

**Bower Hill Elementary PTA
Regular Meeting December 4, 2013
Final Minutes**



1. Call to Order	The President, Ria Kartsonas , called the meeting to order at 9:17 a.m. with 10 people in attendance.
2. President's Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ria Kartsonas welcomed everyone.
3. Reading and App. Min.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes from November 2013 are approved as written.
4. Treasurer's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Treasurer Sue Filoon presented the Treasurer's report. The Read-a-thon money was deposited. It was a very successful fundraiser. The PTA has received dues from some new memberships.
5. Teacher Remarks	<p>Mr. Killen:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Polar Express Day is happening on December 19th. The third grade will be presenting the gift of reading to the first grade students on that same day. The first round of after school homework helpers was a success and another round of those sessions is being planned.
6. Guest Speaker(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Christy Webler was the guest speaker. She introduced sensory tools that are used with children in her classroom and across the school. She was able to display many of the tools she uses in her classroom including cloud dough, Glitter calm down bottles, and "I spy" games made out of pencil cases. Ms. Webler also distributed a handout that includes directions on how to make these tools at home.
7. Area Council Report	<p>Ria Kartsonas reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please attend an Area Council Meeting to learn information about all of the schools and PTA's in the district. At the previous meeting the districts test scores for each school was presented and ideas for improving those scores was discussed. The next Area Council meeting will be held on January 23.
8. Report of First Vice President	<p>Nikki Beagle gave a brief report of the following committees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Labels for Education: Please save labels and send them to school with your students. We will receive double points until December 15, up to 1,000 points. Our current total is 78,508 points. Spirit Wear: The backordered spirit wear was received and distributed. The "Just Move" t-shirts should be in before winter break begins. Book Fair: The book fair was a huge success. The fair brought in \$3000 in cash for future book use and \$1700 in books from Scholastic. Tyson Labels: Please continue to send your Tyson labels to school. We were able to earn \$24 for the labels already collected. Family, Fun & Fitness: We have started to plan for this fun night at Bower Hill. It will be held on January 31st.
9. Report of Second Vice President	<p>Michelle Hoffmann gave a brief report on the committees she oversees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Character Counts: The collection for the soldiers was a huge success. Thank you to all who donated. More than 8,000 items were collected across Peters Township. Teacher Appreciation: Please sign up to make cookies for the teacher cookie exchange. PTSD Directory: The directories were all received and distributed. Thanks to Darlene Lemansky for making that happen.

10. Report of Third Vice President	<p>Gretchen Walker gave a brief report on the committees she oversees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yearbook: The yearbook order forms will be coming home with your student very soon. Please fill them out and return them as soon as possible. They will be due back before winter break begins.
11. Principal's Remarks	<p>Principal Mrs. Kelly Gustafson reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bower Hill is currently collecting Pajamas and books to donate to area shelters. • The district is beginning to install a new phone system, one building at a time. Please be aware that Bower Hill will eventually be receiving this new system. • The PTSD Directories were distributed. • The snack for the Holiday parties was changed to Ho-Hos and milk or water instead of soda for the beverage.
12. Old Business	
13. New Business	
Adjournment	There being no further business, Ria Kartsonas adjourned the meeting at 9:55a.m.

Submitted by: _____
 Nikki Beagle, Secretary, 2013/2014

Date approved: _____