

Harrison Township PTA

General Membership Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2019 7 pm

Pleasant Valley School

Opening Remarks: Meeting initiated by Jennifer Bowen, PTA President. Introduction of current PTA executive board members Stephanie Holm, Kelly Yanek, Karen Keser Onyschzak, Lori Penderleith and Sandy Reichert.

Treasurers Report: Report given by Stephanie Holm, Treasurer. General balance \$55,121.11, Reserve balance \$22,498.54. Treasurer board position is presently open. Budget to be reviewed at the October meeting.

Statement from Teachers/Administration: Mr. Flexon (HTS administration), Mrs. Sheppard (PVS 5th grade teacher), and Mrs. Wills (PVS Music teacher) in attendance. Mrs. Wills said "Thank you for everything that you do for us" and mentioned that HTEA is having a blood drive on 10/28/19 with more details to follow. Mr. Flexon expressed his thanks for the sensory hallway donations from parents as well as the new student welcome gift bags donated by the PTA.

Committee Reports: Given by Jennifer Bowen, PTA President

- Membership—go to the Harrison Twp. PTA website and sign up to become a member. Can also sign up for PEX weekly PTA emails as well as sign up to become a room parent through the website.
- Spirit Wear –should be available soon for purchase. Clothing will feature new branding logo.
- Fall Family Event @ Creamy Acres (9/28/19)-- Event is from 10 am to 4 pm. \$10.00 for children, \$5.00 for adults, under 2 free. Harrison Twp. wristband includes hayride to the pumpkin patch (large pumpkins available for purchase @ .70 per lb.), kiddie corn maze, barnyard walk, and access to the Field of Fun.
- Amazon Smile—Amazon Smile 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.
- Box Tops—Continue to cut out those box tops and send into the main office. Box Top program will be converting to a digital program but not implemented yet. Stay tuned for details.

- School Store (HTS Tues 10/1/19, PVS Wed 10/9/19)—School stores start in October. Don't need to bring a lot of money. \$5.00 is plenty. A Ziploc bag with your child's name on it and the amount of money is very helpful for the volunteers to expedite the school store line.

6th grade Explorers:

- Candy Grams & Pop Sockets @ Back to School Nights—CandyGrams & SmileGrams (a noncandy option) will be sold at all Back to School Nights for \$1.00 per gram. Also Pop Sockets featuring a variety of logos to choose from will be available for purchase for \$8.00 apiece. Cash only for all sales. Proceeds from both Candy/Smile grams and pop sockets will benefit the current 6th grade "Explorer" class.

Questions/Discussion?

Mr. Flexon reported that they will be selling reusable water bottles at all Back to School Nights to raise funds for a water bottle dispenser at HTS. Each water bottle will be \$10.00.

Question: Is the Fall Family event replacing the Father/Daughter Dance?

We don't have a dance at this moment but we did not cancel the dance. Currently, the PTA does not have a VP of Fundraising and we have been advertising the vacancy since January. It's a lot of moving parts and nothing is settled at this time. The Phillies family night event was discussed and a date will be chosen as soon as the Phillies schedule is released.

Question: How do we volunteer for events?

We are trying to cut down on paper so all volunteer opportunities can be found on the Harrison Township PTA website (www.harrisonpta.org). Signups for all PTA activities are posted on the website. You can also find links to PTA activities on the weekly principal emails. Sign up to receive weekly PTA PEX emails on the PTA website to stay informed.

Question: My daughter is in 6th grade. How do we get on a committee to chair a 6th grade event?

You can contact our 6th grade Explorer chairs Vicki Westervelt & Megan Battaglia. Go to the Harrison Twp. PTA website and under the About the PTA tab you will find a list of all PTA chairs and board members. Click on the Explorer link to send an email to Vicki & Megan.

Question: Do you have to register each year for Amazon Smile?

No, you only register once for Amazon Smile. Each time you make a purchase use the Amazon Smile website and proceeds from your purchases will go towards Harrison Township PTA.

Committee/Chair Meeting followed the General meeting

****Next General PTA Meeting Monday 10/7/19 @ 7 pm HTS with Room Parent Meeting to follow****