

**Bower Hill Elementary PTA  
Regular Meeting November 6, 2013  
Final Minutes**



1. Call to Order	<b>The President, Ria Kartsonas</b> , called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. with 18 people in attendance.
2. President's Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ria Kartsonas welcomed everyone.</li> </ul>
3. Reading and App. Min.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minutes from October 2013 are approved as written.</li> </ul>
4. Treasurer's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Treasurer Sue Filoon</b> presented the Treasurer's report.</li> <li>Motion proposed; move \$1300 from the Read-a-thon into the Spirit Recognition account. It will be used to purchase "Just Move" t-shirts for all of the students at Bower Hill.</li> <li>The motion was approved by Samantha McVicker and second by Rachel Leonard.</li> </ul>
5. Teacher Remarks	<p><b>Mr. Killen:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thank you to the PTA for the dinner during open house.</li> <li>The Halloween parties were a success, thank you to all who helped them to run smoothly.</li> <li>Reminder that parent conferences are going to be held tomorrow, November 7.</li> <li>Second grade students are busy making cookies at The Pie Place for Meals on Wheels.</li> <li>The third grade students are preparing for their economics fair.</li> </ul>
6. Guest Speaker(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mrs. Tammi Hanak spoke with us about a new show that is being introduced on BeeTV. It is called "Snack Scene at 3:15".</li> <li>The show will include several students and Mrs. Hanak learning how to make a healthy snack.</li> <li>The first speaker will be a dietician from Giant Eagle.</li> </ul>
7. Area Council Report	<p><b>Nancy Zimmer</b> reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Please attend an Area Council Meeting to learn information about all of the schools and PTA's in the district.</li> <li>At the previous meeting each of the building principals spoke and gave a report about their schools.</li> <li>The meetings are held once a month on the third Thursday. The next meeting will be November 21<sup>st</sup>.</li> </ul>
8. Report of First Vice President	<p><b>Karen Lingis</b> gave a brief report of the committees she oversees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Newsletter:</b> If you know about anyone interested in receiving the newsletter and they do not please forward their email address to Karen Lingis and she can add them. The newsletter is e-mailed out each Sunday evening. If you are interested in including something in it please have it sent to Karen by Thursday.</li> <li><b>Labels for Education:</b> Please save labels and send them to school with your kids. Our current total is 78,000 points.</li> <li><b>Spirit Wear:</b> Most of the spirit wear has been delivered and will be distributed by the end of the week. Several items are on back order and will be delivered as soon as possible.</li> <li><b>Reflections:</b> All of the Reflections entries have been submitted and judging will be held on November 13. There were 69 entries submitted from Bower Hill in the K-2 grades and 64 entries from third grade.</li> <li><b>Book Fair:</b> The book fair was a huge success, thanks to all for helping. Bower Hill families and staff purchased a total of \$20,000 in book fair merchandise! Mrs. Oleynick gets to use a percentage of that total to purchase new books for the library.</li> </ul>
9. Report of Second Vice President	<p><b>Ria Kartsonas</b> gave a brief report on the following committees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Character Counts:</b> Sue Filoon reported that Bower Hill will be participating in Operation Troop appreciation. There will be a box at Bower Hill to place your donations. The students are also making cards and crafts to be distributed at Applebee's restaurant on Veterans Day. There will be a YES Leadership conference held at PTHS on November 28 at 7pm for athletes, parents and coaches.</li> <li><b>Teacher Appreciation:</b> Thank you to all who donated food items to make the teachers dinner and cookie tables at open house a huge success. Look for the cookie exchange coming in December.</li> </ul>

10. Report of Third Vice President	<p><b>Gretchen Walker</b> gave a brief report on the committees she oversees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Read a thon:</u></b> The read-a-thon brought in \$24,000 this year.</li> <li>• <b><u>School Pictures:</u></b> School picture make-up day was completed and was successful.</li> <li>• <b><u>Open House Hospitality:</u></b> Thank you to all for the cookie donations and help at open house. A special thanks to Cheri Sloane for your help.</li> <li>• <b><u>Spirit Recognition:</u></b> The Buzzer Bee gift to the students this school year will be the "Just Move" t-shirts.</li> </ul>
11. Principal's Remarks	Principal Mrs. Kelly Gustafson was not available for a report today.
12. Old Business	
13. New Business	
Adjournment	There being no further business, Ria Kartsonas adjourned the meeting at 9:53a.m.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Nikki Beagle, Secretary, 2013/2014

Date approved: \_\_\_\_\_