

**Granger Elementary PTO
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 31, 2007**

PTO President Anita Finucane called the meeting to order at 9:17am.

TEACHER'S REPORT

Mrs. Lyon did not attend as she had nothing to report.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Angie reported that we made about \$4,000 in spirit wear sales this month. Most of this was from old stock.

She also reported that taxes had been filed. She found a new CPA for us this year that saved us about \$300.

The balance in the checkbook as of today is \$12,000. Angie asked the group if they would like to see a forecast item on the budget report she distributes. Everyone said that would be helpful. She is also going to start reporting the rebate amounts that are not cash because they do have a value, i.e. the Campbell's labels.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Calendar of events

Friday, November 2	Report Cards go home
Monday, November 5	Market Day
Tuesday, November 6	Election Day
November 8, 13, 15	Elementary conference nights
Friday, November 9	Veterans day Assembly – 9:30
Friday, November 16	1 st Grade Thanksgiving Assembly – 2:00
Saturday, November 17	Highland Foundation – Benefit Auction
Monday, November 19	Board of Ed. Meeting
Wednesday, November 21	Magazine Fun Day in the Gym
November 22, 23, 26	No School – Thanksgiving Break
Tuesday, November 27	Santa shop set up in the gym
November 28-Dec. 1	Santa Shop
Wednesday, November 28	PTO Meeting
Thursday, November 29	Staff Christmas gathering

Mrs. Collins invited everyone to check out a copy of the book she had purchased for the library. The book is by Richard Louv and is title "Child in the Woods"

Today's kids are increasingly disconnected from the natural world, says child advocacy expert Louv. Instead of passing summer months hiking, swimming and telling stories around the campfire, children these days are more likely to attend computer camps or

weight-loss camps: as a result, Louv says, they've come to think of nature as more of an abstraction than a reality.

Janice White asked Mrs. Collins if on the Reading Monthly Minutes form in the box that list physical activity it could have a spot for extra-curricular activities, i.e. sports, dance, etc. Mrs. Collins said that was a great idea.

Finally Mrs. Collins reported the Health Fair was a huge success.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Gail Kelly – Market Day

We made \$439 last month. Today is the last day to order for November which is PIE month. December is cookie dough month. Thank you to all who order.

Nancy Everett – Talent Show

There is meeting on Thursday, November 1 at 9:15am. A flyer will be coming out soon. The winning name of the Talent Show is “Lights, Camera, Granger.” They are still in need of volunteers.

Spirit Wear – Norma McCune

Norma explained a situation that developed recently with spirit wear. 100 sweatshirts were ordered from a new supplier. This supplier was told our concerns over other Highland groups selling the same item. The Highland Foundation now has 50 of the same sweatshirts to sell. This sweatshirt cost us \$16.00, we were going to sell them for \$40.00 (what the supplier said was a fair market price). This profit would allow us to make some money so an inventory could be kept of spirit wear. The Foundation has already sold some of the shirts for \$30.00.

Mrs. Collins said she thinks they should all be the same price. Everyone agreed and agreed that we want to make sure no hard feelings exist between us and the Foundation. The group then discussed if we should sell these at conferences or not. Barb Wright said that we would be losing an opportunity if we did not sell them at conferences. Everyone agreed.

Diane Soldat – Grounds

Working on a garden on the south side of the building and are in need of more rocks!

Newsletter

Email articles to Clint by this Sunday.

Magazine Sale – Karen Scherler

We had 1250 orders turned and many more magnet books turned in this year. We will be having a "fun day" to celebrate reaching our goal; this will include an inflatable and many other games and prizes.

Santa Breakfast – Heather Duve

The Santa Breakfast will be Saturday, December 1. Invitations will be going out next week.

Hospitality – Erica Loomis

We will be hosting a teacher dinner during conferences.

NEW BUSINESS

Barb Wright presented to the group a proposal to help fund the newly created photo club. She explained third graders were recently invited to join the club and in the spring there will be an opportunity for the fourth graders. Barb has had photo paper and ink donated. She is asking for \$300 for other supplies such as scrapbooks, etc. In the future Barb may ask for money for cameras. Anita asked if the kids would get to keep the scrapbooks. Barb told her yes. Kerri Landness asked if this would be yearly. Barb said she hopes so. Diane Soldat said she would rather purchase cameras now. Janice said we could use Campbell's Labels points for the cameras, if we accumulate the points. The group decided to next month vote on the purchase of new cameras.

In other new business, Karen Howard reminded everyone to fill out their After Project Reports. See her if you need further explanation.

Anita adjourned the meeting at 10:12am.