

Granger Elementary PTO
Meeting Minutes
May 26, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Ruth Crane, vice president, at 9:25 am. President Karen Howard was unable to attend the meeting. On the agenda, Karen thanked all those who volunteered this past school year, especially the fifth grade parents who will be moving on. Karen also thanked Heather Duve and Ruth Crane who volunteered so much time over the years and were officers and committee chairs. Heather is moving away and Ruth's children will no longer be attending Granger Elementary. Thank yous were expressed to Mr. Stacy, Granger custodian, for all his help to the PTO over the years, setting up tables and cleaning up after our events. Mr. Stacy is retiring this year. Ruth presented him with a small gift as a token of our appreciation.

A report on the Walk-a-thon questionnaire was given. The responses were positive so it is believed that the PTO can raise sufficient funds next year by having the Walk-a-thon in the fall. The March Read-a-thon can also be a fundraiser if we need more monies to support all of the PTO's events and activities. Sharon McFadden, fundraising VP will oversee the committees for the fundraising activities. There will not be a Magazine Sale this fall. We will see if Granger PTO can receive credit for online renewals made through QSP. More information will be sent home in the fall.

Ann Petersen gave the Volunteer Coordinator's report. A volunteer sign up sheet will be sent home this week. Many committee chair positions are open for next year. Grandparents are also welcome to volunteer.

Mrs. Tessena, teacher representative, thanked the PTO for all their support this year.

Michelle Schaefer gave the treasurer's report. Next year's budget was reviewed as presented at last month's meeting. It was decided to allocate \$200 in the budget for Quickbooks. A motion was made by Sharon McFadden to accept the budget. The motion passed. Michelle then went over May's Financial statement. Income came from various sources this month. There were many year end expenses also. There was a brief discussion on the Teacher Support line item with suggestions to encourage the teachers to use the money provided by the PTO for each classroom use. Michelle then asked that any reimbursement forms be turned in before June 30th when the fiscal year ends.

Dr. Deuber and Mr. Henry, Middle School Principal and Assistant Principal, were present to speak to the PTO about the Middle School and to answer any questions. Dr. Deuber mentioned that the school will have a supply sale and registration day on August 18th and 19th. The students will also be able to get their schedules, pictures, team assignments and locker assignments. Mr. Henry then spoke on a program called Rachel's Challenge named after a student killed in the Columbine shootings. There will be two student assemblies, one for 5th and 6th grade students and one for 7th and 8th grade students. Middle School STUCO students will be trained as members of a "Friends of Rachel" Club. Mr. Henry received a Foundation Grant but may ask the PTO for more funds in the future. This is a wonderful program concerned with how students

treat each other, continuing Rachel's legacy of kindness. Dr. Deuber then answered various questions from PTO members.

Principal's Report. Mrs. Collins gave her Principal's Report. She thanked the PTO for all their activities, events and volunteer hours this past school year. See the newsletter for the calendar of events. Mrs. Collins reported that even though Mrs. Sturgeon, the school librarian, is retiring, there are no plans to replace her. Mrs. Collins also reported on the staff that is retiring or transferring to a different school. Registration forms for the upcoming school year are available online so that parents can fill them out and return them when school starts again in August. KRAL testing will be done after school starts in the fall. PTO volunteers are needed to help, and a PTO handout would be helpful to pass along to the parents of the kindergarteners. Help is also needed to fill out postcards to be mailed to families in the district reminding them to vote for the levy in August. Please return the completed postcards to the BOE office by June 18th. Contact Karen Howard if you can help.

Committee Reports.

Rebates: Michelle Schaefer will be the new Rebate Chairperson.

Garden: Diane Soldat reported on the activities of the 4th grade Garden Club. We had a very successful spring season in the greenhouse and gardens at Granger.

End of the Year Carnival: Judy Bearer reported on the agenda that there has been a good response of volunteer help for the carnival. With payments to Fun Services and Mike Matranga, the caterer, the carnival should come in just under the \$2000 budget.

The next PTO meeting will be Wednesday, September 29th at 9:15 am.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20.