
Opening Comments

Suzanne Peterlin, President, called the general meeting to order at 9:30 AM. Everyone was welcomed. Our guest speaker, Kimberly Miller (Bolas), was joined by Anne Smykal and provided some enlightening information about the Highland Foundation. She spoke about what it is and what it has done. If you are interested in working with them on sub-committees (Public Relations, Projects, Fund Development) please contact Kimberly at 330.239.4467. (There were approximately 11 ladies in attendance☺!)

Minutes and Treasury Report

The February 2006 PTO Minutes will stand with the Flat Sale change made for \$14.99 in the Minutes. Mary Slifka moved to accept the official copy and Bridget Kuchta seconded the motion. Motion passed. Cindy Wade gave a full financial report and Bridget Kuchta moved to accept the Treasurers Report as written and Mary Slifka seconded the motion. Motion passed. FYI: This year we were able to provide all the things that previous PTO's have voted on but for one reason or another hadn't finished up. You'll like the yard improvements, the fans and the new benches (among a few of the things)! Please attend our meeting in May as we will be voting on our budget for next year.

Principals Report – Mrs. Rastok

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

Our website: www.highlandschools.org.

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

Volunteer Luncheon: May 5th – For all Parents! - This year's theme – Cinco de Mayo. Lunch starts at 11 AM; volunteers to set up beginning at 10 AM.

Barnes and Noble on Rt. 18 in Montrose Book Fair: Please mark May 20th and 21st as the day(s) 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.

World Market-Multi-Cultural Fair: May 26th - 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!

Boomerang Assembly: May 22nd for all grades. This fun assembly promises to get all our kids 'hooked' prior to the start of summer. They will even have special Hinckley Boomerangs for sale for only \$5 so your child can practice at home all summer long!

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

Safety Week/Town: Week(s) of June 12 and June 19 - For next year's pre-school and kindergartners. We are in GREAT need of volunteers – please contact Suzanne Peterlin at 330.220.8781; if interested *especially* if you have a child who will be attending anyway.

Fund Raising Reports

School Cash – Christine Medwid: Our School Cash program has made about \$3900 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.

Market Day – Sue Bernhofer (by Suzanne Peterlin): The last pick up of the school year: May 25th.

Art-To-Remember- Corrine Sackstedder and Debbie Prescenzi: A super huge thank you to Mrs. Wise and her helpers: Corrine Sackstedder and Debbie Prescenzi. We expect to bring in about \$1200.00 and will consider making a motion to donate a portion of these profits to the art room. If you have any suggestions; attend our May meeting.

Flat Coupon Sale- Mary Slifka: 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 Mary!

Events / Meetings

Cinco De Mayo in the GYM: When? Cinco de Mayo (May 5th at 11:00) Celebrate Mexico's best holiday. They celebrate one victory over the French in the Battle of Puebla 1862 and now we all get to have some fun. Join your friends and enjoy this holiday with entertainment provided by the kids!

End of the Year Parties: The committees are set but we can still use some help. If you have kids in 1st - 4th you won't want to miss our festival. The 5th Graders will be at Hinckley Park that same day. If you can help please call Lynne Nawalaniec 330.273.1692 or Angela Chesnick 330.220.2072.

It's time for our Mother's Day Plant Sale again – Meg Vandenberg! May 12th. Plants will be 3/\$1.

Funding Proposals –

None this month

Volunteer's Needed -

School Clean-up: Please check the WEEKLY REMINDERS PAGE for future dates. Also, don't be afraid to bend down and pull that weed or pick up some trash. We'll actually be thanking you©!!! Thank you to the Ciezinski Family for donating a beautiful flowering pear by the gym entrance!

Old Business

School Beautification Project: Pik Axe #1 (Jane Carsten) thanks everyone who helped beautify the Gym Entrance and the front Courtyard! All the time and materials were donated!

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

Garden Committee: The committee wants to thank everyone who helped on Earth Day! What fun the kids had! All the stations were so much fun (as reported by the kids themselves) and now the Garden is spiffy. We have a one-of-a-kind picket fence you will want to see. Our kids love honey (a.k.a. bee barf) and now know how to find bones and skulls in our woods. They learned a lot and didn't even know it!!!

New Business

Nominations (including absentee ballots) for next year's PTO Board were voted on. Mary Slifka moved to accept the nominations of Suzanne Peterlin (President), Anka Wiencek (1st Vice-President), Debbie Prescenzi (2nd Vice President), Jen Simonis (Secretary) and Cindy Wade (Treasurer) for the 2006/07 School Year. Meg Vandenberg seconded the motion. All for, no discussion, motion passed. Congratulations ladies!

Other / Open Floor Discussions

Closing Remarks: Suzanne thanked everyone for coming to your PTO meeting. PLEASE mark your calendar for the **last May 16th 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 pursue playground improvement and technology? Do you work during the day and want to know more? Please call anyone on the Board and we'd love to talk with you! The meeting adjourned at 10:54 AM. PTO Minutes respectfully submitted by Jen Simonis, Secretary

***~LAST PTO Meeting this year: Tuesday, May 16, 2005~
~We make great coffee ~ 9:15 ~ School Cafeteria~
“Working Together To Make A Difference”***

Plan ahead: August 22, 2006 Open House