

Granger Elementary PTO 02/15/23

Meeting Minutes

The Granger Elementary PTO held their fifth meeting of the 2022-2023 school year in person on Wednesday, February 15, at 9:15 am in the cafeteria.

ATTENDEES

Vice President Shannon Just, Treasurer Vanessa Villers, Secretary Amy Block, Principal Dr. Leann Gausman, Beena Persaud, Katie Conley, Tessa Loos, Danielle Mixon, Julia Roman, and Nicole Kwiatkowski.

Vice President Shannon Just called the meeting to order @ 9:15 and the first order of business was to welcome those in attendance.

Principal's Report

Principal Dr. Leann Gausman started her report by thanking the PTO, committees, and volunteers for the Granger Beach Day. It was incredibly organized and ran smoothly. Committee Chair, Nicole Kwiatkowski will run the event again next year with little to no changes. The Mother/ Son night at the Cleveland Monster hockey game had an excellent turnout and an exciting ending! Erin Gross chaired the event and was thanked for her efforts. Sarah Jackson and Patti Strazalka co-chaired the Book Bingo event and it was a fun, cozy evening that ran smoothly and was enjoyed by students and families. Another thank you was extended to Esther Prediy who will be making the conference dinner for the teachers this evening on behalf of the PTO.

Dr. Gausman then stated that events for next year are being scheduled and anyone who is the chair of a committee can reach out and reserve dates.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Vanessa Villers advised the PTO is purchasing a Granger Tent from Ackmera to use for outdoor events. We are also currently pricing speakers and a microphone. The estimate is \$700 per speaker.

Vanessa went on to state that checks have been issued for Santa Shop reimbursement, after prom donation to the high school, and PTO crime bond insurance. We received a small check for box tops, and both the Talent Show programs and Science Olympiad program have had funds issued and received due to ad sales and dues respectively. Vanessa closed her report stating the current balance of the PTO bank account is \$35, 398.96.

Standing Committee Reports

The Granger Spirit Wear Sale will be held February 13-February 27, 2023 and will be co-chaired by Sandy Noall and Danielle Mixon. We are partnering with The Hornet's Nest again this year. The link to buy went out February 14 and the choices are excellent.

The next order of business was the Talent Show being co-chaired by Sandy Noall and Loretta Vojtko. The Talent Show will be held at 7pm on February 24, 2023 at Highland High School. Committee member Amy Block advised the rehearsals are continuing to run smoothly, however, we are in need of volunteers for the 2/21 practice, along with the big show on 2/24. Volunteers would help stage side and backstage with the performers.

We then spoke about the Father Daughter Dance being chaired by Stephanie Manning. The event will take place on March 10, 2023 at Granger. The theme is Butterfly Garden. Volunteers are needed to help set up after school and during the dance, along with refreshments and raffle basket donations. Stephanie will put together the baskets, volunteers just need to provide items. Please email Stephanie if interested in helping at Stephanie.Manning@heart.org. A sign up genius will go out this week and President Sara Welch will post the link on the PTO Facebook page. The dance is reserved for our K-5 students.

Next on the agenda, was the topic of the Science Assembly being chaired by Stephanie Bitto and Vanessa Villers. In the past Granger has used COSI on Wheels but they are not offering this program. Stephanie has great contacts with the Great Lakes Science Center but they have advised our schedule does not work for them and we have too many kids participating. We presented to them another option to have 2 smaller assemblies instead @ \$300 each. Mad Science is offering 3 small assemblies at \$500 each so we are waiting to see if the additional funds are justified by what is being offered.

Last, School Supply Kits is again being run by Sara Welch. The teacher's lists are in for next school year and kits will be available to purchase in the next few months. They will again be delivered directly to the school and distributed to the proper classrooms. PTO will receive \$5 per kit.

Adjourn Meeting

Vice-President, Shannon Just made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second by Beena Persaud. The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 am.

Next meeting 3/15/23 @ 9:15 am

President Sara Welch

Recorder Amy Block

