

D.A. Grout Elementary School PTA  
Minutes for General Meeting  
October 19, 2010

**Call to Order** – President Sara Price called the meeting to order at 6:36 pm.

**Introductions** – Attendees and officers introduced themselves and identified their children presently at Grout. Quorum was established.

**Welcome and Mission Statement** – Read by Sara. See Attachment #1.

**Approval of Minutes** – Sara presented the minutes of the general meeting held on September 23, 2010. There were no corrections or additions. The minutes were approved as written by the membership.

**Financial Report** – Angel Vercruysse announced the new Treasurer, Matthew Miller. It was reported that the financial records were being updated to the computer and into the Quicken format for the future. More information about budget will be available at the November meeting.

**Principal's Report** – Principal Susan McElroy had nothing to report.

The students were in the auditorium watching a movie and parents were encouraged to sign up for five minute intervals to supervise the kids.

Thayna Baker discussed the Portland Village School charter's recent announcement about the purchase of Waverly School in SE Portland and the impact on Grout and other neighborhood schools' catchment rates. There is a letter campaign in progress. See Attachment #2.

**Membership** – Sarah Krick announced membership numbers were up. There are currently 37 members.

**Volunteer Opportunities** – Halloween/Harvest Party - Betsy Miller wanted to know about alternating between booths in the evening and if anyone has any cake walk donations. Volunteers are requested for helping set up on the afternoon of Thursday the 28<sup>th</sup>. Trinkets for the party are available in the PTA closet. Scary Room things and craft items are also in boxes in the closet. Please contact Sara for things in the closet.

Scholastic Book Fair – Set up is on November 17<sup>th</sup>. Sign up for slots to work the book fair.

Renee Bertsch will talk to Betsy about further volunteer opportunities.

Odd Fellows Pancake Breakfast – On November 6<sup>th</sup>, from 8:00 am to 11:00 am, Odd Fellows will serve pancakes, sausages, coffee and juice for \$3 a plate. The needs for this event at present are 6 servers (2 per hour), 3 money takers (1 per hour). There was discussion of purchasing tickets and handing a ticket to the servers instead of money. There will also be a bake sale at the same time with the proceeds going to the 4<sup>th</sup> grade Camp Kiwonilong fund.

**Where does fundraising go?** – Susan McElroy discussed the three major fundraisers that students participate in throughout the year. The Entertainment Books and two Cookie Dough sales fund that student's grade level. The teachers for that grade level then use that money for planning their field trips and other activities. Money raised for the Run For The Arts is used to fund the Drama Program.

Angel put forth a motion for the money raised on the October 26<sup>th</sup> Pizzicato Restaurant Night be used for the T-Shirt Fund. The motion was seconded and carried.

Sara put forth a motion for the money raised at the Scholastic Book Fair to be donated to the school Library. The motion was seconded and carried.

It was requested that we look into having a restaurant night once a month if possible. If anyone has ideas about it, please contact Sara.

Sara requested that if anyone was interested in decorating the Odd Fellows Building around Christmas time that would be an excellent way of showing our appreciation for the Pancake Breakfast.

Ted Cameron was not present to talk about the Rummage Sale.

The dates for the Pastini Restaurant Night are November 15 and 16.

Renee Bertsch discussed the silent auction and benefit luncheon for Stephanie Wade on Oct 24<sup>th</sup> at 11 am at DeNicola's Restaurant on SE 35<sup>th</sup> Ave and Powell Blvd.

The motion for the collection of water bottles and cans was deferred to talk about at a later date; with the possibility of using it for a 4<sup>th</sup> grade fundraiser for the Camp Kiwonilong fund which needs momentum to grow for the years to come.

**Announcements** – November 18<sup>th</sup> meeting will also be the Grand Opening of the Scholastic Book Fair. Some grandparents are needed to staff the fair that night, so parents can attend the PTA meeting.

Thayna Baker asked Susan McElroy about future Family Art Nights this year. Susan mentioned that it was about \$100 per night and the PTA would need to look into its budget and discuss it at a later date.

There will be a Special Education PTA general meeting on November 16<sup>th</sup> at Beverly Clearly School with a speaker on Conflict Happens What to do when things go wrong.

If there is something you would like to address at the next meeting, motion slip must be in by November 11<sup>th</sup>. The PTA meeting in November will be on Thursday November 18<sup>th</sup>.

PTA Meetings for the 2010-2011 school year will be in the evenings from 6:30-7:30 pm on the following dates.

Thursday, November 18th, 2010

Thursday, January 20th, 2011: Childcare Provided

Thursday, February 17th, 2011

Thursday, March 17, 2011

Thursday, April 21, 2011

Thursday, May 19, 2011

**Adjournment** – at 7:15pm