

Granger Elementary PTO

Meeting Minutes

October 27, 2011

The PTO meeting was called to order by Ann Petersen, Vice President Events Coordinator, at 9:05 am.

We started with committee reports.

A committee has formed and will plan the Santa Breakfast for December 3.

The Hospitality committee will be holding a dinner for parent/teacher conference night on Thursday, November 3. If you would like to donate an item please contact Ann Petersen at petersenannk@gmail.com. They are also hosting the Veteran's Day breakfast on November 11. A continental breakfast will be served. They would appreciate donations of baked goods as well as fruit and yogurt.

The Granger Challenge committee (AKA Walkathon) held its first meeting. It will be held on May 4th rain or shine.

We are still looking for a chairperson for the End of the Year Carnival.

Ann Murphy, Vice President In-School Coordinator, announced that the next Market Day pickup is November 29.

Diane Soldat, chairperson Garden Committee, is looking for volunteers to help maintain our gardens.

Michelle Schaeffer and Tina Davis, rebates, are collecting Campbell's Soup labels, Box Tops for Education seals, Acme store receipts, and used printer cartridges. The first Box Top turn-in date is November 1. Please keep them separate and continue to send all of these throughout the year.

Darlene Woziak is the chairperson of Community Outreach. Thankfully, things have been quiet for that committee.

Michell Cottrell publishes the Hornet Happenings newsletter. Please get any news to her by the first of the month. Contact her at moonshei@yahoo.com

The treasurer's report: Revenue was \$406.81 and expenses were \$447.48

Mrs. Collins reviewed the November calendar. Here are some highlights:

October 27, 28	Halloween Parties
November 1,3,10	Parent Teacher Conferences
October 27- November 3	Book Fair
November 4	No school – Professional Development Day
November 11	Veterans Day Assembly

November 15, 16	Talent Show Tryouts
November 18	1 st Grade Thanksgiving Assembly
November 19	Highland Foundation Benefit Auction
November 22	Picture Retakes
November 23-28	No School – Thanksgiving Break
November 30-December 3	Santa Shop

Mrs. Collins stressed the importance of Math Facts. "Addition, subtraction, multiplication and division fact memorization is always difficult. It is time consuming and not terribly exciting for children. We need your help. Our students are doing a great job learning math operations and concepts but they make so many computation mistakes because they don't know their facts. This has been true with every math program I have worked with. Parents taking time to drill using flash cards helps tremendously. Our 2nd through 5th graders can use www.xtramath.org at home and school and we can print a report of their progress. Here are some other websites your children can experience at home. We appreciate all your help with your children."

- www.aplusmath.com – Great for flashcards online.
- www.coolmath.com – Great for all types of math games
- www.funbrain.com/math/ - Great for all types of math games
- www.gamequarium.com/math/htm - Great math resource and games
- www.mathplayground.com – Great for challenging math games
- www.counton.org – Great for all types of math games

Fourth grade students participated in the People Together Program during the week of October 24. People Together is an awareness program offered in Medina County to help youth understand accept and befriend members of the community who have a disability. The goal of the program is to teach students about different disabilities and the types of challenges those with disabilities face on a daily basis. This program was funded by the Granger PTO for the benefit of the students.

Document cameras should be in by the end of December.

Sharon McFadden, president Granger Elementary PTO, met with other PTO presidents and discussed a ladies night out to meet and mingle with moms from other elementary schools. This would especially be nice for those with 5th graders. They are thinking about Santo Suosso's in January or February.

Our next PTO meeting will be held Wednesday, November 30 at 9:15 am.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25