

D.A. Grout Elementary School PTA
Minutes for General Meeting
April 21, 2011

Call to Order – President Sara Price called the meeting to order at 6:40pm.

Introductions – Attendees were asked to introduce themselves and identify what they liked about the school. Quorum was established.

President's Report and Mission Statement – Read by Sara. *Goals for the evening:* Have Fun. Be proud for being here and showing how much you value education. Feel free to speak up. Understand children succeed when families, schools and communities work together to make a difference. *Key components of our Team:* Collaboration. Respect each other. Be Accountable. Meetings stay her. Don't assume. Focus stays on our children. Commitment. We are dedicated to promoting children's health, well being, and educational success through strong parent, family and community involvement. Run For The Arts was very successful and the weather was awesome. Set up for the Carnival will need lots of help as well as throughout the evening. Sara issued a personal challenge for the parents to step out of their comfort zone and do something you know you can do but maybe need a little courage.

Approval of Minutes – Sara presented the minutes from the general meeting held on March 17, 2011. The minutes were approved as written by the members. Thayna Baker also mentioned that her final tally for her Mary Walk was \$1420.

Principal's Report – Susan McElroy stated that the school board was voting on the budget for next year on Monday night. This will affect staffing for next year. It is also dependent on the passage of the ballot measures in the election on May 17, 2011. If the ballot measures pass the school will lose one position and if they don't pass, it will be four or five positions.

Financial Report – Sara presented the budget. Attachment #1 in archive minutes.

Upcoming Activities – *April 29th Carnival – Betsy Miller will call people to remind them of their volunteer time slots. Shift stickers will be used for easy identification of time slots. Volunteers will need to check in. Crock Pots will be brought in by Benjamina Balmer, Tom Gronke, and Terri Burke. Liz McPhee will pick up popcorn. Terri will get the free chips from Frito Lays. Payment check needed for the evening for Bouncy Obstacle Course. Will use the obstacle course instead of bouncy house and it will be one ticket. Two tickets are needed for the cake walk that will be held on the auditorium stage. Liz picked out music with a retro space theme. Liz will need supplies to set up and make signs for cake walk. Parents have been very generous with cake donations. Cake donations have also come from Papa Haydn's, Helen Bernhard's and Ben & Jerry's. Jennifer from Dot's restaurant donated 10 cakes. Sara has a strobe light for walk. Terri will start food prep and set up after Sun School is over. Decorations are needed; please make aliens, space ships and space things. Tickets will start being handed out on Monday, April 25th.

*Teacher Appreciation Week. May 2nd – 6th. *Monday* – Sheila Custer will bring in coffee and Terri Burke will bring in a cake. *Wednesday* – A massage chair will be set up for the teachers. *Thursday* – Laurie Lewis is coordinating the luncheon. Sheila will bring flowers for the lunch. Terri emailed Laurie about needed help for the luncheon. *Friday* – Coffee and donuts. Betsy will bring in donuts. Kids should possibly write thank you notes for their teachers. Laurie emailed Terri back and will send an email out through the goggle group about needed items.

* May PTA General Meeting is May 12th – We will be voting for new Board members.

*Rummage Sale/Plant Sale/ Bake Sale is Saturday, May 14th – Rummage sale drop off at carnival. Ted will collect them and take them to the POD. Sign up for volunteer times. Bake Sale supporting the upcoming Fifth Graders' Trip to Camp Kiwanilong. Thayna will be in charge of it. Nice thank you card packets will also be available. Please let Sheila know if you have plant starts and divided plants that can be donated for the Plant Sale.

*Teacher Mary Benefit and Toy Trains Concert is May 19th – Flyers are up around the school. Sara will be selling tickets on the days on the flyer in the hallway. Sara hopes to feed 400 people. You can eat or just donate. Joe was interested in leading a 4 person hiking trip to Angel's Rest with a picnic (it is about 5 miles round trip) or a possible alternative route for novices. Silent auction on available items will open at 5:00pm and close at 7:00pm. Joe will also offer labor time to work around the winner's house.

Announcements –

Garden Work Parties will be held on May 1, 2011 and May 29, 2011. Rain or Shine. There could be some painting. Donation of compost needed for May 1st. Betsy may donate some stumps for play area. Potluck lunch items needed.

If there is something you would like to address at the next meeting, motion slips must be in by Thursday, May 5th.

The Remaining PTA Meeting for the 2010-2011 school year will be in the evening from 6:30-7:30 pm on the following date.

Thursday, May 12, 2011

Adjournment – at 7:26pm