

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm.

The November 12, 2015 minutes were approved.

### **Reports:**

Treasurer- Janelle Maruna made a motion to make a line item for Scholarship of \$500. A scholarship is given each year to a graduating Stow HS senior who went to Highland. Motion seconded by Deb Mancuso and passed.

Marcos- Debbie reported that Highland is in 10<sup>th</sup> place. There are 150+ schools doing the challenge. Pizza box decorating will occur soon at school and orders for the Feb. 3rd pizza night will be for K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade boxes and the March 2nd pizza night will be for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade boxes.

Fundraising- Five Below, we made \$20 and TGI Fridays we made \$24. These will not be done again due to low turn out. Future fundraiser ideas and implementation are needed. Contact Meg Scholfield at [Megscho23@aol.com](mailto:Megscho23@aol.com) to help. April Fools Fun Run, on April 1, 2016. Debbie Mancuso, Melanie Crookston, Carrie Greene and Janelle Maruna to brainstorm this fundraiser.

### **Committees:**

Art Show- Kris Vosecky and Rachel Randolph to co-chair.

Historian- Founder's Day is Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. The "Helping Hands" Award will be given out that night. Send pics to Deb at [dmancuso@neo.rr.com](mailto:dmancuso@neo.rr.com).

Scholastic Book Fair- Jan 25-29. Help is need on Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> from 4-6:30 to receive the shipment and set up in the library. Help is especially needed for the Friday Family night on Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>. Packets should be going home on Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> about the Book Fair. See Volunteer spot on [www.highland.org](http://www.highland.org) to sign up or contact Jen Britton at [britton0211@gmail.com](mailto:britton0211@gmail.com).

Basket Raffle- It is held during the Art Show. Kim Woods and Jen Britton to chair. [Kim Woods524@aol.com](mailto:Kim.Woods524@aol.com).

Field Day- Katie Cutlip at [Katie.Cutlip@Brighthorizons.com](mailto:Katie.Cutlip@Brighthorizons.com) to help. Debbie Mancuso is co chair.

Movie Night- Melanie Crookston said that Minions has been chosen. Movie night is Friday, Feb. 26. Kids will get popcorn and she is looking for candy donations. [mel.crookston@gmail.com](mailto:mel.crookston@gmail.com).

Reflections- Kris Vosecky said that out of 23 entries from Highland 16 qualified. Kris will get the names of the kids who placed to Mrs. Graziano and Brian Ketler to post on web page.

Scholarship- Christine Galperin was contacted by the HS guidance team and she will get a copy of the current application to [www.highlandpta.org](http://www.highlandpta.org). Committee will meet at the end of April to choose a recipient.

Staff Appreciation- Deb Mancuso, Carrie Greene and Amy Ketler to co-chair.

Student Appreciation- **needs a Chair and co-chair**. Week ends with movie night. Do spirit days etc.

Yearbook- Send photos to [highlandy@gmail.com](mailto:highlandy@gmail.com). Christine Galperin, Jen Britton and Brian Ketler.

Valentine's Parties- Still a few classrooms need a head room parent. Contact [Megscho23@aol.com](mailto:Megscho23@aol.com).

COSI- It was a great event for the kids, a few more volunteers were needed. Plan a date for next year, there are a few other themes. The theme this year was Chemistry.

Landscape- Arbor Day Event to be held on Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. Clean up, plant a tree and flowers. Mayor, Sara Drew will attend.

Principal's Report-Kiwanis club of Stow presented Highland with a check for \$800 from the Applebee's Breakfast with Santa. Fire Safety poster winners will be announced. The schedule for the next 3 school years are on the district web page. This Fall, school will start for students on Aug. 18<sup>th</sup>. The semester will end at Christmas break. Cosi was terrific! Highland has a new lost and found bench made by an Advanced Woodworking student at the HS who went to Highland. The PTA is contributing to the cost of materials. The staff will have it's Spring Malley's sale.

Teacher's Report- Mrs. McGovern said the kids loved COSI! Thank you for the Holiday gifts the staff received and indoor recess games. Report cards will be on line on Friday, Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>. In February the Student Council will have a food drive.

### **Old Business:**

Staff Break Room Reno- Kurt Westover is heading with Bob Brantsch and Dan Garrett. Volunteers are needed to help with patching walls, painting and other jobs. Contact Kurt at [kwestover@tcco.com](mailto:kwestover@tcco.com) to help. Cabinets going in are from a school up at University Circle. They were free. Next steps are to remove drop ceiling, remove carpet, hang cabinets and order countertop. A new refrigerator was ordered too. New lighting may be done as well. Work will be done over Spring break and the summer. Kurt made a motion to make a line item for the Staff Break Room Renovations in the budget of \$8000 in addition to the \$1000 the project started with. It was seconded by Alanna Updegraff. There was discussion and concern with the large sum of non-budgeted, unspent money from savings, going towards the renovations. Most seemed to be in favor of some amount for renovations. The motion passed.

New lost and found bench- A motion was made by Mrs. Graziano and seconded to move \$250 from the MISC line item to pay for the materials. The motion passed.

Financial Review Committee- Alanna Updegraff, Melanie Crookston and Amy Ketler.

The PTA is in need of a Nominating Committee (3 people) to create a slate for next year's PTA Executive Board. Slate is due by the March PTA meeting.

PTA Meeting - 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 7 pm- **Feb 11, March 10 and April 14**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 pm.