

*Granger Elementary PTO
Meeting Minutes
October 26, 2016*

President, Marie Baker, called the meeting to order at 9:15.

Principal's Report – LeAnn Gausman

Principal Gausman thanked the PTO for purchasing a screen which will be used for assemblies and programs. She also thanked Krista Merhar for her help with spiritwear, Lori Wallace for her help with the book fair, Ester Predily for her help with hospitality, and Allison Forse for a successful running club.

She also reminded us of important upcoming events:

Important Dates/Events

10/28: Halloween Parties (1:45-2:45)
10/31: Book Fair
11/1: P/T Conferences (4-7:30)
11/3: P/T Conferences (4-7:30)
11/5: Highland Foundation Dinner
11/8: 3rd Grade ELA State Assessment
11/9: 3rd Grade ELA State Assessment
11/11: Veteran's Day Assembly
11/11: Interims
11/15: Picture Retakes/Candid Pictures
11/15: Peer Leaders (3rd Grade)
11/30: PTO Meeting (9:15)

President: Marie Baker
VP Events Coordinator: Jennifer Soska
VP In- School Coordinator: Laura Sender
Secretary: Kim Oney
Treasurer: Tara Ringgenberg

Principal's Report: Mrs. Gausman
Teacher Rep: Jeremy Pesek

Standing Committee Reports:

President – Marie Baker

Ms. Baker thanked members for attending today's meeting. She reported the March PTO meeting will be cancelled and that elections will be held in April.

Events Coordinator – Jennifer Soska

Ms. Soska reported there were 204 pies sold during the 1-week pie sale. \$700-\$1000 was raised and pick up will be November 18th. Discussion was had around having another pie sale.

Esther reported that she is in need of donations for Veterans Day and Conferences. She will contact those on her volunteer list but will accept additional help.

The Book Fairs will be coming soon. Theresa Wright reported a change in the date of the Barnes and Noble book fair due to a scheduling conflict at the store. The new date will likely be January 28, 2017.

Ms. Soska reminded the PTO of the upcoming Holiday Shop and Santa Breakfast.

Allison Forse reported mileage club was a success. They had roughly 250 children participate. Running club will be held again next fall. Discussion was had around doing an alternative, but similar, event in the spring, such as an obstacle course.

Ms. Soska and Ms. Baker reported that Heather Betsa is working on the gardens and will receive a quote from landscape companies regarding a garden overhaul. Ms. Pesek added that she would like to see teacher/classroom involvement in the gardens.

In-School Coordinator – Laura Sender

Ms. Sender thanked everyone for a great start to the year.

Secretary – Kim Oney

Minutes will be posted on the website for review.

Treasurer: Tara Ringgenberg

Ms. Ringgenberg stated that the report is available and that the PTO balance as of August 31st was \$19061.08 and the ending balance as of September 30th was \$18002.72.

Rebates – Tina Davis, Chairperson:

Ms. Davis asked that the PTO be informed that they can continue to send in labels throughout the year. Please keep Box Tops, Labels for Education, Acme receipts, etc. separated when you turn them in. The last turn-in yielded over \$1000.

Community Outreach – Amy Lyons

Ms. Lyons reported that she and a group of volunteers remain ready to assist Granger families in the event of a family illness, death, emergency, etc.

Hospitality Coordinator – Ester Pridy

The Hospitality Committee has a few upcoming events: Teacher Conferences on Tuesday and Thursday November 1 & 3, Veterans Day Friday November 11. Breakfast item donations are needed for Veterans Day.

Krista Merhar asked about starting a recycling program in the Granger Lunchroom. Principal Gausman offered to look into the details of Sharon Elementary's recycling program.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00am.

**Next meeting is Wednesday, November 16 @ 9:00 a.m. social,
9:15 a.m. meeting**