

Granger Elementary PTO
Meeting minutes
February 24, 2010

Karen Howard was absent so Vice President Ruth Crane called the meeting to order at 9:30. She then gave her report:

The Father/daughter dance will be this Friday, February 26th, from 6:30-8:30. About 100 girls and their dads are signed up to attend. There will be a DJ, pictures, craft and refreshments.

The mother/son ice skating outing was last Friday and was attended by about fifteen Granger families. It was held at the Strongsville Hoover Arena.

Granola with Grandparents will be Wednesday March 31st from 7:30-8:30 a.m. Sign-ups will start the week of March 2nd. Let Ruth know if you can help coordinate this event. Since Mrs. Collins will be out that day, help is also needed to oversee students in the gym until 8:45.

Treasurer's Report: Michelle Schaefer reviewed the financial statement for February. There was income from the Magazine Sale and from Market Day. Expenses were incurred this month for the talent show. A donation to the middle school Robofest was made in the amount of \$70.00. Michelle also communicated that she needs the amounts and receipts from the teachers for the annual monetary support given to the teachers by the PTO.

Since PTO income from the magazine sale and Market Day is down this year, Ruth brought up the idea of a single major fundraiser that the PTO would sponsor. Plans are being formulated for a Walk-a-thon to be held in mid-September. Pledges from relatives and friends would be made and collected for each child participating. Our magazine fundraiser would be eliminated, as well as Market Day sales at Granger Elementary. We would need to raise about \$20,000 from this one event. That is approximately the amount that the PTO spends each year on its programs and events at Granger Elementary. Mrs. Collins will send out a questionnaire for feedback to evaluate how much involvement and support we can expect from this fundraiser. A committee will be needed to plan this event, so if you are interested, please contact Ruth Crane.

Ann Petersen gave the Volunteer Coordinator report. Volunteers are needed for the COSI on Wheels set up on March 23rd and the assembly on March 24th. The COSI staff person will train you for your station. Generally there are two people per activity station. Volunteer with a friend for either the morning or afternoon shift. If you can help, contact Kerri Landsness at 330-598-1487. No volunteers are needed for Kindergarten registration since children will not be attending the registration this spring. Volunteers will be needed the first few days of school at Kindergarten orientation when the students' screenings will take place. Erika Barch reported that playground volunteers are needed. Budget cuts necessitated the elimination of one playground aide position. For safety reasons, children will not be allowed to play over the hill unless adults are present to monitor them, thus the need for more playground help.

Ann also reported that the Nominating Committee has been formed. All the PTO officers have served the maximum two years, so all positions on the Board are open to candidates. An e-mail was sent out to everyone to inform them of all the openings. The newsletter will also have this information. If anyone is interested in being President, First Vice-President, Treasurer or Secretary, please contact Ann Petersen. We will be voting at the next PTO meeting.

Teacher Representative Report: Stacy Tessena had nothing to report from the teachers.

Mrs. Collins gave the Principal's Report: See the Principal's Newsletter for the March calendar of events. Mrs. Collins thanked Nancy Everett and all those involved with the Talent Show this year. It was an awesome show. A new coordinator is needed to take over for next year. The auditorium at the high school needs to be booked well in advance, so the new coordinator needs to set the date for next year's show. Mrs. Collins will be having surgery on her foot so will be out on leave. She will return after spring break. Some discussion was held on the upcoming levy. Please vote for the levy on May 4th. Ruth asked how the PTO can actively support the levy. It was suggested that Highland Pride Committee have representatives at some of the spring youth sport activities to pass out information or be available to answer questions. Contact Dawn Marzano on the Highland Pride Committee.

Committee Reports.

Staff Appreciation Week- Ann Murphy- SAW will be May 3rd through the 7th. Monday will be breakfast for the teachers in the staffroom. Donations of bagels, muffins, donuts, coffee cake, fruit, etc. are needed. On Wednesday a catered Italian lunch will be served in the gym. Servers are needed at the luncheon, as well as donations of drinks and desserts. Friday afternoon snacks will be available in the teachers' lounge. Donations of cheese and crackers, fruit, veggies etc. are needed. The students will be getting a letter home with suggestions to bring your teacher or favorite staff member a flower, some candy, and to wear your teacher's favorite color. The students are also encouraged to write letters to their favorite staff member. If you are interested in volunteering or donating, please e-mail Ann Murphy at fourgirlmom2002@yahoo.com or Audra Beers at audrabeers@hotmail.com.

Hospitality Committee- Food donations are needed for the teacher dinner provided on conference day on March 25th. Contact Erica Loomis if you can help at kloomis2@roadrunner.com.

Beach Day- Thank you to Ellie Skidmore and her committee for their time and talent putting on a fun, mid-winter, beach day themed indoor recess for the students.

Rebates- Please continue to save Campbell labels, boxtops, Acme, Target, and Giant Eagle receipts, ink cartridges, Nestle water labels and old cell phones. If you need more information or are interested in helping, contact Heather Duve at 330-239-0875 or hmduve@yahoo.com. Please encourage relatives, friends and neighbors to help us by saving labels, too.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Next PTO meeting is Wednesday March 31st at 7:00 p.m.