

Granger Elementary  
PTO Meeting

October 26, 2005

Meeting called to order 9:10 a.m.

Meeting minutes approved for September

Market Day Pie Samples passed around for members to sample.

Thank you goes out to Gail and Ed Gold who organized Amazone Night. A fun time was had by all who attended and to Anita Finucane and Diane Soldat for the beautiful brickwork ( compass rose) around the flag pole in front of the school. If you get a chance please go and check it out.

**Principle Report**

- a. Oct. 26- PTO Meeting – 9:00
- b. Oct. 26 – Fall Pictures
- c. Oct. 27 – Fall Pictures – K and Preschool
- d. Oct. 27 – Halloween Parties – K and Preschool
- e. Oct. 28 – Halloween Parties – 1;45-2:45
- f. Nov. 3 – Parent-Teacher Conferences – 4:00 – 7:30
- g. Nov. 4 – Report cards sent home
- h. Nov. 7 – Market Day
- i. Nov. 8 – Election Day
- j. Nov. 9 - Parent-Teacher Conferences
- k. Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> – Veteran’s Day Assembly 9:30
- l. Nov. 12 – Highland Foundation Auction
- m. Nov. 14 – People Together Program 4<sup>th</sup> Grade
- n. Nov. 15 – Mix it up at Lunch Day
- o. Nov. 16 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders to HHS to see Legend of Sleepy Hollow
- p. Nov. 17 – Parent-Teacher Conferences
- q. Nov. 18 – PTO Breakfast for Classified staff at Granger
- r. Nov. 18 – First Grade Thanksgiving Performance in Gym and Caf.
- s. Nov. 21 – Board of Ed. Meeting
- t. Nov. 24 through 28 – No School – Thanksgiving Break
- u. Nov. 30 – PTO Meeting
- v. Nov. 30 – Beginning of Holiday Shop

II. Items

- a. Safety Scheduling with Deputy Sharon Centner – We have called back and forth several times, but have not finalized any plans.
- b. Bench Removal and Tree moving – I spoke with Jim Reusch and thought the benches would be moved before this meeting, but the rain probably hindered that. He approved of the location of the new place for placing the tree, thought maybe we could center in a little more correctly under the power lines, but when he and I looked at it again, he was fine with it.
- c. Drama Club Information – Mrs. Marzullo and I met with Ann Marie Irwin to finalize plans for the Drama Club. 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade students will be invited to join a 6 week session of Drama Club which will conclude with a performance at Highland High School. The program will run at Sharon, Hinckley and Granger beginning the 14<sup>th</sup> of March, breaking at Spring Break and beginning again, culminating

with the performance. This performance will include Jonathan Wilhelm (current Mr. Hatbox and Mr. Jingles). The cost to students will be \$50.00 and we will be limited to 25 participants. We believe that Hinckley Elementary PTO will deal with all finances, because it will be much easier to run finances through one PTO. The responsibilities of the other PTO's will be to have a representative who will collect the money from the students and make certain that the money is taken to Hinckley. Also, the Granger PTO representative will be the liaison between the Drama Club and the school or PTO. The registration form will ask parents to volunteer to stay one night for Drama Club so that we always have someone here. We will not be doing fund raisers as were done in the past, nor will there be a snack break. The rehearsals will take place from 3:30-5:00. If students are not picked up by 5:15, they will need to go to latchkey. At this time we don't think there will be any cost in addition to the registration cost. The performance will be based on our Multi-cultural theme. Ann Marie Irwin will give us the entire packet of information that students will receive prior to Christmas Break.

- d. Breakfast for Classified Staff – This will again be held at Granger. Gail Gold has agreed to be the Granger PTO person helping to plan this event. Hopefully all the PTO representatives have met or will be meeting about this.
- e. Artist in Residence – George Wodieck and Joan Zacharias led a presentation to all students on Monday. Following that, Mr. Wdieck and Mrs. Zacharias met with 5<sup>th</sup> grade students who offered suggestions about the design of the tile wall that will be completed at the end of this project. We made the decision to remove the display cases in the atrium and the tile wall will be put on that wall area. A tile heading will also go above the doorway in the atrium. We plan a dedication of the wall, and art show, "Winter Festival of the Arts" on Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Mrs. Zacharias will head this project. We will probably serve refreshments and may ask for help from the PTO that evening. Following the completion of this project, we are going to look at how to make the rest of the atrium a more welcoming environment.
- f. Barnes and Noble Weekend Event – Mrs. Kris Rutledge, Gifted Teacher, has contacted Barnes and Nobel Bookstore to see if we can host a weekend book sale. I don't have specifics, but this is a fundraiser that we will receive a percentage of books sold that day. We plan to use the funds to begin to build a Professional Library. We will have more information as this project progresses.
- g. Thank You – Once again thank you for everything you do. The gardens are beginning to take shape, the Halloween Parties will be great on Friday, the Santa Shop and Santa Breakfast are ready to go. Thanks for working to provide breakfast for the classified staff on November 18<sup>th</sup>. Thanks for providing dinner for us on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. If there is anything you would like me to bring, just ask, I will be happy to help.

### III. Request

I have no request for funding at this time, other than to continue to think about a smart board and projector. I know that the question was asked why the high school received smart boards and Granger did not. The cost for the smart boards was imbedded into the Bond Issue that built the high school. I will also be trying to make sure I have enough to purchase one more at the end of the year through school funds.

### **Treasurer Report-Karen Dulaney**

We \$4,381.76 available for support. Last month we purchased die-cuts for the school and funded the 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Science-To-Go Program.

### **Teachers Report – Amy Lyon**

Mrs. Lyon explained the purpose and need for a smart board for the school. Also, she presented a wish list that some of the staff members had given to her. After discussion approval was made on the following items:

\$2500 for the smartboard  
\$500 for classroom support-games  
\$189 for markers for Mrs. Zacharias  
\$216 for the Kindergarten dry rack  
\$90 for the Microscopes  
\$250 for the Mr. Microphone

### **Other News**

The Holiday Shoppe and Santa Breakfast are ready to go. A flyer will be sent out November 1<sup>st</sup>. We are going to ask each family to donate a stuffed animal that will be sent to Akron Childrens Hospital for the holidays. The breakfast will cost \$ 5.00 per person. We are still looking for volunteers to help. Please contact Barb Wright if you can help out.

Dominics Pizza is available on Market Day. \$3.00 is donated to the school for every pizza sold. Last Market Day \$69.00 was donated. Thanks to Dominics Pizza.

Another Amazone Fun Night is being planned it will be either Sunday January 15,2006 or Sunday April 9, 2006. Flyers will be sent out with more information.

Spaghetti Dinner is being planned for February.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45