**Hillsdale Elementary School**

**PTO Membership Meeting**

**September 17, 2015**

**Attendees:** Karen Horan (Co-Pres) Lesley Navazio (Co-Pres)

 Amy DeFonzo (Co-Vice Pres) Beth Ann Rosica (Co-Vice Pres)

 Tara Ann O’Meara (Treasurer) Kate Semon (Secretary)

 Mrs. Pecorella (Principal)

Karen Orkin (Assemblies Coordinator)

 Christine B. Kim Catania

 Jose P.

1. Introductions and Attendance
2. Principals Report
3. 551 Students and 407 families over 100 new faces
4. 9-11 Flag Raising Thanks to The Boy Scouts, Mr. Norbury and Mr. Orkin
5. Oct 15 is Photo Retakes
6. Nursing Notes: Lice in Building, take appropriate precautions
7. Volunteers needed for Garden beds around the school
8. Background Clearances are now good for 5 years from date of receipt
9. PTO Co-Presidents Report
10. New Family Happy Hour had 60 plus families, very successful. Thanks to Amy DeFonzo for taking photographs.
11. Thanks to Nancy Franks and Kristin Dolan for running the Welcome Back Bash.
12. Colleen Kirshner and Jen Dickerson Homeroom Parents Coordinators currently in the works.
13. Kelly Catania Service Committee Head and looking for volunteers for Student Community Service:
	1. Canned Food Drive
	2. Read2Dream
	3. Chester Family Academy School Supplies
	4. 9-11 Family Fun Run
14. Co-Presidents attended the PTOC School District Wide Meeting, very informative
15. Discussed was the possibility of a new Weebly website for all PTO communications, this will hopefully streamline and simplify communications school wide.
16. Vice Presidents Report:
17. Goal Money for Outdoor Learning Center, PTO contribution $7500, additional grants in process
18. Book Publishing trial: Teachers will be encouraged to publish their own books
19. Need buses for Track Meet
20. Giant A+ program, $8500 last year. Program starts Oct. 10, 2015, sign up from last year carries over.
21. Dining Out Calendar in the works
22. Target will discontinue its Education Program in May 2016
23. Lana Raphael to head up Box Tops this year
24. Treasurer’s Report: Welcome Tara O’Meara as new Treasurer
25. Committee Report:

Assemblies Coordinator: Karen Orkin. Calendar is full and additional assemblies in the works.

1. K thru 2nd Natural Academy of the Sciences
2. School Wide Philadelphia Flyers Assembly Program
3. 4th grade Franklin Institute Astronomy presentation
4. School Wide Nick Bruel, author of Bad Kitty series
5. 3rd grade Mr. Robert Wanton, meteorologist
6. 5th grade Franklin Instit. Chemistry presentation
7. School Wide Dome Theater
8. Kindergarten: Secrets Of the Cardboard Rock(a close up look at our solar system)
9. 1st and 2nd Earth’s Wide Ride
10. 3rd Night of the Titanic
11. 4th Passports to the Universe
12. 5th Force Five(Extreme Weather)

 7. Tonight’s Votes:

 A. PSSA Pre/Post Party School Wide- Approved

 B. Additional Monies for School Assemblies($500)-Approved

 C. 2015-16 Budget-Approved