

Echo Hill PTO Meeting Minutes February 17, 2025



Call to Order Time: 6:32 pm

Quorum: Wittkop Stouffer Mulholland

1. **Welcome & Introductions** were skipped tonight due to low attendance and everyone already knew all attendees.

2. **General Business**

- a) **Treasurer's Report:** Molly Mulholland reported on the financial status of the organization, noting that approximately \$23,560 was in the PTO bank account currently. Molly noted that our taxes have been completed, and she will soon complete a bi-annual report. She received three more teacher stipend requests today and also a \$1,000 check from BoxTops for Education.

3. Principal's Report: Mr. McDonald noted that inclement weather/frigid temps might delay school tomorrow, but he had not yet received notification of any delays/cancellations as of meeting time. He noted that the district has plenty of academic hours "baked into" the schedule; other districts cut it closer and then have to add days to the school calendar, but Linn Mar has not yet needed to do that. He recently received FAST scores for the school, and our scores improved by 2% (the goal was a 3% improvement). He will keep assessing scores and work with staff to keep ramping up for spring. He offered to take a quick inventory of playground accessories (kickballs, etc) to see if the PTO needed to purchase any more for recess times.

4. Vote / Request for Funds: Noelle Wittkop briefed the group on an item from last meeting: hiring Traveling Tom's Coffee Truck to come to Echo Hill as a special treat for staff sometime in May 2025 (specific date TBD, based on Tom's availability). Noelle coordinated with Amy Davis in the office and got rough numbers of 67 staff members x \$5-\$7 per staffer; Noelle said a simple Google form to take orders in advance would work well, along with optional financial support from parents via a GiveButter campaign. Noelle Wittkop motioned for the vote to reallocate \$400 of the PTO budget to this Traveling Tom's Coffee activity; Molly Mulholland seconded the motion. All people in attendance voted in support of this reallocation of PTO funds; vote unanimously passed. Noelle will coordinate with Molly, Amy Davis, and Traveling Tom's and keep us posted on details as they are worked out.

5. **Activities & Events:**

- a) Bingo Night recap: successful event; unsure of attendance.
- b) Conference Week Hospitality: Staci Sperflage was not in attendance but sent an update to Noelle ahead of tonight's meeting. The link for conference donations will go out this week. The PTO (and any parents who wish to donate) will supply popcorn, trail mix, granola, and Domino's Pizza, along with breakfast items and most likely Stack Wellness Cafe for conference day foods on Feb. 25 and 27, respectively.
- c) Virtual Paint Night is Friday, March 7 at 6:30pm. This event is hosted by Hayley Hegland of Mix Blend Create (and an Echo Hill mom). The group discussed the paint supply kits that have been prepared and distributed by request for past events; the group decided not to offer those this year and see if this hinders participation. Amy Stouffer will create and distribute a Google form for participants to sign up on; Hayley will message participants with the supply list and Zoom link. Hayley has not yet selected the scene that participants will paint, but it will be spring themed.
- d) Breakfast with Buddies is March 27 & 28, coordinated by Amy Stouffer, Amy White, and Staci Sperflage. More details to come.

6. Committee Leads Updates

- a) Hospitality - see above for conference items
- b) HyVee Receipts & Box Tops - Amy White reported some estimated totals for each program: \$810 for HyVee and \$210 for BoxTops, plus the \$1,000 sweepstakes that we recently won. She is planning a receipt challenge for the spring that will include an incentive for the whole school. Reminder that March 31 is the deadline for receipts to be included in this year's tally.
- c) Community Fundraising: Ice Skating on March 2, 1:30-3:30pm, with a portion coming back to our school.
- d) Your Pie Night for Echo Hill on Wednesday, April 16 - more details coming soon on this one.
- e) Volunteer Coordinators – watch for their update email this week.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.

Monday, Feb. 17 - PTO meeting attendees:

Name	Name	Name
Noelle Wittkop	Amy Stouffer	Molly Mulholland
Mr. McDonald	Amy White	Hayley Hegland

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