

## **GPA Meeting**

**September 2, 2009**

**In Attendance:** Rene Ellinger, Susan Brown, Heidi Pike, April LaBrecque, Brenda Hoschouer, Laura Ingledue, Gina Costello, Jim Costello, Pat Jennings, Cindy Jennings, Sue Sullivan, Lorene Lilly, Beth Burzynski, Deb Falcetti, Sarah Hepburn, Tonya Stannard, Jen Durfey, Lorraine Michael, Jennifer Kinsman

**Officers:** Jim Costello, President; April LaBrecque, Vice President; Brenda Hoschouer, Treasurer; Rene Ellinger, Secretary

**Babysitters:** Julia Ingledue, Shannon Michael

**Current Treasury:** \$6,833.00

6:05 PM Meeting called to order. Jim Costello made introductions of officers and opening statement.

### **Old Business:**

At our August meeting, GPA had approved to fund a portion of the new blinking speed limit signs in our school zone. It was discussed that Chief Rivera is working with the manufacturer to work out the kinks in the timer. He assured some folks that it should be running smoothly soon. Please obey the 20 MPH speed limit in the school zone, especially during school hours.

GPA had also approved spending of \$700 (\$600 for supplies plus \$100 for postage) to fund start-up costs for our teachers in K-8. All GVS families received a letter asking for donations to help defray this cost. To date, GPA has received a total of \$664.00 in donations. GPA would like to thank all the families who donated to this effort. April LaBrecque suggested posting a Thank You on the Granville Channel. Any subsequent donations received for this effort will be earmarked for future supplies requests.

There will be 2 GPA meetings on the first Wednesday of each month. The AM meeting will be at 8:00 in the library, and the PM meeting will be at 6PM in the cafeteria. This will help to enable all who wish to attend meetings, to attend. Your participation is greatly needed!

### **Harvest Fair Update:**

Harvest Fair planning is under way. There are a lot of tasks that need to be completed before the big weekend. April LaBrecque will be chairing the kitchen duties and coordinating the schedule for volunteers needed. Each day, there will be a coordinator who will be responsible for that day's schedule. Coordinators are: Lorene Lilly (Sat.),

Brenda Hoschouer (Sun.), and Cindy & Pat Jennings (Mon.). Thank you to these folks for stepping up. April will be sending out a schedule via e-mail for you to choose a time slot for which you can volunteer. Please call April at 3061 or the school at 6626 to put your name on the schedule wherever you can help out.

There are roughly 30 vendor spots at the school that GPA rents out to crafters and salespeople. Rene Ellinger is chairing the vendor duties and to date has rented out all but 4 spots in the school. There are also available spots on the lawn. So far, the total rent collected is \$1,915.00. Gina Costello suggested that lawn rentals be offered an "insurance refund" of any rainy days that prevent a vendor from setting up outside. Should you know of any vendors who may be interested in the remaining spaces available, please contact Rene Ellinger at 0945. A space costs \$25 per day.

Our Basket Raffle will kick off at Harvest Fair. Your child's class will be assigned a theme, for which donations will be collected and baskets assembled prior to the Harvest Fair. We will be selling raffle tickets at the Harvest Fair, with more tickets to be sold by students from home, and the drawing will be prior to Thanksgiving Break. Please look for more info in your child's backpack soon. Volunteers will be needed to man the raffle table. Please contact Jen Durfey at 8879 or Rene Ellinger at 0945 to volunteer your time.

#### **New Business:**

E-Mail has become a main medium of communicating our news and events to the community. GPA has established a contact list of e-mail addresses of individuals who have specifically signed up to receive this information directly from GPA. If you have any information you would like to share with this list of recipients, please send your item to a GPA officer to be reviewed and sent out. Should you no longer wish to be a recipient on the GPA e-mail list, please contact a GPA officer. Officers' email addresses are: Jim Costello – [ginacos@comcast.net](mailto:ginacos@comcast.net) ; April LaBrecque – [LaBrecque.A@comcast.net](mailto:LaBrecque.A@comcast.net); Brenda Hoschouer – [Hoosh2@comcast.net](mailto:Hoosh2@comcast.net); Rene Ellinger – [renekev@comcast.net](mailto:renekev@comcast.net). Thank you for your cooperation.

GPA is in the process of establishing a set of bylaws by which our group will be governed. Jim Costello has done some research and has gathered a list of items that will be addressed. This list is meant to mark a broad overview only, with the intent to formulate more ideas meeting to meeting. All GPA members are welcome to contribute to this process. Please attend our meetings in order to participate and discuss your thoughts. GPA is an open forum for all to share in.

Sue Sullivan will be coordinating our Halloween Party again this year. The party will be held on Halloween Day, Saturday Oct. 31, and will be open to all Granville residents grades K-6. Volunteers and donations are needed! We had such a wonderful time last year, let's make this year even better! There will be a Halloween Party meeting on Sept. 17 at 6PM in the school cafeteria. Please come to share your ideas and volunteer to

help at the party. Donations of decorations, candy, cash, costumes, and time are what makes this party such a success

GPA offers free babysitting at our evening meetings so that members may attend if they otherwise can't due to child care. The sitters are at least 12 years of age, and have passed the Babysitting Course as instructed through the American Red Cross. The sitters are paid \$10 for the first hour, and \$5 thereafter per hour. They work on a rotating schedule that will be set by Oct. 1. Therefore, if you have a student who wishes to be one of our sitters, please have them contact Rene Ellinger before that date at 0945 or [renekev@comcast.net](mailto:renekev@comcast.net). If he/she wishes to sign up after that date, they will be placed on a substitute list, but may not have the opportunity to babysit.

Don't forget to clip your **Box Tops**! This free and vital program is a great way for our organization to earn cash! Just look for the Box Tops coupons on many of your favorite grocery items. Clip these and send them in to school with your student. Currently, Box Tops for Education is running a sweepstakes called Big Clip. All you have to do is register online with your email address, then enter daily for a chance for our school to win 500,000 Box Tops, equivalent to \$50,000! Please visit [www.thebigclip.com](http://www.thebigclip.com) to register and enter. Bookmark it to enter daily. If you have any questions about Box Tops and how you can help out, please contact Sue Brown.

**Big Y Education Express** reminder: Please confirm with Big Y that your Express Card is earning points for GVS. We currently have over ONE MILLION points in our "bank". Check your register receipt each time you shop to see how many points you have earned! Rene Ellinger will be setting goals and reporting progress at the next meeting. If you have any questions about this program, please contact Rene.

Please continue to save your Campbell's Soup Labels for the music program. Other valuable items to save and donate are old cell phones, ink and toner cartridges, and can tabs.

OUR NEXT MEETINGS WILL BE OCTOBER 7, 8AM IN LIBRARY AND 6PM IN CAFETERIA. WE WILL BE CHOPPING VEGETABLES FOR OUR GRANVILLE GUMBO AFTER THE EVENING MEETING, SO PLEASE BRING YOUR CHOPPING SKILLS AND A SMILE!

Thank you to all who attended the September meeting. We hope to see you at the next meeting.

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