

**Granger Elementary PTO
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 6, 2007**

PTO President Barb Wright called the meeting to order at 9:15am. She thanked everyone who participated in the Cookie Exchange.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mrs. Collins then told the group how she purchased four sets of risers for the building out of her budget. Previously we had been borrowing them from the Middle School, but it was a hassle and putting wear and tear on the risers. She thought four would be enough, however, just wasn't quite enough room for the 5th graders. She asked if the PTO would consider purchasing a fifth set for \$1438 – plus shipping. Shipping for four sets was \$800 so we should figure about \$200 – so the full cost would be approximately \$1638. Gail Kelly made a motion to purchase a set of risers. Theresa Holland Gesock seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mrs. Collins thanked everyone who has been working so hard this fall. This fall has been so busy with so many PTO activities, people working on the Levy, Highland Health Run. She reminded everyone to take a break and put yourself first in this busy holiday season, she doesn't want to see anyone get burned out.

She asked the PTO for \$895 for a COSI assembly. Tami Bonnett made a motion to approve \$895 of the Assembly line item in the budget to go to the COSI program. Karen Howard seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Barb noted how well the PTO is received and welcomed we are in the building by teachers and staff.

Gail Kelly said she is still working on getting a place for the freezer we won from a Market Day Contest.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Angie reported some good news that we made about \$5,000 net profit from Santa Shop. Also, some money that had been earmarked for the "Science to go Program" was actually being funded by the Highland Foundation.

TEACHER'S REPORT

Amy said that the teacher's really appreciate everything the PTO and all the volunteers do and extend a big thank you.

Amy is going to gather a list of Die-Cut the teachers would like and she will let Debbie Mall know.

A discussion ensued about the need for indoor recess games, especially for Mrs. Eisenhut who moved to 1st grade from 5th grade and Mrs. Shemo who was new to the building. Also games need to be replaced when the lose pieces, etc. Heather Murray went shopping for some games. Nancy Gastios suggested people should donated games or books that you no longer need at your home. Amy Lyon will look into setting up something for games that get donated.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Talent Show – Nancy Everett

Nancy will organize a Talent Show for 2007-2008. Any interested person should contact Nancy. The first meeting will be March 1st. has volunteered to start a committee to investigate the possibility of a talent show. A sign-up form was sent around. Anyone interested in helping should contact Nancy.

Rebate – Janice White

Please note we are participating in a new program with the Nestle Waters. Please save the whole label. Reminder for the Campbell's program for Prego and V8 it is just the lid.

Fall Festival – Angie Raynor/Colleen Lerch

Angie thanked everyone who helped to make the Fall Festival possible. It was hot, but fun. Anyone who has ideas and/or constructive comments for the next festivals please let Angie know.

Barb reminded all Committee Chairs that it is extremely important to keep detailed notes in a folder to pass onto the next person.

Basket Auction – Anita Finucane and Ann Murphy

Anita reported that we generated \$2,000 for classrooms through the sale of tickets for the classroom baskets. Thank you to volunteers, donors and sponsors alike for making it a success. There was some discussion on whether this would become an annual event and should it be in the fall or in the winter. Some people thought the fall was good even though it is a very busy time, because you can sell tickets the nights of conferences. (\$650 was made on ticket sales at conference nights). Some people were curious as to how much each particular basket made and were the baskets that made more was it due to the theme or not?

Anita said she is interested in pursuing a family event that would be a life size game night. This would possibly be held in November and she would be looking for corporate sponsors.

Holiday Shoppe – Donna King

Donna thanked everyone who helped make the Holiday Shoppe and Santa Breakfast a success. Donna said that she would not be doing the Shoppe next year and reminded everyone that the purpose of the Shoppe is not to make money.

Donna explained that Santa (Don Beck) did not want to be compensated for his time spent at the Breakfast. He suggested making a donation on his behalf. A discussion developed over the amount of money to give and to whom. Mary Miller made a motion to donate \$500 to the Sharon Caring Center in Don Beck's name. Donna King seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Donna also reported the through the Giving in Granger program approximately 250 stuffed animals were donated to the Children's Hospital of Akron. Participation was much better than the previous year. Donna Wagner will issue a press release highlighting Granger's generosity.

Karen Howard agreed to Chair the Holiday Shoppe for next year as long as Kelly Jadach continued to do the shopping and someone else would do the Santa Breakfast. Heather Duve said she would do the Santa Breakfast.

Spaghetti Dinner – Mary Miller

Mary reminded everyone that the Spaghetti Dinner will be Friday, February 2. Anyone interested should call Mary.

Weather Line

Barb thanked Betty Romito for getting the Weather Line done.

Community Outreach – Karen Howard and Ruth Crane

Karen reported that we have had a few outreach opportunities: Mrs. Spaite's parents who were in a car accident, Diane Bloniak's sister had passed away, Mrs. Buckingham had a baby. Karen said this new program that we are still getting the kinks out the system. Some people indicated that they would like to know about these events, even if their child is not in the particular class. Broadcast emails will be sent out in the future.

Hospitality – Gail Gold

Gail has started a new job, Barb reported, so we are looking for someone to help out in that area.

NEW BUSINESS

Barb announced the following individuals have volunteered to start a Long Range Planning Committee: Donna King, Heather Duve, Sharon Linville, Diane Soldat, Janice White, Theresa French, Gail Kelly and Nancy Gatsios.

The subject of school pictures was brought up. Some people were not happy with ornaments sent home by Ohio pictures. Mrs. Collins said that when the contract these issues will be looked at. Any comments you have please pass them along to Mrs. Collins.