**Holdingford PTA Minutes**

**October 11, 2016**

**Members Present:** Shelly Young, Jenny Revermann, Ema Hartung, Lisa Doucet, Brenday Jensen, Jennifer Skwira, Nicole Ottman, Cheryl Wilhelm, Evelyn Martini, Shelly Harren, Stephanie Gertken, Josh & Wendy Hofer, Melanie Klisch, Ed & McKayla Feia, Anna Christenson, and Carol Wenderski.

**Additions or Changes to the Agenda:** There were no changes or additions.

**Secretary’s Report:** A motion was made by Ema Hartung to accept the secretary’s report. A 2nd motion was made by Brenda Jensen.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Treasurer’s report showed an ending balance of $11,869. 82 as of October 11, 2016. A motion was made by Jenny R. to accept the treasurer’s report. A 2nd motion was made by Stephanie G.

**Special Requests:** Carol Wenderski requested $300 for MN author Kevin Lovegreen to come to Holdingford Elementary. He writes hunting books that teach respect for nature and that everything has a consequence. He is scheduled to come on November 22, 2016 for grades 3-6. Shelly Y. made a motion to approve this special request with a 2nd from Jenny R.

**New Business:**

1. American Education Week is November 13-19th. Baskets will be put together for each department for a total of 4 baskets. Tammy has agreed to chair and coordinate this event.
2. Fundraiser – Ema Hartung gave an update on the fundraiser. Tomorrow is the fundraiser kickoff. Money will be due back to school on October 26th. Volunteers will be needed to help count money on October 27th at 1:00. November 9th volunteers will be needed to help sort items and distribute them. Pickup will be from 3:15-6:00. Emails will go out requesting volunteers for each of these times. Ideas for class incentives were the top class in each grade earns extra recess. Also it was suggested to do a drawing for those students who turn their packets back in.
3. Book Fair – Pennies for preschoolers will again take place this year. There is a goal of $700 for this. There are movie/popcorn incentives for the grade that raises the most money for Pennies for preschoolers. There will again be 4 raffle baskets. A digital sign will be rented from Everything Signs to help advertise the bookfair. Setup will take place on Nov 1st starting around 9:00 and usually takes about 4 hours. The bookfair will be November 3-10 in the library.
4. Skating Party is Wednesday October 19th from 4:00-6:00. Cost is $10 and there are currently about 20-25 kids signed up.
5. Bylaws – The meeting times and when the elections are held were updated. McKayla Feia is going to make a couple additional changes/updates and we will approve the bylaws at our November meeting.

**Old Business**

1. Jennifer Skwira thanked the PTA for their donation to her classroom. The students loved the new toys that have to enjoy.
2. Raising kids in the digital age parent info night only had about 30 parents in attendance and most of those were preschool parents due to it being a parent involvement night. This event was not well advertised. Even though attendance was low there was lots of great information. We should consider having this talk again.

**Principal’s Report**

Principal Jim Stang was not in attendance.

\*Next PTA Meeting will be November 15, 2016 at the Holdingford Elementary Library.\*