

PTO Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2026 | 7pm

Welcome

Meeting began with greetings and introductions. In attendance: Maria Kretz, Allison Symmes, Taylor Keller, Todd Orner, and Rachel Trout. Minutes from the March meeting were approved.

Treasurer Report

Treasurer's report was presented: Balance as of the last meeting was \$9,842.76. Withdrawals totaled \$2,155.58 which included RIF supplies, "Dog Town" illustrator assembly, Teacher Stipends, and bussing to the Gettysburg College for Math Madness. Deposits totaled \$3,274.65 from Math Madness donations. Balance as of today's meeting is \$10,961.83.

Mr. Wells Report

Unable to attend this evening

New Business

Garden update from Mrs. Peterman: we have officially planted all of our fruit/veggies in the raised beds (strawberries - some saved from the previous garden after Garden Week in the fall), lettuce, spinach, snap peas, carrots, broccoli, and cauliflower)! We also have beautiful daffodils, tulips, and hyacinth in bloom and will be mulching that garden bed on Thursday!

A sign-up sheet will be sent to families to coordinate volunteers over the summer to come help tend to the garden.

Committee Reports

Fall Fundraiser:

No update.

RIF:

The final event for the school year was held on April 10th and allowed students to choose between making a tulip or daffodil craft, along with picking out a book of their choice. We had received an order of brand new books from Scholastic just a few days before RIF day, so the students were very excited to see some new (and highly requested!) titles. Allison attended the Gettysburg Optimist Club meeting on April 1st where the PTO/school was presented with a donation check for \$832.00. We are very grateful for their consideration and generosity!

Restaurant Fundraiser:

No update

Box Tops:

Total as of this afternoon - \$69.70

Taylor has expressed interest in being the coordinator of this since Mrs. Sease is no longer able to.

Spring Fundraiser:

Hersheypark ticket order forms have gone out to families and are due April 24th. A sub sale will also be organized with R&K Subs. Pick-up for both fundraisers will be held together during the week of May 18th.

Holiday Craft:

No update

Hospitality:

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 4-8. Jennie is working on organizing the festivities and an email will be sent out for families to sign up for donations.

Math Madness:

The total raised was \$5,713.21! The students met their fundraising goal and traveled to the Gettysburg College on March 26th for the student vs teacher basketball game. The students' team won!! Since they exceeded the fundraising goal, Mr. Cool was pied in the face along with Mrs. Becker (just for fun since her class was the bracket winner!)

The donations collected through GiveButter will be presented to the PTO at the Gettysburg Area Education Foundation meeting on May 13th for the amount of \$2,438.56. 5 donors did not cover the transaction fees, but GiveButter is covering it so the PTO will receive the entire amount collected.

Mr. Wells has proposed/advised that this event be held every other year in order so not to overwhelm families with fundraisers.

Announcements/Other

Lincoln Elementary School is holding a 'Chalk the Walk' event this Thursday (4/16). The GAEF will be holding a clothing collection for Community Aid from 5-7 pm that is open to community members. GAEF

will receive a donation from Community Aid based on the total weight of collections.

Next meeting date: May 12, 2026