

**Opening Comments**

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Suzanne Peterlin, President, called the general meeting to order at 9:30 AM. Everyone was welcomed and Suzanne commented about how fast this year went. Time flies and our kids are growing up too fast! Our guest speaker, Lynn Broadbent attended to talk about the New Family Dinner sponsored by the Highland Pride Committee. She needs help and would welcome your's. The dinner is for new families with kindergarteners or new people to the community. The event is at the High School and has been going on for 10 years. They need friendly people to make 10 -15 phone calls. If you went in the past you'll know how nice it was. Call Lynn anytime: 330.659.9597 (There were approximately 22 ladies in attendance☺!)

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**Minutes and Treasury Report**

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The April 2006 PTO Minutes will stand as written with the single typo about the Previous Months minutes being March and not February corrected. Debbie Prescenzi motioned to approve the minutes and Meg Vandenberg seconded the motion. Motion passed. Cindy Wade gave a full financial report and there was discussion about the funds that need to be wrapped up. There are still 3 more weeks of school. Market Day moneys are going into the Fidelity Fund to pay for playground improvements. A motion was made to accept the report by Carol Priebe. Meg Vandenberg seconded and all were in favor; motion passed. The New Budget: Discussion and clarification for next year: Copy Paper; Cost of Opera discussion (\$4000/ writing a Grant) Vivian Bronstrup moved to accept the new budget. Mary Slifka seconded it, all in favor; motion passed.

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**Principals Report – Mrs. Rastok**

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**Other Activities: Please see your SCHOOL DAZE Calendar. The year is quickly ending!**

Our website: [www.highlandschools.org](http://www.highlandschools.org).

**CHECK THE WEEKLY REMINDERS for the most current and complete information!**

**Opinion Chart:** As you enter the school to volunteer or pick up your kids; please stop in the office and let Mrs. Rastok know your opinions. She wants to know what you think is working. It's easy to do (you get to use stickers!) and should only take a few minutes.

**World Market-Multi-Cultural Fair:** May 26<sup>th</sup> - The kids will celebrate the conclusion of our Reading-Around-the-World year with a Fair and an assembly: Many Colors One Box and a whole lot of fun!

**No School May 29 ~Memorial Day:** Enjoy a long weekend with your family as we honor those we've lost. Look for Township activities.

**Field Day's:** 1<sup>st</sup> Grade (6/5), 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade (5/30), 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade (5/31), 4<sup>th</sup> Grade (6/1), 5<sup>th</sup> Grade (6/2)

**Summer Reading Program:** Suggested books, activities. If your child reads, fills out the form he/she will get to attend a pizza party in September. Missed the hard copy? Check the website!

**Summer Maintenance - Student Garden:** Thanks for all the families who signed up through the email invitation! We'll have a thriving garden when school starts. Thank you!

**Reading Theme 2006/2007:** Experiment with Books (science theme)

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**Fund Raising Reports**

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**School Cash – Christine Medwid:** Our School Cash program has made about \$4200-4800 profit so far this year and we thank all of you who participated in such a huge on-going fundraiser. We are always looking for ways to make this an easy-to-use program; if you have any suggestions please let us know. Thank you, Debbie and Lynne for all your hard work over the years. Christine: Thank you for taking ownership of this important program!

**Market Day – Sue Bernhofer:** Thank you to everyone who bought Market Day products this year (we made about \$3500 to put towards playground improvements)! Sue will run this program again this year and emphasizes that the easiest way to ensure your order is entered correctly and on time is to do it on-line! School Kits (through Market Day) were so nice to see again. If you purchased with us you helped us make a \$226 profit that was unexpected because of a 4% discount for getting the order in early. It is a service we provide, but the incentive to get orders in surely paid off. Thank you Sue!

**Mother's Day Plant and Candle Sale:** A super huge thank you to Meg Vandenberg and EVERYONE who helped the children choose, pack and pick the special gifts for mom! We are still so appreciative of the candle donation from Cindy Radesic (TOPS); without those candles we wouldn't have been able to keep the flower cost down. The initial projection was to sell the plants at 3/\$1 but instead we let the kids

have them at 4/\$1 and sold out all of the candles. It is those special, unselfish and thoughtful donations that make the difference. Thank you so much! 3 Flats to the Grounds Committee... \$157.50...!!!

**Flat Coupon Sale- Mary Slifka:** Thank you to everyone who helped Mary! The turnaround was so quick and this program was easy to do. We hear that Gales is glad to see the community using their store and we want to send an extra big thank you to Mary and Gale's who lent us the beautiful water fountain you saw at our luncheon. It was a beautiful touch! 200 Coupons (vs. 94 last year). Estimated profit is about \$300. Next year Penny Molnar will run this program! Thank you, we look forward to doing our spring garden shopping with you!

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### **Events / Meetings**

**End of the Year Parties (Kelly McCormack):** The committees are set but we can still use some help. If you have kids in 1<sup>st</sup> -4<sup>th</sup> you won't want to miss our festival. Notes will be coming home. 3-4 Dads will be grilling and it sounds like a whole lot of fun.

The 5<sup>th</sup> Graders will be at Hinckley Park that same day (games, putt-putt, lunch, activities, memory book and more). Donations are being accepted for food and pictures. If you can help please call Lynne Nawalaniec or Angela Chesnick.

**Staff Development Luncheon Aug 22<sup>nd</sup>;** we'll provide a simple yet nice lunch for the teachers.

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### **Funding Proposals –**

**Pavilion Picnic Tables:** A lot of research has been done about the different ways to make and buy them... and still the TABLES HAVE BEEN TABLED!!! A motion was made by Vivian Bronstrup to re-word the proposal to say, "Approve up to \$600 to spend on bought or made picnic tables after more research is completed." The motion was seconded by Meg Vandenberg. (Mary Slifka motioned something in the confusion) Basically the controversy is ...Wood vs. Plastic. Sam's vs. BJ's...\$130, last year...anyone with research please submit ASAP to Suzanne Peterlin since it is something we want to do over the summer...(5 absentee ballots cast. 4 for and one against)

**Funds of \$500 to Mrs. Wise:** Chris Medwid motioned to accept the proposal as written, Mary Slifka seconded it. All in favor; motion passed. Mrs. Wise, the PTO thanks you! (All absentee ballots were for the proposal.)

### **Volunteer's Needed -**

**Open House Aug 22<sup>nd</sup>.** Contact Suzanne Peterlin. We want to show off and take orders for Spirit Wear. Sue Bernhofer and Julie Mainzer will coordinate a Candyogram for Open House. Thanks ladies.

**Babysitting for end of year party: Yes!** Confirmation - There will be babysitting provided.

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### **Old Business**

**Cinco De Mayo Luncheon:** Thank you Bridget Kuchta for a wonderful job! It was quite a fiesta and was enjoyed by all. Thanks to all who showed up and cleaned up; about 50 volunteers and 45 staff were there.

**School Beautification Project:** Pik Axe #1 thanks everyone who helped all year long. The committee will need people to pull weeds in the courtyard and stone gardens during the summer. Benches are here! Also, do you like the color up front? We'd like to thank community member Mr. Holstein (Rt. 303 and Rt. 606) for the six baskets of pansies! Thank you so much!

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### **New Business**

**Establish Playground Committee:** We are seeking individuals who are interested in the assisting with the research and development of playground renovation plans, as well as finding ways to obtain funding through grant requests and local business contributions.

**Volunteers of the Year: Dianne Elliott and Lynn Nawalaniec.** Your service, dedication and friendship is immeasurable. We will surely miss you and hope to cross paths with you in the future. Thank you!

**Pink Sheet:** Group hugs everyone☺! Thank you Penny Molnar, Maureen Fragnoli, Kelly McCormack, Vivian Bronstrup, Diana Borsuk, Julie Mainzer and Marilyn Leach for adding your names (and time and dedication) to the Pink, soon to be, GREEN CARD! We look forward to your fresh ideas and hard work!

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### **Other / Open Floor Discussions**

**Closing Remarks:** Suzanne thanked everyone for coming to your PTO meeting; it was so nice to see so many people! The coffee was wonderful and the school year went by so quickly. We wish everyone a safe summer and fun summer. Lucky number 5, Mary Slifka won the door prize. The meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM. *PTO Minutes respectfully submitted by Jen Simonis, Secretary*