

Granger Elementary PTO
Meeting Minutes
November 17, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Sharon McFadden, President, at 9:15am.

Guest Speaker, Catherine Aukerman, Superintendent, discussed that there will be an independent survey performed starting after Thanksgiving Break to determine what options there are for the Highland School Levy. There will be random telephone surveys conducted and a parent survey will be conducted through e-mail. The survey may also be accessed through the Highland website. Catherine Ackerman has asked for a \$1,000 donation from all service organizations to help raise the \$5,000 to pay for the independent survey to be performed. The results for the survey will be available by January 1, 2011. After all the information is gathered, there will be a presentation by the School Board providing the district with the information and what the possible options will be.

Mrs. Collins gave the Principal's report. She reviewed the calendar for the upcoming events for both December and January, in case we don't have a December Board meeting. Please see the newsletter for the calendar details. One note that should be taken with regard to the calendar is that "Donuts with Dad" may be on a different day.

Ann Peterson, Vice Present, discussed the possibility of a family fun night. It was discussed to possibly go ice skating at an Akron Park during Christmas Break. Ann is going to find out more information and a final decision will be made.

Sharon McFadden, President, briefly discussed the school Read-a-Thon for this year. She wanted to know if there was a theme yet for this year and a date. Mrs. Collins stated there is no date set for the Read-a-Thon as of yet, but she would like to tie it into the school book fair this year.

Sarah Matranga, Santa Breakfast Chairperson, reported on the Santa Breakfast. She stated there were about 200 people signed up to attend so far and she is still in need of a few more volunteers.

Rachel Miller, Talent Show Chairperson, stated there is a need for another emcee for the talent show. Some suggestions were made as to some teachers who may be interested or the possibility of having a 5th grader help out.

Sharon McFadden, President, briefly reported on Market Day. Orders are due by Wednesday, November 24, 2010, and online orders to marketday.com are due by 11:00pm on Wednesday, December 1, 2010. Last month Market Day made a profit of \$210.08. We had 37 orders. Thank you to everyone for your orders. Sharon thanked Ann Peterson, Angie Sollenberger and Michelle Galletti for volunteering to help with the Kindergarten and First Graders hearing and vision testing. Sharon also reported there still is a need for playground and clinic volunteers. Volunteers could volunteer for one day a month if that is all they could do and that would help a

lot. If you can volunteer please, contact Ann Murphy at fourgirlmom2002@yahoo.com.

Michelle Cottrell, Community Outreach Chairperson, wants people to let her know about upcoming events, project, celebrations or fundraisers so she can create a greater awareness for Granger and the PTO's efforts. Please also let her know if there is any news for the Hornets Happenings.

Heather Murray, Giving in Granger Chairperson, reported they are accepting new stuffed animals now through December 3, 2010. The stuffed animals will be donated to the Akron Children's Hospital for the holiday season. She also suggested that animals may be purchased at Kohl's for \$5, which also goes to charity.

Michelle Schaefer, Rebates. Thanks to everyone for saving their box tops. The school will be receiving a check for \$988.70. Let's try to break \$1000 in the Spring. Every little bit helps.

Mrs. Collins stated she took the left over cards the kids made for Veterans' Day to the Veterans Hospital to be distributed.

Rachel Miller, Treasurer, said there was some money brought in from spirit wear and there were a few more checks for the Walk-a-Thon that came in, bringing the total for the Walk-a-Thon to \$8,200.

Thanks to Sarah Matranga for putting together the basket the PTO donated to the Highland Foundation Dinner.

If there is a meeting in December it will be Wednesday, December 15, 2010 at 9:15 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 10:28am