

Granger PTO Meeting Minutes
March 31, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Karen Howard, president.

Bonnie Zidd from the Highland Pride Committee spoke first about the upcoming levy. She commented on the great support from the Granger Elementary community in favor of the levy. She said that parents of students in the district are the key votes needed to pass the levy. She urges the PTO members to be informed in order to communicate to others the need for the additional school funding. On April 14th at 7:00 pm there will be a community informational meeting at Granger Elementary. Absentee ballot applications are available at the county Board of Elections.

Ann Petersen from the Nominating Committee presented the list of candidates for the PTO officers for the 2010-2011 school year. They are: 1st Vice President, Sharon McFadden; 2nd Vice President, Ann Petersen; 3rd Vice President, Ann Murphy; Secretary, Cheri Baranak; and Treasurer, Rachel Miller. Since everyone was running unopposed, a motion was made for the Secretary to cast the elective ballot of the organization for the entire slate as moved. At this time there is still a need for a PTO President. Please see the updated PTO Bylaws for a description of the officers' duties.

Ruth Crane gave the Vice-President's Report. There were 181 people at the Father/Daughter dance. 196 people attended the Granola with Grandparents breakfast. Granger Day with the Akron Aeros will be Sunday May 16th. 150 seats have been set aside for us. A flyer will be going out and money will be due on May 2nd.

Michelle Schafer gave the Treasurer's Report. Income this month was from Market Day and the Magazine fundraiser. The 5th grade graduation party's budget was increased to \$500. An updated version of Quickbooks will be purchased for the PTO treasurer's use.

The Volunteer Coordinator report was next. Volunteers are still needed for the playground at lunchtime recess. A chairperson is needed for the Father/Daughter dance. Volunteers are also needed for the EOY carnival on June 3rd and for the KRAL Kindergarten testing at the beginning of next school year. A Hospitality co-chair is also needed, as well as a new Rebate coordinator. Please contact Ann Petersen or Erika Barch if you can help. A suggestion was made to communicate to Grandparents in the district of their welcome to volunteer at the school also.

Teacher Representative Report. Thank you from all the teachers for the dinner provided on conference night. Requests were made for Erica Loomis' recipe for chicken parmesan.

Principal's Report: Mrs. Collins was not in attendance due to the surgery she had on her foot. She expresses her thanks for the flowers that were sent. Please see the monthly agenda on the newsletter for a list of April events. A flyer will be sent home after spring break outlining our plans for a Walk-a-thon fundraiser to be held in the fall in lieu of the magazine fundraiser.

Committee reports were then given.

Staff Appreciation Week: Ann Murphy and Audra Beers are coordinating a number of events for the week of May 3rd-7th. Look for notes coming home. If you are interested in helping, please contact Ann at fourgirlmom2002@yahoo.com or Audra at audrabeers@hotmail.com.

Hospitality: Thank you to all who donated food and time for the Conference Night Dinner. A new co-chair for the Hospitality committee is needed for the upcoming school year.

Spirit Wear: Buffy Hill. The spring sale is going on now. We will need a new spirit wear coordinator for next school year since Buffy's youngest is in fifth grade. All things are already in place for the Fall sale. Contact Buffy for more information at 330-239-0161.

Read-a-thon: Theresa Wright. The final turn in date is tomorrow, April 1st. Winners will be notified after spring break. The total so far is \$2197.01.

Rebates: Heather Duvé. Please continue to participate in all the rebate programs and keep saving boxtops, labels and receipts. All that clipping has brought in over \$1000 this year so far. A new chair is needed for this committee since Heather will be moving.

Committee chairs need to communicate their budget requests for the upcoming school year. Please contact the Treasurer or any PTO officer with your estimated income and expense amounts so that they can be figured into the new budget.

Committee chairs also need to send their list of volunteer names to Tina Hummel so that she can make sure everyone who has volunteered over the year will be invited to the Volunteer Breakfast.

New Business:

Student Garden Club: Diane Soldat reported that a new student garden club has been formed. It is made up of fourth graders who meet on Fridays in the greenhouse during their lunchtime recess. Flower and herb seeds were planted using soil mixed up by the 75 third grade students who learned about soil and volume. The garden club students will tend the plants, transplant the seedlings and do various other activities in the greenhouse and garden.

The next PTO meeting is Wednesday, April 28th at 9:15 am. The PTO Budget for the 2010/2011 school year will be discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00.