

**Granger Elementary PTO
Meeting Minutes
April 28, 2010**

The meeting was called to order at 9:20 by Ruth Crane.

Mrs. Collins gave the Principal's Report. She reviewed the calendar of events for May. See the newsletter for details. Mrs. Collins also commented on the increase of the use of bad language at the school and sexual harassment issues. She urges parents to oversee computer use at home, especially Facebook use. This is for the protection of the students.

Michelle gave the Treasurer's Report. She went over the Financial Statement for April. We made over \$4000 in the Read-a-thon. Expenses will continue to come in for the remaining line items that are paid toward the end of the school year. Michelle then introduced the proposed budget for next year, explaining the changes that were made. In the discussion that followed, it was decided to keep the Read-a-thon, just not necessarily make it a fund raiser. The discussion on the single fundraiser for the PTO next year, the proposed Walk-a-thon, will be continued at the next meeting after a questionnaire goes out to families and the results reviewed. This will enable the PTO to decide what fundraising we will do next year and what we can more accurately expect as income. Michelle then commented on the need for a Quickbooks update. Costs and options were discussed.

Ruth gave the Vice-President's report. The Granger Elementary Day at the Akron Aeros Game will be May 16th.

Ann Petersen gave the Volunteer Coordinator's Report. Volunteers are needed on the playground and at the plant sale. End of the year Carnival help is needed, as are KRAL testing volunteers. A Spirit Wear volunteer is also needed.

Standing Committee Reports.

Staff Appreciation Week: Ann Murphy reported on the events planned for the week of May 3rd through May 7th.

Market Day: May is the last month for Market Day sales this year.

Mother's Day Plant Sale: Sandy Pidala has scheduled the sale for May 5th and 6th. Plants will be 3 for a dollar. Help is needed. Call Sandy at 330-239-5441.

School Supply Kits: Michelle Maruna is in charge. Order forms were sent home and are due back with payment by May 10th. Kit delivery will be in the classroom before the first day of school. Contact Michelle at 330-239-3910.

Garden Club: Diane Soldat reported on the Garden Club which continues to meet every Friday. The students are enjoying planting and working in the greenhouse.

Read-a-thon: Theresa Wright reported that 148 students participated in the Read-a-thon and raised over \$4300.

Rebates: Continue to save box tops and labels.

New/Old Business.

Highland Levy Support: Parent volunteers are needed to make phone calls reminding others to vote for the levy on May 4th. E-mail Karen Howard at kehowa@msn.com to sign up.

Oranges for Field Day: It was decided that oranges are not necessary for field day.

New Idea: Theresa Wright suggested having a “Drop in Day” once a month as an informal way for PTO members to meet. Members could come in to the conference room once a month, make copies, have coffee, share doing stuff (like cut out box tops), discuss PTO issues, etc.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30.

Next meeting is May 26th at 9:15. Dr. Deuber, Middle School Principal will be our guest speaker, talking about the transition to 6th grade and answering any questions.