

Opening Comments

Suzanne Peterlin, President, called the general meeting to order at 9:35 AM. Everyone was welcomed. Suzanne acknowledged the large turnout (quite possibly a record!). The PTO Executive Board was re-introduced as: President/Suzanne Peterlin; First VP/Debbie Prescenzi; Second VP/Anka Wiencek (absent); Secretary/Jen Simonis; and Treasurer/Cindy Wade (absent). Suzanne spent a few minutes updating everyone on some of the past work the PTO has been able to accomplish for our school so that everyone was aware of the contributions of our organization. She also discussed thank you notes, the paper donation from staples and copy procedures. Thank you, Susan Cizmada, for babysitting! Thank you, Mr. McClintock, 1st Graders and Teachers for the beautiful songs!

Minutes and Treasury Report

The May, 2006 PTO Minutes will stand as written, as no changes were noted. Susan Jackson moved to accept the minutes as written and Vivian Bronstrup seconded the motion. Motion passed. Suzanne briefed the membership on our budget for 2006/07. There were questions raised that Cindy Wade will address in more detail next month.

Principals Report – Mrs. Rastok

Mrs Miyamoto (aka Miss McDonough): It was a pleasure to have her technology presentation. Many parents were unaware that our children were getting this built into the curriculum.

We are already off to a busy start this school year! Remember to check www.highlandschool.org for our weekly updates. If you have questions about the ‘color’ days and what they mean ask your teacher or call the office.

Science Year: The theme for the year is Science. It was kicked off by a planetarium that the kids really enjoyed. Look for the theme all year in reading, music and assemblies. (WE THINK AND LEARN AND HAVE FUN TOO!).

Testing: The dates are in the folder you received the first day of school. Try to get them transferred to your personal calendars so that you keep your kids in school rather than accidentally make doctor/dentist appointments or schedule vacations.

I Am Unique Week: Look for it in November. It will include the ever-popular Mix-It-Up Day on November 14.

Other activities: Mark your calendars for the ALL SCHOOL OPERA Feb. 13 and the Barnes and Noble Book Fair May 26-27, 2006.

Fund Raising Reports

School Cash- Chris Medwid: Chris presented the program, had cards for sale and discussion surrounded ideas to use this program and keep it successful. It is one of two on-going programs. See PTO Newsletter for more.

Market Day- Sue Bernhofer/by Peterlin: This wonderful program will earmark all profits into our Fidelity Investment Fund for PLAYGROUND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS and is our 2nd on-going fundraiser. Last year we earned \$3975.25!

QSP Magazine Sale- Anka Wiencek/by Simonis: Order on-line at www.qsp.com for renewals any time. We will officially kick off this program in February. We already see a \$30 profit just from some renewals, thank you!

Read-A-Thon Kick-Off- Anka Wiencek/by Simonis: Begins 10/02/06 PLEASE encourage your child to read because (it helps their reading scores) they will be awarded lanyards for 500 minutes and it coincides with our read-a-thon. Get family and friends in on it, information is coming home. This is a nice way to encourage good reading habits and support the PTO!

Rebate Program Report- Debbie Prescenzi: All programs are listed in the PTO packet you received. We do well with this if everyone helps.

School Kidz- Sue Bernhofer/by Peterlin: 191 kits were ordered and delivered. Profit earned (\$226.45) simply because paperwork deadlines were met☺. If the PTO wants to use this school supply program again a contract needs to be signed by the end of the year to receive a 4% discount.

Candy Grams- Sue Bernhofer and Julie Mainzer/by Peterlin: Great job, first year! Candy and supplies were donated. Sold 141 @ \$.50 ea. and made \$84.50. Wal-Mart donated a gift card that was won by Becky Bialosky. Next year it is recommended to have two tables.

Spirit Wear- Vivian Bronstrup and Diane Borsuk: Call either if you'd like a \$6 Highland T Shirt for Spirit Day OCT 6. They tried something new and carry some inventory. A more comprehensive sale to benefit our school should occur this fall and again in the spring. The goal of the initial sale was to enable all to show spirit if desired!

Events / Meetings

Room Parent Volunteer Meeting-Angela Chesnick: 9/22/06. Call Angela Chesnick if you have questions.

Skate Night- Debbie Prescenzi: 9/26/06-DON'T MISS IT! This is a lot of FUN at Brunswick Skate Station!

School Slogan Contest- Jen Simonis: Using our new BUDDY SYSTEM, Heather Comer and Jen will work to get the kids to submit suggestions for our school slogan. The kids will vote for the best one on Election Day!

Harvest Creature Contest Returns-Kelly McCormack: Look for information and start planning your poem or natural creature. Awards will be given!

Funding Proposals

Dare T-Shirts – Presented by Suzanne Peterlin. Motion to accept proposal as listed in the Agenda by Angela Chesnick. Terri Orban seconded it. Discussion. Motion passed. (5 absentee ballots cast and counted.)

Cookbook Profits Allocation – Presented by Suzanne Peterlin and Susan Jackson. Motion to accept proposal as listed in the Agenda by Mary Slifka. Chris Medwid seconded it. Discussion about type and allocation. (Soft cover- lowest retail and allocate profits to technology) Motion passed. 1 abstention (5 absentee ballots cast and counted.)

Volunteers Needed Please consider helping-then call to offer your services!!!

Suzanne thanked Susan Jackson for compiling list of volunteers. *GREAT JOB Susan!* Peggy Dietz was also thanked for coordinating the volunteer schedules for Clinic, Copy Center, Lunch Room and Recess! *AWESOME job Peggy!*

Recipes NEEDED: Please send in your recipes before 10/8. We know you can cook. Please share your best recipes with us to make our book complete! Contact Susan Jackson

Hospitality (Conference Nights) - Maureen Fragnoli: Maureen sent around a list for those able to help with conference nights. Can you cook or bake? Please call Maureen.

Santa Shop Crafters - Kelly McCormack: Santa Shop December 5 – 10, 2005. She'll be setting up crafting dates again. If you want to make something from home go ahead and get started! We love the homemade gifts!

Spaghetti Dinner: New this year: Contact Mrs. Rastok to say you can help. This could defray costs of our all school Opera. Plan to help, attend and watch a sampling of what is to come: JANUARY 18, 2007

All School Opera Reception: Please call Suzanne Peterlin if you know how to run a party.

Old Business

Green Card Updates – Vivian Bronstrup is working hard to update it with correct contacts and changes to the calendar. When you get your new copy in the Student Directory please discard the old one!

Directory / PTO Newsletter – Vivian Bronstrup is asking that all chairmen of committees submit their articles for the PTO Newsletter by Friday NOON after each PTO meeting. Darts4viv@earthlink.net

New Business

Library Birthday Book Club - Carrie Golias: Reporting good reception so far. Let's fill the bookshelves!

Helping Hands - Laura Adams: A new program where you can help teachers get extra resources for our children. Great Idea! See PTO Newsletter for more details.

Buddy System – Jen Simonis: Do you do something really great at school? Please take time to meet someone new and invite them to help you. It makes newcomers welcome and many hands make light work.

Highland Health Run – Suzanne Peterlin: 10/29/06 Check the Highland Website for more information.

Other / Open Floor Discussions

Playground Improvement: Welcome Laura Ruggiero! Anyone else interested in working to develop 1, 5 and 10 year plans with us please contact Suzanne Peterlin. 330.220.8781.

As always, we thank the Highland Foundation and our Grant Writers for helping us get the nice extras we see going on to benefit our children.

Closing Remarks: Suzanne thanked everyone for coming to the PTO meeting and looks forward to an exciting year! Without any further business, the busy meeting adjourned at 11:55 (meetings usually don't last more than an hour and a half)! Lucky #15 –Peggy Dietz took home a jar candle as a door prize! Thank you Kelly M. for setting up the coffee and Suzanne P. for baking the wonderful cake!

A NOTE FROM THE SECRETARY: Because of the volume of business held in the meeting the personal thanks and some extra conversation had to be omitted from the minutes. Please be assured that we appreciate your input and attendance. EVERY volunteer is needed so if I neglected to mention you, I apologize. Remember to please use our suggestion box in the clinic and GET INVOLVED for our kids. Respectfully submitted, Jen Simonis

NOTE: EVENING MEETING

Next PTO Meeting Wednesday, October 18, 2005 ~ 6:30 PM ~ School Cafeteria

Guest Speaker: Dr. Armstrong

The November Meeting is 11/15 at 9:15 AM

“Working Together To Make A Difference”

Hands are for helping I am responsible Never hurt others Can do attitudes will be displayed Keep Hinckley clean and safe Listen to each other Everyday, show respect Yea! Hinckley Elementary