

Harry S. Truman PTO  
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**PTO MEETING – Monday, November 4th, 2019**

**Meeting called to order by:** President Jennifer Kelley at 7:02PM

**Roll Call of Officers:** All present

**Attendance:** 20 in attendance

**Minutes:** The minutes of October meeting were accepted by M. Martucci and 2nd by K.Cressman

**Special Guests:** Kelly Pauling Director of Teaching and Learning presentation on Curriculum Instruction and Assessment

**Officers Reports:**

Treasurer: Given by Jennifer Knecht

Income

- \$10,371.47 Account balance
- \$1,365.00 Kid Stuff books
- \$1,330.90 Membership Dues
- \$365.00 Restaurant nights including the summer

Expenses

- \$517.00 Kindergarten field trip to Sieples. Transportation is not included in this amount
- \$3,458.00 school shirts.
- \$344.00 additional school shirts.

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

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- On Tuesday October 22nd, Kindergarten experienced a wonderful and educational trip to Seiples Farms. Students had a great day learning and enjoyed picking out their own pumpkins. Thank you to the PTO for their continued support in funding this fun event.
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- SFE our Child Nutrition Department will be offering Thanksgiving lunch at HST on Friday November 15th. Family members are invited to attend with their student at their scheduled lunch time. If parents/guardians are not able to attend, a grandparent, aunt, or uncle may attend in their place. We look forward to seeing everyone there.
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- T-Shirt day is Thursday November 7th, and Thursday November 21st. Please have your students wear their HST gear!
- HST will have early dismissals on Thursday November 21st, Friday November 22nd, Monday November 25th, Tuesday November 26th, and Wednesday November 27th for Parent/Teacher Conferences. Students will be dismissed at 1:00pm.

- School will be closed on Thursday November 28th, Friday November 29th, and
- December 2nd, for Thanksgiving Break. I hope everyone enjoys a relaxing holiday with their family!

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

- Kindergarten: We had a wonderful visit to Seiple's Farm. The rain held off long enough for us to get in all the activities. So many smiles that morning! Thanks for your support to make this happen.
- 1st: We are working hard in first grade! We are going to look into a Field Trip at DeSales University for the Spring. The play is called, "The Jungle Book." We hopefully will be able to go on this field trip! Thank you for all of your help!
- 2nd: Thank you to our parent volunteers for volunteering their time at the Halloween parade and party. We are preparing for our Veterans Day assembly this Friday. We are making Windsocks and passing out poppies to veterans.
- 3rd: 3rd grade is getting ready for Veterans Day. They are making soldiers to thank our veterans. Thank you to our parent volunteers for helping with the Halloween parade/party.
- 4th: We are looking forward to going on our Harrisburg field trip on the 13th. Thank you for helping to make the trip possible.
- 5th: Thanks to our parents for volunteering for the Halloween parade/party. Your help is always appreciated. Students enjoyed creating the disguise a pumpkin contest. If you're walking through the hallway between A Pod and B Pod be sure to check some of them out on the bulletin boards. Currently 5th grade is preparing for Veterans Day by creating videos. Our 5th grade field trip to Lehigh University for Leadership Day/ a girls' basketball game will be on Nov. 13th. This is fully funded by Lehigh University.
- Other/Specialists: Nurse Becker- I will be glad to come and talk about a health topic at one of the meetings. How about a talk on Measles?

**Committee Reports/Fundraisers/Events:**

Perkins Pie: Given by Jennifer Gnall

- Perkins Pies currently on sale for the Thanksgiving holiday.
- Orders are due 11/8
- Order Pick will be on 11/25 from 5-6 PM in the HST parking lot

Scrip: Given by Jen Kelley

- Scrip gift cards are currently for sale
- Orders are due 11/27
- Order pick up will be on 12/17 in the HST cafeteria.

Fall Craft and Vendor Fair: Given by Devon Dredge

- Currently have 50 vendors confirmed vendors, goal of 60.
- Expecting a few more vendor contracts and payments this week
- \$1375.00 in table sales
- Card My Yard is donating the sign to advertise which will be placed on corner of Dauphin and Emmaus.
- Card My Yard will also be donating a photo arch for the front entrance
- Sign up genius to be sent out for food donations and volunteers
- Advertised on RCN, service electric, Salisbury press each vendor handing out flyers
- 50 lawn signs advertising the event have been ordered and will be placed around the local area.

Dine and Donate: Given by Joanie Blunt

- Setting up a Dine and Donate for December

Holiday Shop: Given by Jennifer Kelley

- Held 12/3-12/6
- Kids will be able to shop with their classes
- Holiday shop items will come from Gifts and Things. We will also get some items from the dollar store and five below
- Sign up genius will be sent for volunteers all days from 9-3
- Night shop will be on Friday this year in conjunction with our new holiday movie night

Movie Night: Given by Jennifer Gnall

- Will be held after the night holiday shop on Friday 12/6
- Vote conducted to select movie.
- Unanimous vote for Polar Express

**Old Business**

No Old Business

**New Business**

Bubble Science Assembly Given by Russell Lande

- Guy from CT puts on a great assembly with bubbles
- Can get a donation to have the assembly
- Russell will forward the information to the PTO board and Mr. Brem for review

Box Tops Given by Annie Graves

- Submitted ~ \$300.00 for November deadline

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

11/5 No School, 11/6 Operations Meeting, 11/7 T-shirt Day, 11/7 Chorus Rehearsal, 11/8 Veterans Assembly, 11/13 School Board Meeting, 11/13 Dine and Donate PJ Wellahans, 11/14 Chorus Rehearsal, 11/16 Craft and Vendor Fair, 11/21 T-shirt Day, 11/21 Early Dismissal,

11/21-22, 25, 26 Parent Teacher conferences with 1pm dismissals, 11/27 1pm dismissal, 11/28-12/2 Thanksgiving Break No school.

**Next meeting is 12/9/2019 at 7 PM in the staff lounge**

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:02 PM**

**Minutes compiled by Nicoll Spinner, Secretary**