

Harry S. Truman PTO
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PTO MEETING – Monday, March 18th, 2018

Meeting called to order by: President Jennifer Kelley at 7:00 PM

Roll Call of Officers: All officers present

Attendance: 10 in attendance

Minutes: The minutes of January meeting were accepted by Jen Knecht and 2nd by Beth Neitz

Officers' Reports:

Treasurer: Given by Jennifer Knecht

- Current account balance is \$10,084.96
- \$422.00 Roller Skating
- \$1113.00 Box tops
- \$1273.75 Matey's Pizza Fundraiser
- \$172.63 Restaurant Nights (2 out of 4 checks have been received)

Principal's Report: Given by Beth Neitz

- The Kellyn Foundation visited our 4th graders on Thursday, February 14th. They presented to our students about making healthy choices. They taught our students how to read labels and identify contents in food products. This program also connects to our 4th grade math curriculum.
- On Friday, February 15th our Truman Treasure raffle winners took part in the Roving Chef program. The Roving Chef is an exciting hands-on cooking class where students have the opportunity to tour the school kitchen, learn how to properly sanitize and wash their hands, and prepare a meal that they enjoy eating. Educating and involving students on how their meals are prepared, is a fun and exciting way to teach students about food and nutrition.
- On behalf of PPL Electric and the National Theater for children, *Agents of Safety* performed at HST on Thursday March 14th. The National Theater for children helps educators inspire and prepare the next generation of scientists, artists, and world citizens by providing free curriculum and performances to schools. This brings a valuable message of topics to students in a fun and memorable way. Live theatre is then followed by print and digital activities in the classroom. Everyone enjoyed this awesome event!
- T-Shirt day is Thursday March 28th. Please have your students wear their HST gear!
- The concert for grades K-2 will be held on Thursday, March 21st at 9:30am. We are looking forward to the wonderful performance that the students will give. We know they will do a fabulous job!

- HST will have an early dismissal on Friday March 29th. Students will be dismissed at 1:00pm.

Teacher's Report: Given by Beth Neitz

- Kindergarten: As the weather slowly gets warmer, students are starting to get excited for our April trip to the Crayola Factory. This is our first year going and we expect to have a wonderful time; we can't wait to report back afterward!
- 2nd: A big thank you for our annual Dinosaur Dig assembly! As usual, the students enjoyed it tremendously and learned a lot about dinosaurs.
- 3rd: The students did well for their student led conferences. They were excited to share their binders. They are working on their own Opinion Writing and preparing for PSSA's.
- 4th: With snow and conferences behind us, we're all settling back into our routines. The students put a lot of time into preparing to lead conferences and did an amazing job talking to their parents about all their goals! As we look ahead to spring, we're still waiting to hear if we've been accepted for the Hydromania field trip, a yearly event at Cedar Crest College. Stay tuned.
- 5th: Is looking for parent chaperones for the May 28th trip to the Philadelphia Zoo. Interested parents still have time to obtain and submit clearances. Please inform your child's teacher if you are interested in attending.
- PSSA dates are 4/15, 4/16, 4/17, 4/29, 4/30. Testing times are scheduled in the morning until lunch.
- Others: Cops N Kids has started once again. This is our annual program that collects books for the Cops N Kids Bookroom. This year our 4th/5th grade students had the opportunity to write a letter to Mr. Brem persuading him why they would be a candidate to visit the bookroom to create a video for our students about the program. The students would like to present at a meeting with their video and pictures about the program. We have had readers from the police department and Christmas City studios. High school students will be visiting HST on Friday to read to students and players from the football team read today.
We have collected 231 books so far. It goes until the end of March. Please consider bringing in books for the program.

Committee Reports/Fundraisers/Events:

Restaurant Nights: Given by Jennifer Kelley

- 2 of the 4 checks received for a total of \$172.63
- Discussed continuing with Monthly Dine and Donates over the summer.
- Taps tomorrow night from 6-8PM

Candy Bingo: Kristin Kuchinos and Beth Neitz

- Kristin has reached out to Vallos to see if they would be willing to donate donuts and Kaisers rolls for sloppy joes
- MaGias will be donating some pizza and a gift card to use as a raffle prize
- Monetary Donation will get families a raffle ticket.
- We will be hosting a baked sale as well

Vendor Fair: Given by Lisa Crocus

- We have received 12 applications with payment. Lisa is picking up 6 more this week
- Jennifer Kelley has spoken with the Salisbury press. They will run the event in the community events section of the paper. She is also researching an ad in the paper.
- Food to be sold hot dogs donated from Willy Joes, pretzels and pizza.
- Reach out to families for Water and soda donations
- 1 ticket for \$5 or 5 tickets for \$20
- \$ 3 voucher for vendors to purchase food items

Perkins Pies Fundraiser: Given by Nicoll Spinner

- We are selling both Fruit and Cream pies for Easter
- Pies are \$11.00 for Fruit and \$13.00 for Cream. \$2 profit per pie
- Orders are due by 4/3 with a delivery date of 4/17 in the school parking lot from 5-6 PM

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Yearbook: Given by Jennifer Kelley

- The year book is in progress and going well
- Price has been increased to \$20.00
- Order form will go home before the Easter break
- Books will be delivered by the end may beginning of June.

Color Run: Given by Jennifer Kelley

- We will be joining WSE again this year with a Color run on May 17th from 5-7Pm
- We are looking for a DJ to donate services 5-7 pm

Teacher Appreciation Luncheon: Given by Jennifer Kelley

- Teacher Appreciation luncheon to be held on May 7th
- Looking for volunteers to help set up, make food and help with serving

Old Business

No old business

New Business

Kellyn Foundation: Given by Eric Ruth

- Nonprofit organization that provides healthy living programs for grade 3-5.
- They currently have no funding as St Luke's has pulled their funding.
- Kellyn Foundation is asking that the PTO help with some of the funding, as little or as much as our budget allows. The program cost \$5,400 per school
- Kellyn foundation has been around for 12 years and have programs in 9 Lehigh valley schools.

Tower Garden: Given by Mr. Trembley

- Mr.Trembley was awarded a grant via the school district to purchase a tower garden.
- The grant was for \$500.00
- He was able to purchase the tower garden and the lights, which aid in the growth of the fruits and veggies.
- His current out of pocket expenses are about \$325, he is asking the PTO to supplement some of this cost.

- PTO has offered to reimburse him with the earnings from the last two Dine and Donate (Perkins and Taps) checks.

Ice Cream Festival: Given by Jennifer Kelley

- Planning is underway and is going well
- We have divided the planning process in to sub-committees
 - Indoor Games- Annie Greaves
 - Outdoor Games- Vacant
 - Entertainment- Vacant
 - Arts and Crafts- Julia Ehrie
 - Trash and Recycling- Courtney Lackis
 - Tickets- Board Members
 - Food- Board Members
- Set up to take place on Friday May 31st
- Festival is set for June 1st from 12-4 Pm

Review Activity Calendar: Given by Jennifer Kelley

3/19, 3/26 After School Math Program Grades K-2(by invite only) 3:30-4:30pm, 3/19 Dine & Donate at TAPS 6-8pm, 3/20, 3/27 After School Math Program Grades 3-5 3:30-4:30pm, 3/20 K'Nex 8-8:30am, 3/21 Spring Concert K-2 9:30am, Chorus 3:15-4pm, 3/22 24 Math Challenge 8-8:30, 3/25 Curriculum & Technology Meeting 7pm, 3/28 TShirt Day, Chorus 3:15-4pm, 3/29 Cops N Kids Ends, 24 Math Challenge 8-8:30am, Early Dismissal 1pm, Next Meeting-4/1 7pm.

Next meeting is 4/1/2019 at 7 PM in the staff lounge

Meeting Adjourned at 8:41 PM

Minutes compiled by Nicoll Spinner, Secretary