

Grandview High School
PTO-GECO General Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2003
7:00pm

Present at the meeting were: Harry Bull, Trina Donovan, Sharon Withrow, Margo Miller, Garry Brewer, Monica Baham, Mary Ann Neumann, Berthie Ruoff, Kurt Wollenweber, Toni Gonzalez, Cathy Ogg, Margaret Noble and Beth Spalding Laverenz.

Sharon Withrow called the meeting to order. Toni Gonzalez from Tropical Smoothie located by the Safeway shopping center at Smoky Hill Road and Himalaya donated food for tonight's meeting. Everyone introduced themselves.

Minutes: All reviewed the minutes from the October General PTO-GECO meeting. Sharon Withrow motioned to approve the minutes and Trina Donovan seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Student Leadership: The Leadership class is using the "Link on Leadership" book. Several committees have been reorganized. Spirit week will be in the winter. A banner will be used for class rivalry with classes winning paws for spirit. Senior parking is now in a distinguished area outside the cafeteria.

Principal's Report: Harry Bull

Thank you for your support in the budget and bond election. The passage of the budget and bond will help maintain current funding and programs. Two new Middle Schools are scheduled to be built. Middle School #9 will be located northwest of Eaglecrest High School and Middle School #10 will be located next to Cherokee Trail High School. A new elementary school will be built near Jordan Road or in Tallyn's Reach. King's Point developers may potentially begin construction in one year. 55% of the report cards were picked up during conferences. Sophomores will take the Plan test on Wednesday after Thanksgiving. Both ACT & SAT tests are undergoing revisions and will be more knowledge based. The Volleyball team took 2nd place in the state.

Treasurer's Report: Mary Ann Neumann and Monica Baham

The Fundraiser raised approximately \$20,000 to \$21,000. The final receipts and count are not in, yet. There is still a problem with the money from directories and planners being combined. Mary Ann Neumann will correct this problem. Sharon Withrow motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report and Trina Donavan seconded the motion. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

Tropical Smoothie: Toni Gonzalez

Toni Gonzalez is the co-owner of Tropical Smoothie and would like to be involved in the community. She would like to start a program which would offer free smoothies to Grandview students with a 3.5 or higher GPA on their report card. She needs to work out the details, but would like to offer a 10% discount to teachers and staff.

Teacher of the Year: Trina Donovan

PTO-GECO will sort the nominations and two teachers of the year will be chosen on Monday, December 1st. The winners will be informed on Tuesday, December 2nd.

Poinsettia Sales: The rate for Poinsettia sales is about the same as last year.

Marquee: About \$775.00 was raised by individual donations during Parent/Teacher Conferences for the marquee. Harry Bull has not received approval for the marquee from the CCSD School Board, yet.

Parent's Council: No report was given.

Fundraiser Report: Margaret Noble

Margaret Noble, one of the Fundraiser Committee chairs, gave a report on the Fundraiser which took place on Saturday, November 15th. Overall, the Fundraiser was a huge success. More people attended this Fundraiser than any of the other previous Fundraisers. This success was attributed to the timing of the event which was held one week after Parent/Teacher Conferences. Members of the Fundraiser Committee had a table set up during the conferences and were able to take reservations from the parents as they attended the conferences. They were also able to sell some raffle tickets during this time. Cindy Nelson sold most of the raffle tickets during the final week before the Fundraiser. The success of the Fundraiser was due to several factors. Holding the event just after Parent/Teacher Conferences and just before the holidays helped with its success. Also, the low price of the admission tickets was another factor. The Live Auction with several large priced items also generated a great deal of income. It was recommended that the Fundraiser take place at the same time every year. This way parents would become familiar with the date. Some changes that were recommended for next year's fundraiser included lowering the price of the raffle tickets. The \$100 price was just too high for many people. Also, it was recommended that only a few cash prizes be given away. Giving away a cash prize for each ticket sold generated too much work and expense, particularly after the event. Also, Margaret Noble reported that the "Paddle Down" game was not particularly successful. Most of the attendees simply did not understand it and there was not much participation. Overall, this year's Fundraiser did very well and it is projected that the event brought in about \$20,000.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Spalding Laverenz and Berthie Ruoff