

**Bower Hill Elementary PTA
Regular Meeting: November 7, 2018
Meeting Minutes**



1. Call to Order	Angie Glud called the meeting to order at 9:15 A.M.
2. President's Remarks	Angie Glud welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming.
3. Reading and Approval of Minutes	<p>Secretary, Michelle Adamshick, verified those in attendance had received a copy of the Minutes from the October meeting included with the handouts for today's meeting. Motion to approve minutes was made by Mrs. Piatt and seconded by Marlene Thomas.</p> <p>She also explained a few changes to the PTA email blasts sign-up which include a new section for 'faculty/staff'. She asked Mr. Killen and Mrs. Piatt to spread the word among the teachers. It is also a good idea for parents to confirm they are receiving the emails for the correct grade by signing up again if they are unsure.</p>
4. Treasurer's Report	<p>Treasurer, Julie Collins presented the Treasurer's report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copies of the current treasurer's report were distributed. • <u>Read-a-Thon Financial Review</u> Record setting - Total Money Raised: \$30,564.93 Represents excess profit of \$7,564.93 Donation Analysis: Cash and Checks around \$25,000 – 82% Online just over \$5400 – 18% Fees collected/lost for online donations around \$160, amount will increase in the future if more donations are made online With excess profit, the board proposes we spend a portion of the money on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase stipend for teachers from \$25 to \$50 • Increase Advancement for Education (for field trips and grade level projects) from \$4500 to \$6500 • Increase Beautification Committee budget by \$100 for additional paints/supplies for the school • Increase Hospitality budget by \$100 for cake for WTAE school visit • Additional excess profits to be spent on the kids still in discussion • Always looking for ideas of from other PTA members • <u>Book Fair Financial Review</u> Total Sales \$24,385.60 \$1,551.12 increase over 2017-2018 fall book fair Library Profits: \$5,755.85 – taken as all cash profit, no scholastic dollars needed at this time All for Books raised \$290 for donation. HEARTH charity was the beneficiary of the books purchased. We purchased 29 books/book sets with the money, including favorites like Pete the Cat, How Do Dinosaurs..., Dog Man, Narwhal, Princess in Black, I Survived, Bad Guys, and Magic Tree House. HEARTH provides supportive services and housing for women and their children experiencing homelessness and who are survivors of domestic violence or other trauma.

	<p>They also accept clothing donations, have an Amazon wish list, and more so reach out to Julie if you would like more info.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to pay bills and revise the budget with excess read-a-thon profit as explained was made by Marlene Thomas and seconded by Lynn Hutchinson.
5. Teacher Remarks	<p>Mr. Killen provided a teacher update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanks to everyone for all of the help with Open House. The teacher meals were much appreciated so teachers could stay after school before open house and they enjoyed the extra time together as a group. • Thanks to all the volunteers that came and helped out with the book fair and for all of the book donations to the teachers. • Upcoming Dates: Colonial Day – 3rd Grade – Dec. 19th Polar Express Day – Dec. 20th Gift of Reading – also on Polar Express Day, 3rd graders read to 1st grade students Holiday Party – Dec. 21st <p>Mrs. Piatt provided the Beautification Committee update.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stairwell library – much has been painted already and more is on the way • Rock Garden –updates are completed • Front of the Building much more welcoming with mums, cornstalks, etc. Thanks to everyone who helped with the improvements. • For Dec/Jan – plans underway, thanks to Mr. Killen for his hard work
6. Guest Speaker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
7. Report of First Vice President	<p>Angie Glud gave a brief report on the following committees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After School Dance: Recital will be April 6th at the High School with free admission, costume order is due soon and there will be no class on Nov. 26th • Area Council: Building principals provided an update from each school including plans for Rachel’s Challenge, next meeting will be on Nov. 15th at the Administration building with the District Administrators speaking • The Book Fair: Amazing job by Angela Sirsic, the other committee chairs, and all volunteers including students from the National Honor Society who helped during Open House • Box Tops: Next drawing is this Friday, Nov. 9th • Character Counts: Awards ceremony will be held next week, the next meeting is on Dec. 4th • Membership: Currently have 443 members which is slightly lower than last year, please encourage others to volunteer especially those interested in volunteering at the school for PTA events • Reflections: Entries were due last Friday, received about 40, judging will begin next week. Thanks to the committee for their hard work. • Spirit Recognition – Buzzer Bee was here for Red White & Kind Day this past Friday.
8. Report of Second Vice President	<p>Carrie Ace gave a report on the following committees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art Volunteers: Mrs. McAfoose has asked for smocks – old button down shirts work well. She is also interested in conducting mini workshops by local artists, time committee will be minimal and flexible, specially looking for someone who knits or crochets plus any other artists. Marlene Thomas suggested checking with the Peters Township Library to see if they have a Knitting Club. • Gratitude: Halloween candy collection of unused candy going on until tomorrow. Can drop

	<p>candy off in the office (kids cannot bring candy into school), the Peters Township library, the Rec Center and Fit House.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Open House: Angela Sirsic passes along her thanks to everyone who donated cookies and volunteered time at the cookie table ● Read-a-thon: Laura Rohrbach thanked everyone who volunteered at school and at home by encouraging kids to read. Carrie thanked Laura for all of her hard work. ● Volunteer Coordinators: Thank you to everyone who helped with the Halloween party last week. Next party will be the Holiday Party on Dec. 21st ● Yearbook: Thanks to those who took pictures at the Halloween party. Still looking for more photographers so contact Chelsea Johnston if interested. Yearbook photographers must have a camera but everyone can upload pictures (including cell phone pictures) to the Replayit App. You can still purchase a yearbook if you haven't already done so.
9. Report of Third Vice President	<p>Laura Rohrbach gave a report on the following committees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Assemblies – Pittsburgh Zoo and Aquarium assemblies coming up on Nov. 9th and 13th. It will be help on two separate days because the zoo animals can only be away from the zoo for a certain amount of time. So the morning assembly will be one day and the afternoon assembly another day. ● Teacher Staff Appreciation – More information will be coming soon about the Teacher Cookie Workshop to be held on Dec. 14th
10. Principal's Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● None
11. Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● None
12. New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● None
13. Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● None

Submitted by: Michelle Adamshick
Michelle Adamshick, Secretary, 2018/2019

Date approved: _____