topics:*
 - Reminder to enroll in Amazon Smile rewards to earn money for our school with your everyday Amazon purchase. Your Amazon app can be linked to your Amazon smile account.
 - Install the Box Tops for Education app to scan your receipts to earn cash for our school. Install the givebacks app and search for Holland Township to Link it to Holland Township PTO to earn a percentage of cash back for your purchase on thousands of online merchants.
 - Instructions to all these programs can be found on the school PTO webpage under "How can I help?" Email us if you have any questions!
 - *Discussion Topics:* None
 - *Voting Topics:* None
 - *Calendar:* None
- Staff Appreciation: Alyssa Kries (Given by Megan Simini)
 - *General Reporting Topics:* We are just waiting for the May testing schedule to be set by the school, then we can figure out when to hold Staff Appreciation week.
 - *Discussion Topics:* None
 - *Voting Topics:* None
 - *Calendar:* None
- **Administration Communication: Stephanie Snyder**
 - Thank you to all of our parents for their planning of fun and engaging activities during our winter celebrations. We were able to squeeze everything in prior to weather related events.

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- We are beginning to plan events for the remainder of the school year. Information regarding the following will be released within the next month:
 1. State testing dates (SLA Grades 3-8 will be third week in May)
 2. Last Day of School will be June 8th IF there are no snow days
 3. Field day dates
 4. Ultimate fun day date for MS
 5. Student Council events
 6. Read Across America
- Our next Parent Chat will be held on Thursday, February 9th at 7:00 in the middle school media center - the focus is on Building Positive Partnerships. All are welcome to attend these interactive, informative parent sessions.
- If anyone has any contacts or knowledge of how to build a better database of Seniors in the township that we can use for outreach for activities such as the Senior Activity Night please reach out!
- **Teacher Liaison Communication: Deb Croasdale**
 - The Holland Township Education Association is making three donations to the school this month. The first is \$1,500 worth of indoor and outdoor recess equipment for all students. The second is a \$500 Read Across America grant that was used to purchase books for both libraries. The final donation was to resupply some expired materials in our bleeding control kits that the association purchased several years ago for all staff members. This resupply grant was for a total of \$300.
 - Global Play Day will be celebrated on February 1 by all grade levels. Details will be shared as the day gets closer.
 - Thank you all for adjusting so quickly to the schedule change during the winter holiday parties.
 - Read Across America will be inviting parents to come in and help out, and Retirees will be coming back for the first time in a few years.
 - Drama Club is going to do a free presentation of their play to Senior Citizens, and is requesting the PTO to provide Hospitality.
 - February 9 is the next Parent Chat. The topic is Building Partnerships Between Parents and Teachers.
 - The marking period ends tomorrow – please watch your e-mail to find out when report cards will open!
 - Read Aloud & Craft Night will be held next Friday night for 1st and 2nd grade.
 - Early Dismissal Reminder for Friday, January 20.
- **BOE Liaison Communication**
- **New Business**

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- Upcoming Bylaw Committee Meeting – e-mail will be sent out shortly with information. If anyone has any interest in being on the Committee, reach out to the PTO Board.

- **Public Comment**
 - Great job to Samantha Grundstrom on all of her fundraising efforts!

- **Next Meeting Date and Time**
 - February 15, 2023 at 7pm in the HTS Auditorium

- **Adjournment**
 - Meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm.