

PTO Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2026 | 7pm

Welcome

Meeting began with greetings and introductions. In attendance: Jennie Harrison, Allison Symmes, Maria Kretz, Todd Orner, and Ted Wells. Minutes from the January meeting were approved.

Treasurer Report

Treasurer's report was presented: Balance as of the last meeting was \$10,711.88. There were no withdrawals or deposits since the last meeting, therefore the balance remains the same.

Mr. Wells Report

Mr. Wells reported that there is an upcoming event on March 25th; "Hidden Dangers," featuring an FBI presenter on social media dangers, which will be promoted in the March newsletter. It will include vendors, refreshments, and a book giveaway. The organizers are looking in to childcare options for those interested.

Discussed the state legislation banning cell phones from first bell to last bell, which is expected to be signed by governor.

New Business

Dogtown illustrator assembly has been scheduled for March 20th at 9:00 am. The cost to the PTO will be \$1,250 for the assembly and travel costs. The current budget/expenses/fundraisers were discussed and it was decided to approve the funds for the assembly.

Committee Reports

Fall Fundraiser:

No update.

RIF:

The next RIF event is scheduled for Friday, February 20th. A theme has not yet been decided. A group discussion on an Olympics-themed event was held to coincide with the current winter Olympics.

Restaurant Fundraiser:

The PTO received an email regarding a fundraising opportunity with Panera Bread. In the past, an organization needed to have their 503© status in order to partner with them, therefore Todd noted that the

Gettysburg Area Education Foundation could partner with them and donate the proceeds to the PTO.

Box Tops:

Total as of this afternoon - \$64.60

Spring Fundraiser:

A discussion was held regarding an apparel sale this spring. Strickland's was in the process of selling their business, so other options are being explored for a sale.

Hersheypark is offering group ticket sales again this year for fundraising. The cost this year is \$42.95. It was agreed to set the PTO's cost at \$47.00 which will give \$4.05 profit for each ticket sold. Orders are due to Hershey by April 30th.

A sub or popcorn sale was discussed, and suggested to be held around late March/early April.

Holiday Craft:

No update

Hospitality:

A skating party at Magic Elm was discussed. The cost has increased to \$500 for a 2-hour party. A decision was not made at this time.

A discussion was held regarding a school dance. Mr. Wells shared his concerns about the logistics of volunteers needed, and potential issues associated with such an event.

Math Madness:

The kick-off will be held on March 2nd and informational packets will be going home with the students. Students may bring in coins, bills, and checks (made out to the PTO) to the school, and online donations will be collected through GiveButter via the Gettysburg Area Education Foundation. The school-wide trip to the Gettysburg College is confirmed for March 26th if the goal of \$4000 is raised.

Announcements/Other

Todd discussed plans for the foundation to facilitate collaboration between the three Gettysburg elementary PTOs and schools, including potential events such as trivia nights and family engagement activities.

Todd mentioned a meeting with Loni Buck to explore educational events at the World War II Experience Museum. He also shared his vision for the foundation to help raise money and bring families together.

Next meeting date: March 17th, 2026.