

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm

Minutes from Sept. 10th, 2015 meeting were approved. They are available on highladpta.org.

Reports

- **Treasurer** (Janelle Maruna)- We earned \$459 on spirit wear and there are 4 shirts left to sell. We have a budget of \$500 for a Fall family night and anyone who would like to plan this event please let us know. A Treasurer report was presented and approved. We have Scholastic dollars left over from last year for the staff to use.
- **Marco's Night**- Mrs. Detweiler's room won in Sept and we made \$132.70. It is the first Weds of the month.
- **KidStuff**-Meg thanked the staff at how helpful they have been with collections. She estimated we sold 170 books and made over \$2000 so far. We also received \$37.50 in straight donations.
- **Signage**-Dan asked to let him know about December events to put up. November is on the sign now. Contact Dan Garrett at garrdn@gmail.com.
- **Volunteers**- Jen said there are still many committee openings. Please help! Email Jen at britton0211@gmail.com. See attached page to the agenda for Oct 8 meeting.
- **Room parents**-The Halloween room parent meeting was held just before this PTA meeting and had great attendance. FYI- some rooms still need a head room parent for the Valentine's party. FINGERPRINTING IS A MUST!! It can take 7-10 days for fingerprint results to come back.
- **COSI**- The event will be on Dec. 8th during the school day. There are already 20 parent volunteers. Thank you! Contact Janelle to help at jmaruna@neo.rr.com.
- **Website**-there are 164 people signed up for the site and receive weekly reminders of events.
- **Newsletter**-The first one will be out on Thursday, October 15. Please have all updates to Jen Britton by Oct 12. It will be an electronic newsletter.
- **Landscape**- The Fall clean up day will be on November 14th from 9-noon. We will be raking leaves, cutting down 2 dead trees. Bring rakes, leaf blowers, and chain saws to help. Contact Bob Brantsch with questions at dce@gloriadeihudson.org.
- **Reflections**- The theme is "Let your Imagination Fly". Forms are due with art by Oct. 29. Contact Kristine Vosecky with questions at kdvosecky@me.com.
- **Principal's report**- Mrs. Graziano thanked everyone who has contacted her with all the thoughts and ideas for a good school year. Highland will have a new Intervention tutor, Ms. Kinnan, start mid October. To accommodate the change the students will have a new recess and lunch schedule. Teachers will send out info on the change. Ms. Kinnan will have Math intervention on T and TR and English/Lang Arts intervention on M,W, F. The specials schedule of A-F will still apply. Also, the school board approved a new lunchtime aide for a total of 3 at Highland. The staff have been great at working with all the changes. Guidelines for Halloween costumes will be in the Highland newsletter and info about the costume parade. Oct 16, no school and Oct 30, early dismissal at 1:30 with Halloween parties held from 12:30-1:30.
- **Teacher's report**- Mrs. McGovern thanked the PTA for the Scholastic money to order new books and for the teacher mini grants.

- **Clock-** Dan is looking for someone who can work on getting the clock on the front facade of the school building working again. We will get address numbers to match the look of the clock also.
- **PTA council-** Mark Fritz (district manager) spoke of improving the infrastructure within the schools. Kristine recommends everyone going to a council meeting sometime. The Book Club held every year at Highland is changing formats. The district is still working on it. It will be for K-12 grades. Books will be sorted by genre and it will occur during the school day. There is a plan for HS kids to help the younger kids do their reporting. This year, book club will be a half year event. There is collaboration with the SMF Public Library.
- **PTA membership drive-** Julie Hurst reported that 139 families signed up and Mrs. Kruse's class won for overall number of memberships. Thank you to everyone who signed up!

Old Business

- **Financial Committee-**Bank statements were just received and financials will be reviewed later this month.
- **Breakfast with Santa-** A Santa has been selected and tickets will go on sale the first of November. The event will be on Dec. 5 at the Silver Springs lodge.
- **By Laws committee** contact Rachel Randolph at flounder10@gmail.com to help review the current bylaws.
- **Staff break room-** Dan has a list of suggestions to help improve the room. garrdn@gmail.com. Dan is going to bring in an independent licensed plumber to evaluate getting plumbing and a sink in the staff break room. Approved by the district to have the work done.

New Business

- **Teacher Conference Dinners-**volunteers are needed with set up and food donations. Contact Tara Pringle Jefferson at tara.pringle@gmail.com to help.
- **Ohio PTA District 13 Fall Conference-** Thurs, Nov 5 from 4:30-9 at Revere HS. Bob and Dan are going. Anyone else?
- **Bright Star Used Book Collection-** done through WIC clients and Summit County Public Health. Books go to low income families. Mrs. McGovern said the Student Council at Highland will do as an Outreach project.

Announcements

PTA meeting- 2nd Thursday at 7 pm, **Nov 12, Jan 14, Feb 11, March 10, April 14**

SMF PTA Council meetings-Oct 20 at Fishcreek.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm