

Harry S. Truman PTO  
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**PTO MEETING – Monday, December 3rd, 2018**

**Meeting called to order by:** President Jennifer Kelley at 7:05 PM

**Roll Call of Officers:** Jennifer Gnall, Vice President excused

**Attendance:** 10 in attendance

**Minutes:** The minutes of November 5, 2018 meeting were accepted by K. Cressman and 2nd by M. Martucci

**Special Guests:**

- SFE (South West Food Service Excellence) Provided a food tasting of cafeteria offerings. Breakfast Smoothie, Pizza, Philly Cheesesteak, Pancakes with Homemade Compote. Parents were asked to complete a survey
- Mrs. Becker the school nurse spoke about pertussis and head lice

**Officers' Reports:**

Treasurer: Given by Jennifer Knecht

- Current Account balance is \$17,000. Kid Stuff and Save Around Books bill has been paid. This fundraiser is in the final stages of wrapping up. Teacher gift cards have been purchased.

**Principal's Report:** Given by Zachary Brem

- On Wednesday November 14th, 4th grade traveled to Harrisburg, and on Thursday November 29th, 1st grade visited the Lost Rivers Cavern. Both field trips were enjoyed by all students and staff that attended. Thank you to the PTO for sponsoring these events!
- The Holiday Shop for this year has now concluded. This fun event allows students to shop without their parents making this a good confidence builder and most of all, the children discover the Joy of Giving! Thank you to the PTO for sponsoring this event and to all the volunteers that helped make it a success!
- Our 4th and 5th graders as well as the band and chorus will perform for families on Thursday, December 6th at 9:30. Our 2nd graders will visit the Administration Building on Tuesday, December 4th. They will be singing holiday music and hanging an ornament on the holiday tree.
- T-Shirt day is Thursday December 6th, Thursday December 20th, and Thursday January 3rd. Please have your students wear their HST gear!
- HST will have an early dismissal on Friday December 21st. Students will be dismissed at 1:00pm. School will be closed on Monday December 24th, through Tuesday, January

1st, for Winter Break. I hope everyone enjoys the holidays and have a relaxing break with your families.

**Teacher's Report:** Given by Beth Neitz

- Kindergarten: Love to see the Kindergarteners showing their school spirit every other Thursday by wearing their cool HST Shirts. We are also planning a trip to the Crayola factory in the spring. Thanks for everything you do!
- 1st: Awesome field trip to Lost River Caverns. Thank you, PTO!!
- 2nd: Thanks for the Holiday Shop--the kids enjoyed it as usual. Great idea with the teacher gift, we liked picking out practical things we could use in the classroom. Also, thanks for the great holiday treats that we enjoyed at lunch!
- 3rd: Thank you for the holiday shop. Once again, the children enjoyed their time shopping for friends and family. Thank you also for providing buses for our field trip to the Nutcracker.
- 4th: Thank you again for funding the 4th grade Harrisburg trip. The kids seemed to really enjoy it. (We were lucky this year, we were able to go on the Senate and the House floor!) The Holiday shop was great, the kids were very excited about it. We loved the "teacher gift" idea. Thank you for always thinking of us. We hope you all have a wonderful Holiday with your Families and Friends. Thank you again for all you do for HST.
- 5th: 5th grade teachers are planning a "Pop-Tart & Movie" afternoon on Thursday, December 20th and teachers would be appreciative of Pop-Tart donations from parents. We also are reminding our 5th graders, especially during the season of giving, the importance to think of others as we continue to collect food donations for the local food bank.
- Specialists/Other:
- Food Drive: The food from the food drive will be going to the Allentown Food Bank and the 6th Street shelter.

**Committee Reports/Fundraisers/Events:**

Kid Stuff and Save Around Books: Given by Jennifer Kelley and Jennifer Knecht

- Invoice has been paid
- Final wrap up is taking place

Scrip: Given by Jennifer Kelley

- We did a second round of this sale
- Second round resulted in a few more sales

Dine and Donate: Given by Joanmarie Blunt

- Waiting for our proceeds from Big Woody's Dine and Donate.
- December Dine and Donate Event on 12/18 from 5-9 at Copperhead Grille on Airport Rd. When you mention you are supporting Harry S Truman Elementary School, we get 15% of the profits.

- January Dine and Donate Event will be a MaGia

Candy Canes: Given by Beth Neitz

- Candy canes have been purchased and will be given out to the students prior to winter break

Holiday Shoppe: Given by Jennifer Kelley

- Holiday Shoppe was a success all the students enjoyed purchasing gifts and experiencing the joy of giving
- Evening Holiday Shoppe had a great turn out we made. We used our new credit card machine during this event.
- We had a profit of about \$900.00

**Old Business**

Roller Skating: Given by Michelle Martucci and Kristy Cressman

- Free coupons for are being sent. Dates will be 12/ 26 and 2/27 from 6-9

Drama Club

- Board needs more time to decide.

**New Business**

Credit Card Reader

- We now have a Square Credit Card reader. The reader will be used at select events such as evening Holiday Shoppe and Ice Cream Festival.

Picnic Day

- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade has asked if we can possible spruce up picnic day, since they missed out the Harrisburg trip last year. Ideas included inflatables, Kona ice, pizza, magician etc.

**Review Activity Calendar:** Given by Jennifer Kelley

12/4 Coffee & Conversation 8:45-9:30 am; After School Math Program (by invite only) 3:30-4:30pm, 12/5 Reorganization and Board Meeting 7pm; After School Math Program (by invite only) 3:30-4:30pm, 12/6 T-shirt Day; 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Band and Chorus Concert 9:30-10:30am , 12/8 Community Breakfast 9-11am, 12/11 & 12/12 After School Math Program (by invite only), 12/13 Snow Date for 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grade Band/Chorus Concert 9:30-10:30am, 12/17 & 12/18 After School Math Program (by invite only) 3:30-4:30pm, 12/20 Winter Celebration/ Parties; T-shirt Day, 12/21 Early Dismissal 1pm; Phantoms Night Doors Open 6pm, 12/24-12/31 No School Winter Break

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

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:27 PM**

**Minutes compiled by Nicoll Spinner, Secretary**