

**HARRISON TOWNSHIP PTA
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 7, 2019 7 PM
HARRISON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL**

- Opening Remarks: Meeting initiated by Jennifer Bowen, PTA President. Introduction of Room Parent coordinators Desiree Adams (HTS), Jen Urban (PVS), and Alexis Ofchinick .

- Treasurer's Report: General Account balance \$56,256.10, Reserve Account balance \$22,498.54. Cash receipts due to CandyGrams/SmileGrams & Pop Socket sales at Back to School Nights. Cash disbursements include state taxes, insurance, and candy gram/smilegram supplies.

- Statement from Teachers & Administrators: Mrs. Megan Sahkleh (HTS Librarian) and Mrs. Peg Wills (PVS Music Teacher) in attendance and praised the PTA for all that they do for the children.

- Committee Reports:
 - Fall Family Day @ Creamy Acres Recap—Great turn out for this family event in September. The weather was great! Had approximately 70 kids and 60 adults in attendance.
 - Spirit Wear (Online store closes today 10/7/19)—Spirit Wear online store closes tonight 10/7/19 at midnight so this is the last chance to place orders.
 - Membership—PTA membership drive contest ends Friday 10/25/19. You can sign up and pay to become a PTA member on the Harrison PTA website. \$12.00 annual cost for membership. The class in each grade with the highest percentage of active memberships will win a pretzel party.
 - School Store (PVS Wed 10/9/19, Next HTS 1/7/20)—First HTS school store brought in \$700.00 in sales! Thank you for your support! PVS school store is this Wednesday 10/9/19.
 - Box Tops (Fall submission 11/1/19)—New system for box tops being implemented by General Mills. Some products still have the traditional labels that you cut out and send into the schools. Please continue to cut out those box tops and send into the main office. You can also download the box tops app on your smart phone and scan your grocery receipts. Eligible products will automatically be credited to our school.

- Amazon Smile—Still participating in this program. Amazon donates ½ of 1% for all Amazon purchases made to the Harrison Township PTA when you use the Amazon Smile link and designate Harrison Township PTA as the recipient.
 - HTS Book Fair (11/12/19-11/19/19)—Coming soon. Stay tuned for details!

- 6th Grade “Explorers” update:
 - Pop Sockets and Candy Gram/Smile Gram sales were a huge success! 6th grade students did most of the work at Back to School Nights and almost doubled sales from prior years! Profits will go towards 6th grade specific events.

- Questions/Discussion?
 - Lengthy discussion ensued regarding the Father/Daughter Dance. As mentioned at the September General PTA meeting, it is NOT scheduled at this time for the 2019-2020 school year. When we plan our PTA events we have to select dates in the summer and the school then double checks availability and conflicts and approves our dates. We didn’t have a VP of Fundraising and/or Father/Daughter coordinators at that point. So rather than do something in a poor manner we elected not to schedule this event.
 - Question: “What would it take to put the dance back on the schedule?” We need a VP of Fundraising and 3 or 4 strong Father/Daughter Dance Coordinators as a start.
 - Question: “Can we hold this event at an outside venue?” This option has been explored in the past but it becomes an issue with lack of volunteers and increased pricing of tickets. Marcey DiGiacomo, former Father/Daughter Dance Coordinator explained the logistics of organizing this event and the obstacles that come up.
 - Anyone interested in coordinating this event please give your contact information to Jennifer Bowen, PTA President before you leave the meeting tonight.
 - Question: “Will there be a Mother/Son Night at the Phillies?” This event will take place but will be a “Family Night at the Phillies” instead of just Mother/Son Night. Date to be selected once the Phillies 2020 schedule is released.

- Room Parent Meeting immediately followed the General meeting

- Next General PTA meeting WEDNESDAY 11/6/19 @ 10 am HTS Activity Center
 Join the PTA for coffee & important updates

