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**Opening Comments**

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Suzanne Peterlin, President, called the general meeting to order at 9:20 AM. Everyone was welcomed. The following were formally recognized for their contributions to the school: The Ciesinski Family for the Birch Tree in the Student Garden, Melissa Augustine and Laura Ruggiero for their instrumental role with the playground and to those who have supplied paper to our PTO. Thank you everyone! Our guest speaker, Dr. Bruce Armstrong was in attendance to speak about the May 8<sup>th</sup> Sales Tax increase. More information is in the school and remember to vote. Mrs. McCrodden attended as our Teacher Representative and filled us in on what the Fifth Graders have planned just about every day left this year. (There were approximately 15 ladies in attendance☺!) Treasurer, Cindy Wade, was absent. Thank you Diana Borsuk for babysitting!

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**Minutes and Treasury Report**

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The March 2007 PTO Minutes will stand as written. Michelle Lutz made a motion to accept the minutes and Rose Marie Kendall seconded the motion. Motion passed. Suzanne reported on the finances and answered many questions. We received a check from Target for \$526.00 and Verizon for \$88.00. Thank you for using these programs. If you have an opinion on how monies are and/or should be allocated please contact Cindy or Suzanne, also, please attend our meeting in May as we will be voting on our budget for next year.

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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!**

**Volunteer Brunch:** May 16<sup>th</sup> – For all Parents! – It's for you from the teachers! A Community Assembly at 9:15 with kids performing and then brunch. PTO meeting to follow at 10:30!

**Barnes and Noble on Rt. 18 in Montrose Book Fair:** Please mark May 26, 27<sup>th</sup> as the days to shop for your Summer Reading; part of every purchase (even your special Starbucks treat) will go towards this Principal's Fund Raiser. They will have inventory of our summer lists.

**No School May 28 ~Memorial Day:** Enjoy a long weekend with your family as we honor those we've lost. Look for Township activities.

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**Fund Raising Reports**

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**School Cash – Christine Medwid:** Our School Cash program is doing well 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. Please contact Chris if you are able to use up some of our existing inventory so that we have minimal amounts tied up over the summer; thanks. NEW: THE GREENSMITH/COTTAGE FARMS IN HINCKLEY: 10%

**Market Day – Sue Bernhofer (by Jen Simonis):** Thank you to everyone who continues to help with the quick turn around times. The next pick up date is Thursday May 3. There will be one more chance to order before school lets out.

**Flat Coupon Sale- Penny Molnar:** Don't buy your yard flowers until you have some of our Gales discounted certificates. Coupons for sale at \$12.50 (\$14.99 value). You can buy FLATS AND ANYTHING GALE'S HAS. Now that the nice weather has hit we're all going to be itching to spruce up our yards. Please don't go to Gale's without the easy to use coupons. We understand that orders will be turned quickly. Thank you to everyone who is helping Penny!

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**Events / Meetings**

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**End of the Year Parties:** 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. The 5<sup>th</sup> Graders will be at Hinckley Park that same day. If you can help at school please contact Angela Chesnick. Anka Wiencek said the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Party is running so smoothly. She just received a donation from Broadbent Insurance for the party. The parents in the class are amazing. If you want to get involved we can still use you. Call Anka.

**It's time for our Mother's Day Plant Sale again – Meg Vandenberg!** May 11<sup>th</sup>. Plants will be 4/\$1.25. Please call if you can help wrap the surprises so that they get home safely.

**Science Matters-Debbie Prescenzi:** Mark you calendar for May 19<sup>th</sup> and look for information.

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**Funding Proposals –**

None this month

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**Volunteer's Needed -**

**Vice President/Fundraising:** Please consider filling this fun and so very-much needed position. Check your directory for more information about this position.

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**Old Business**

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**Please up-date your committee files ASAP:** Neat notes are what we are asking for; please help keep everything current.

**Spirit wear! - Diana Borsuk:** Great dark Green H2O Bottles are for sale at \$2. Chairs are \$20 and umbrellas are \$12. We have the ever famous H's, cookbooks, license plate covers, shirts and sweatshirts. Call Diana or Vivian Bronstrup with your needs.

**Playground- Melissa Augustine/Laura Ruggiero/Mrs. Rastok:** The committee was again thanked. The plans of a ribbon cutting ceremony were discussed. We also appreciated the school district and our Township in helping us when we needed it! Also, please contact Meg Vandenberg or the office if you can work on the playground to assist the kids. They are going to need help learning how to safely use the new equipment. Oh, and thanks kids for the pennies~they really added up!

**Hospitality:** Suzanne extended thanks to Hospitality led by Vicki Tifft and Maureen Fragnoli. They, along with a long list of volunteers, did such a nice job this year. Take a breather for a while and dig up more delicious ideas for next year.

**Earth Day (night)-Debbie Prescenzi and Carrie Golias:** Thanks for a wonderful Art Show, learning day (garden sit-upons) and all the volunteers. We appreciate the donation from the Carsten Family for the Mulch.

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**New Business**

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**Nominations for next year's PTO Board were voted on.** Jen Simonis moved to accept the nominations of Suzanne Peterlin (President), TBA (1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President-Fundraising), Debbie Prescenzi (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President-Events), Heather Comer (Secretary) and Anka Wiencek (Treasurer) for the 2007/08 School Year. Laura Adams seconded the motion. All for, no discussion, motion passed. Suzanne is actively seeking someone who would like to buddy and learn how easy it is to work with our PTO board. Please contact Suzanne if you are interested.

**Teacher Appreciation Week- Laura Adams, Suzanne Peterlin and Heather Comer:** There are a lot of great things planned for our teachers the week of May 7. Your own kids will have the chance to participate as well. Look for information in the book bags and shhhhh... it's a secret!

**Middle School PTO:** All 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents are invited to a meeting May 7, 9:05 AM in the MS Library.

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**Other / Open Floor Discussions**

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**Closing Remarks:** Suzanne thanked everyone for coming to your PTO meeting. PLEASE mark your calendar for the last May 16<sup>th</sup> meeting so we can get your input about how to proceed in the future on a number of items. We really want to have a large representation as we discuss what role you want our PTO to play next year. Should we continue to pursue playground improvement and technology? Do you work during the day and want to know more? Do you know why it is so hard to get volunteers to supervise the playground, help in the copy room or volunteer time for things like COSI? If you know how we can get you back into the school please let us know. We really need the help! You help the school, your child sees you and everyone wins! Please call anyone on the Board and we'd love to talk with you! Chris Medwid won the door prize! The meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM. PTO Minutes respectfully submitted by Jen Simonis, Secretary

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***~LAST PTO Meeting this year: Wednesday, May 16, 2007~***

***~Volunteer Appreciation and PTO MTG ~ 9:15 ~ School Cafeteria~***

***“Working Together To Make A Difference”***

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***Plan ahead: August 23, 2007 Open House***

***GET STUNG BY LEARNING***