

**Granger Elementary PTO
Meeting Minutes
September 28, 2016**

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

Principal's Report – LeAnn Gausman

Principal Gausman reported that Granger students will have the opportunity to participate in an optional reading program for the month of October. This will be a push for reading incentivized by a competition for a classroom popcorn party. A 'Who am I' scavenger hunt will occur in the Granger and Highland libraries for those who wish to participate.

She also reminded us of important upcoming events:

Important Dates/Events

9/28: 5th Grade Choir begins
9/29: 5th Grade Band/Orchestra begins
9/30: i-Ready parent reports go home
10/3: Canned Food Drive Begins (to benefit St. Paul Sharing Center)
10/3: Cogat testing begins (3rd grade)
10/5: Student Safety Lessons (K, 1, 2)
10/6: Student Safety Lessons (3, 4, 5)
10/7: Home Football game
10/10: People Together Program begins (4th grade)
10/11: Peer Leaders (3rd grade)
10/12: School Pictures (PS, K, 1, 2)
10/13: School Pictures (3, 4, 5)
10/14: NEOEA Day – No School
10/18: Mobile Ed Assembly – “Inspector Iwannano”
10/21: Report Cards
10/26: PTO meeting 9:15

Theresa Wright reminded the PTO of the following Highland Foundation Dates:

10/5: World Summit at the highschool Media Center
10/13: Pre-party at the 111 Bistro
11/5: Highland Foundation dinner at Weymouth Country Club

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.

Events Coordinator – Jennifer Soska

Ms. Baker reported for Ms. Soska who was absent at today's meeting. She reported the school Directory will be sent home next week, that classroom liason's are still needed for some classrooms, and that the gardens are being attended to by a variety of volunteers: Heather Betsa, Esther Prediy, Tammie Whitaker (and Girlscouts).

Ms. Baker reported the first bookfair, Scholastic, will begin on 10/31 and will be open during conferences in the library. Checks for Scholastic books should be made payable to Granger PTO.

Allison Forshey is heading up the Mileage Club which is going well this fall.

Looking ahead to the Walkathon, Audra Beers has volunteered to Chair the event but will need helpers. This will occur in May 2017 and is Granger's biggest fundraiser. Audra also helps with the Granger Elementary PTO Facebook page.

In-School Coordinator – Laura Sender

Ms. Sender requested volunteers for several PTO liason positions in Ms. Dominak's, Ms. Eisenhut's, Ms. Grande's, Ms. Lyon's, and Ms. Lock's classrooms.

She also indicated several open positions for the 2017-18 school year, including:

- Book Fair – Co-Chair needed
- End of Year Carnival
- Giving in Granger – during the holidays
- Santa Breakfast
- Rebates
- Copy Center
- Directory
- Kindergarten Registration/Orientation
- Teacher Appreciation

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 31 was \$19,061.08.

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.

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

No report

Meeting was adjourned at 9:59.

**Next meeting is Wednesday, October 26 9:00 a.m. social,
9:15 a.m. meeting**