

**Holliston PTSA**  
**Town-Wide Board meeting**  
**February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016**

In attendance: Lynn Whynot, Kathi Hothem, Erin Ornsteen, Stacey Raffi, Neela Patel, Nora Oquendo, Jill Sykes, Dawn Latshaw, Cathy Snyder, Kristine Perlmutter, Stephanie Golub-Simon, Lynne Rahim

- 7:03 pm call meeting to order by Lynn Whynot
- Motion to approve December 2015 minutes, Neela motions, Kathi seconds, all in favor
  
- Thank you from Lynn (to Lynne Rahim) for Chris Herren night, which was a big success
- Dr. Turk is next, 3/8 possibly, Stacey will follow up with Sarah Ahern
- Is Joani Geltman a possibility?

Presidents/Treasurer's report

- Taxes are filed
- \$2700 in SCRIP income collected so far. Doing one more online drive. \$2700 remaining on books

Elementary School report

- Bingo night 2/5
- Science fest 2/27 – science projects allowed to be displayed for students in 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> – will be promoted via email, Facebook and the science teachers.
- Basket raffle & book fair coming in March
- Math night 3/15
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade Sports Night chair needed
- Recycling of used Crayola markers, drive happening in schools

Middle School report

- Celebrated “Middle of the Middle” (7<sup>th</sup> grade) – students did trivia games, wore nametag with middle name all day
- Natures classroom for 6<sup>th</sup> graders coming up in April
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade community service day end of May

High School report

- Only two people complained about the Christmas trees sales not happening
- Xmas tree scholarship – the more shifts you worked, the more chances to win
- Scholarships: seniors are finishing their college apps and are now writing apps for scholarships
- Discussion surrounding current status of scholarships and possible changes:

Current: 1) \$1000 Random drawing for students who have been HPTSA members for 4 years

2) \$1000 Written submission "winner"

Last year, submissions were very weak.

- Jill motioned to change membership scholarship to 2 x \$500. Stacey moved, all in favor. Kathi motions to add another scholarship to include a writing sample for \$1000 Dawn seconds. All in favor. 2/12 is the deadline to input all info.
- Link to new scholarship amounts and requirements: [Holliston Scholarship Info](#)

### Committee updates

- Culture Connection (Nora)
  - Needing an ES Chair and co-chair. Cathy has a lead
  - \$1990 in grants from the town (Holliston Local Culture Council)
  - [CC List of Events](#)
- Destination Imagination (Kristine)
  - 20 teams at tournament @ HS on 3/19
  - Kids Night Out coming up (fundraiser for DI)
  - Movie night raised \$400 to go back to the HS art department. 14 submissions, including an international submission
- Parent Ed (Lynn)
  - Will be partnering with the Holliston Police Department to bring the "Social Host Liability" program, also through the Metrowest Partnerships for Youth, on Thursday, April 7, 2016, 7pm at RAMS.
  - Newsletter: need more submissions

### PTA affiliation – becoming PTO

- Review draft motion: [Draft Motion for PTSA to PTO](#)
- Kathi makes a motion to change from PTSA to PTO following all the steps outlined in our bylaws. Stacey seconds. All in favor

### Other business

- Grant cycle opens soon. Submissions need to be in by end of March to vote on at April meeting
- Change of date for June meeting to 6/8/16
- Next meeting 4/5/16
- Lynn motions to adjourn, Stacey seconds. All in favor. 8:42 pm meeting adjourned